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KEIKI TO CAREER LAUNCHES COMMUNITY MEETINGS

Lihu'e, Kaua'i, HI – 4/10/2013. Plans for a new cross-sector youth development initiative called Keiki to Career Kaua`i will be shared and discussed with the community this month at three locations on the island.

Parents and `ohana are invited to share their hopes and dreams for our island's young people – and comment on a three-year Navigation Plan that has been developed.

The **Keiki to Career Kaua`i: Sharing Hopes and Dreams** events will be held on Thursday, April 18 at Waimea Neighborhood Center from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m.; Thursday, April 25 at War Memorial Convention Hall, Lihue from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m.; and on Friday, April 26 at Kilauea Neighborhood Center from 5:30 to 7:00 p.m.

Over 25 groups have been working collaboratively since August 2011 to create an innovative continuum of services that support the academic, social, emotional and physical development of children, youth and young adults.

The Navigation Plan is designed to ensure readiness at each key transition point in a young person's life to enhance success and well-being. Preschools, K-12 and higher education, nonprofits, and businesses have worked together to create an integrated

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system that supports young people from cradle to career so they are “ready to learn and ready for life.”

To achieve this, the partnering organizations have established a shared vision and mission. They are working together with aligned goals, activities and a commitment to high quality programs. Kaua`i Planning & Action Alliance (KPAA) serves as the “backbone” organization, providing coordination services for the initiative.

The vision of this initiative is an island community where Kaua`i’s keiki through young adults are healthy, competent, confident and caring. The mission is to unite the community in nurturing and developing so they are ready to learn and ready for life.

“We see this as a long-term effort and our mission is to unite the entire community in nurturing and developing Kaua`i’s young people from keiki to career,” said Diane Zachary, President and CEO of KPAA.

To learn more about the initiative contact, attend one of the April public meetings or call KPAA at 632-2005.

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