

*Did you know you can play
a part in preventing child abuse
and neglect in Hawai'i?*



Teachers, school administrators, school counselors, and other school personnel play an important role in the prevention of child abuse and neglect for the students within their school. Studies show that all of us can help to keep keiki safe by nurturing positive social connections with parents and caregivers. When we do so, we build bonds that ultimately help to protect children by expanding caregivers' social support networks - which ultimately decreases the likelihood of them perpetrating abuse or neglect.

- The Hawai'i Children's Trust Fund in partnership with Joyful Heart Foundation launched the One Strong 'Ohana Campaign, to increase the awareness that child abuse and neglect is preventable and that individuals can make a difference.
- When you reach out to parents and caregivers to support them as they raise their children, you are helping to prevent child abuse.
- If you suspect that something is wrong, however, you are also in a unique position to help. If you observe changes in children's behaviors, there are resources available to help you navigate the situation.

How can members of the DOE 'Ohana help?



- Ask parents or caregivers how they are doing when you see them.
- Share your student's strengths with their parent or caregiver.
- Provide support to your colleagues, friends, and families who have children.
- Know what resources are available to support children and families.
- Know the signs of child abuse and neglect - if you're not sure, call a local agency to get input or help.
- Remember that if you report child abuse, your confidentiality is protected.
- Distribute One Strong 'Ohana campaign tip cards to your students and their families.
- Join the Hawai'i Children's Trust Fund Coalition

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