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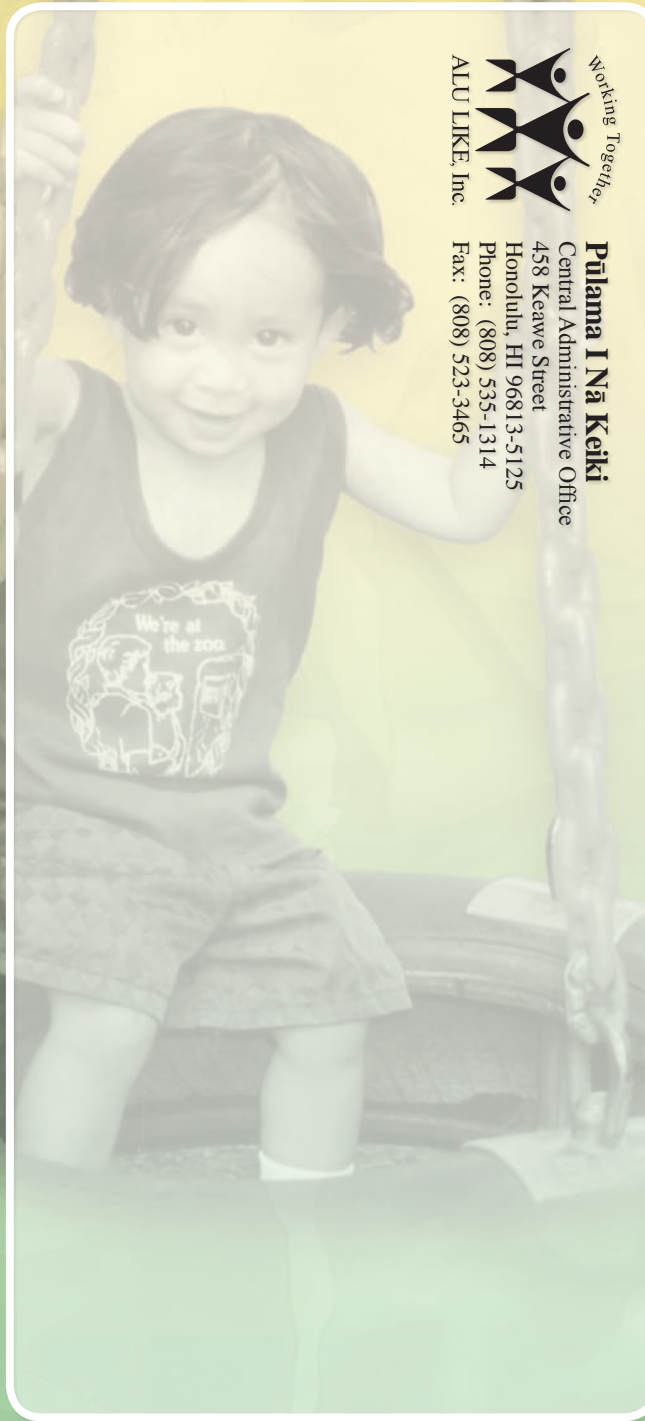
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**Pūlama I Nā Keiki**  
*(Cherish the Children)*

*We help mothers and fathers  
of native Hawaiian keiki recognize  
and build on the family values and cultural  
strengths that contribute to their  
keiki's educational success.*

# Pūlama I Nā Keiki

## Our Mission

To kōkua native Hawaiians who are committed to achieving their potential for themselves, their families, and their communities.

*“A‘ohe pau ka ‘ike  
i ka hālau ho‘okāhi.”*

*One can learn from many sources.*

*‘Olelo No‘eau*

## Our Philosophy

Our philosophy is based on the following set of beliefs:

- Mothers and fathers are a keiki’s first teachers and they want their children to succeed.
- Extended family members are the keiki’s first experience with the concept of community.
- The home is a keiki’s first classroom, and early experiences affect a keiki’s educational success.

## Our Program

The program offers prenatal and parent/child services including home visits, workshops, and parent/toddler groups.

*Our parent educators provide:*

- Culturally based information about prenatal health, childbirth, child development, and child rearing.
- Activities that help families encourage their keiki’s interest in learning.
- Links to community resources.



## What Participants Learn

- Learning begins *in utero*.
- Early & frequent parent-child interaction leads to explosions of learning in the child.
- Developmental stages can be tracked and optimized.
- The best toys are often home made.
- And much, much more.

## Participation Requirements

Participation in the program is for children of Hawaiian or part-Hawaiian ancestry and is free of charge. We strive to work with families as early as possible, so entry preference is given to:

- Prenatal families.
- Families expecting a first or second child.
- Families of children up to six months old.

Other families may be accepted if space permits.

## Program Concept:

### Ho‘olohe - “Listening”

This is an illustration of Ho‘olohe, an important communication skill.

Our baby quilt (kapa) and T-shirt activities show how all children learn through their senses and interaction with others and the world around them.

