



# HCAP Weekly

A weekly e-newsletter of Honolulu Community Action Program, Inc.  
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*"Providing Opportunities and Inspiration since 1965"*

## HCAP listed in Hawaii Business Top 250



Honolulu Community Action Program, Inc. was named one of Hawaii's top companies by **Hawaii Business** magazine. The ranking is based on 2010 gross annual sales. HCAP also made the list of "biggest gainers," which notes the agency's funding level increased by 43 percent between 2009 and 2010. The list is published annually and is available to download at [www.hawaiibusiness.com/top250](http://www.hawaiibusiness.com/top250).

## Representative Hanabusa's staff visits HCAP programs

Congressional staffer **Teal Takayama** visited HCAP this Friday on behalf of **U.S. Representative Colleen Hanabusa**. Representative Hanabusa and her staff have been strong supporters of the Community Action network and HCAP's programs. This visit provided an opportunity to show the Congressional office how HCAP is improving the lives of local families.



Teal Takayama meets the children & parents at HCAP Head Start's Kapalama classroom

Ms. Takayama visited an **HCAP Head Start** classroom, where teacher **Leila De Guzman** discussed the program's educational philosophy and introduced her to the parents and students. She also visited the home of Gilbert and Melodee Pelletier, who shared that HCAP's



HCAP executive director Robert Piper, Teal Takayama, Kapalama Elementary principal Patricia Dang & Head Start assistant director Robyn Antonucci

**Weatherization Assistance Program (WAP-ARRA)** had not only given them a solar water heater, Energy Star refrigerator and other devices, but had actually changed their way of thinking and their lifestyle. After participating in WAP-ARRA, the Pelletiers began adding additional energy-saving measures in their home, and have realized significant savings on their electric bills as a result.

## Congratulations to our staff who received promotions!

**Leola Papali'i** at Head Start Helemano and **Lisa Crespo** at Pu'u H II were promoted from on-call substitutes to Assistant Teacher Trainees.

*Want to improve the lives of people in the community where you live or work?*



## Join an HCAP District Council!

HCAP is seeking individuals and organizations to share ideas and seek solutions to help Oahu's low-income families. Volunteers on HCAP's District Advisory Councils meet 6 times a year and provide valuable input to HCAP staff and Board members. If you want to help make a difference in your community, please consider joining one of HCAP's district councils.

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## Head Start inclusion class joins in Open House



Head Start kids show their family their classroom at the Kalihi Uka open house

**Kalihi Uka Elementary** hosted its annual Open House and invited the HCAP Head Start inclusion class to participate. **Head Start inclusion classes** enroll low-income preschoolers and special needs preschoolers together, with two teachers and two aides in each class. At the open house, the students' families heard from the school principal and accompanied their children to the classroom for a "mini version" of their school day. The families had a blast as they acted out animal movements and participated in various learning activities.

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