

Kanu o ka 'Āina New Century Public Charter School (KANU) CS

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PROJECT GOAL, OBJECTIVES AND OUTCOMES

Project Ka HULI Mua will disseminate an innovative model of culture-based preschool education that integrates Hawaiian-serving preschools with grades K-3. **Project Goal:** To improve school readiness among Native Hawaiian children entering kindergarten.

Measures

Objective 1. To increase the number of effective P-3 educators that serve educationally disadvantaged Native Hawaiian students at target schools. • Each year, the project will impact at least 40 P-3 educators. • Each year, at least 75% of educators who attended quarterly professional development opportunities will show pre-post improvement in all domains of the CLASS assessment tool.

Objective 2. To ensure each site's curriculum is aligned with *Hawai'i Early Learning and Development Standards (HELDS)*, is culturally appropriate, and is designed to create an engaging learning environment. • By the close of Year 2, at least 85% of preschool classrooms will reflect engaging learning environments, steeped in Hawaiian culture, as measured by the CLASS tool and observational rubrics.

Objective 3. To foster the frequent and consistent use of assessment tools for improvements in curriculum and teaching. Each year, the project will impact at least 90 students and their families. • By the close of Year 2, at least 85% of preschool students entering kindergarten will demonstrate readiness to learn, as indicated by developmental growth measures on the TS Gold assessment tool within five years following project completion, target elementary schools will achieve at least 85% in reading and math proficiency among third grade students.

CONTRIBUTIONS TO RESEARCH, POLICY AND PRACTICE

Project findings and outcomes will be relevant to all school leadership at state and national levels seeking to create an integrated P-3 model that impacts early learning, developmental outcomes, and K-12 success.

ALIGNMENT WITH CHARTER SCHOOL PROGRAM PURPOSE

Dissemination efforts are consistent with the purpose of the Charter School Program "to evaluate the effects of charter schools, including their effects on students, student academic achievement, staff, and parents." Results of the evaluation will be presented at local and national early childhood education conferences, P-3 conference and charter school conferences which is also consistent with the program purpose "to increase national understanding of the charter school model."