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Karen Jayne Appointed to State of Hawaii 3-5 Transition Task Force

Wailuku, HI – The Hawaii Department of Health recently appointed Karen Jayne, Executive Director of Imua Family Services, to the Hawaii 3-5 Transition Task Force established in 2007 by the State Legislature.

The purpose of the task force is to study the feasibility of continuing early intervention services for children age 3-5 years, and if deemed appropriate, to develop the necessary infrastructure to support such services. Early intervention services for children birth through age 3 are available for all children under the Federal Individuals with Disabilities Act of 2004. The State of Hawaii has an option to continue these services under certain circumstances, if deemed appropriate. The task force will make recommendations to the legislature regarding this option.

“Imua Family Services is a strong advocate that services need to be made widely available for any child age 3-5 experiencing delays,” said Jayne. “I am pleased that the State is closely reviewing the feasibility of offering services to this age range and am glad to be able to advocate for this group of underserved children.”

Imua Family Services is located in the J. Walter Cameron Center and is the only organization focused on helping children with special need on Maui and Lanai'i in the earliest years of their lives. Each year Imua serves more than 2,300 children and their families.

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