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**Atherton Foundation Awards \$10,000 to Imua Family Services' Early Childhood Development Program**

Wailuku, Hawaii - Imua Family Services has received a grant of \$10,000 from the Atherton Family Foundation marking the Foundation's second year of support for Imua's Early Childhood Development Program. The three year pilot project provides therapeutic intervention services for children age three through five who do not meet age appropriate developmental milestones and fall outside the scope of the Department of Education's, Special Education Services.

Administered through the Hawaii Community Foundation, the Atherton Family Foundation is one of the largest endowed grant making private resources in the state of Hawaii devoted exclusively to the support of charitable activities. Educational concerns are among the highest of the Atherton Foundation's priorities.

According to Tracy Kealoha, Program Director, "The most significant time in each child's development occurs in the first five years of life. This period of extraordinary growth lays the foundation for future health and success. Imua Family Services is proud to offer these services to families in the community as the agency continues to expand outreach to Maui's children in need. We graciously thank the Atherton Foundation for supporting our ECDP Program again this year."

Other Imua Family Services' programs include Infant & Child Development, Newborn Hearing Screening, Camp Imua and You Make a Difference. For further information on Imua Family Services, call 244-7467 or visit [www.imuafamilyservices.org](http://www.imuafamilyservices.org).