

PA'ANI ME ALOHA

(Play with love)...

All children are born with a developmental and instinctual desire to connect with nature, explore, discover, and learn. Through a child's play is the most effective means of accomplishing this. Play fosters the growth of healthy children in every aspect of development – physically, cognitively, socially and emotionally. It really is food for children's bodies, minds and spirits!

Teachers at Ka Hana Pono Daycare facilitate learning by inspiring each child's genuine curiosity and providing the proper balance of guidance and freedom. By building a foundation of loving playfulness and giving each child respect and responsibility, independent choices can be made that inspire the child. In addition, our programs focus on nature, the environment, music and creative arts offers an enhancement to the basic methods of learning & daycare experiences.

Ka Hana Pono encourages children to learn about themselves and their island home through every day play experiences. Each day will bring opportunities to learn, to investigate and to express ideas through various play experiences such as:

READINESS: Experiences with colors, shapes, animals, numbers up to 10, & the alphabet.

SOCIALIZING: Getting to know each other & making friends. Planning, working, sharing and playing in an organized and supervised experience so that desirable habits and attitudes, independence and responsibility can be established.

LANGUAGE: Enjoying stories, songs, conversation and drama.

CREATIVITY: Expressing personality by using paints, clays, crayons, manual tools, music, dance, storytelling & gardening.

At Ka Hana Pono we embrace the concepts of play-based learning through discovery, sensory exploration, creative expression, making friends and developing social skills. We believe that children should experience good old fashioned outside playtime complete with games, potato sack races, water play, bikes, and hands on activities to develop confidence in physical capabilities.

Children at Ka Hana Pono are provided with a very close approximation of the kind of unstructured and structured, frequent indoor & outdoor childhood play that research has identified as being the most common influence on the development of life-long values. As well as being provided with exceptional support for their overall health, growth and development.

Ka Hana Pono children are also assured of far more direct contact time with the outdoors than students receive in nearly any other model of education. The children's outdoor discoveries also provide great subjects for all manner of artistic and verbal expression, and establishes early habits of physical fitness. The daily

explorations build valuable skills such as observation, experimentation, and sorting, while allowing for both individual experiences and group sharing.

Our approach is a perfect fit with current understandings of how young children best grow and develop, despite society's apparent obsession with moving formal academic instruction into earlier and earlier ages. In addition, it is more likely to generate life-changing experiences than are shorter, infrequent, cognitive-focused early education programs.

CLASS SIZES

Our 3 to 5 Year olds group has a max of 12 children each day.

Our 2 Year olds old group has a max of 6 children each day.

A small group of playmates allows children to fully express themselves and at the same time learn appropriate social skills. A small group of children in a learning environment also allows for more expanded experiences like having a garden that the children themselves tend and plant, making their own play dough, creative arts, and festivities that bring us all together.

WHAT'S INCLUDED?

- Aloha - love, attention and respect in a caring atmosphere in which experiences will be provided which will consider the whole child.
 - Dependability
 - Small family atmosphere that delivers individual attention
 - Organic and GMO free snacks
 - Gardening
 - Daily communication and photos
 - All arts and crafts supplies
- Toys, games, puzzles, books, music supplies, gardens, playground and outdoor toys.
 - All Teachers are Infant/Child CPR & First Aid Certified
- All staff have their qualifications verified by PATCH and DHS Childcare Licensing.
- All staff and volunteers undergo criminal background checks and FBI fingerprinting.