



HCAP Weekly

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"Providing Opportunities and Inspiration since 1965"

"Dramatic play" at Head Start opens up new worlds

HCAP Head Start classes love their dramatic play areas, where they learn through acting out real-life situations. The kids at Head Start Kalihi Uka enjoyed their Camping / Bug Center this week.



Enjoying a "picnic" in the dramatic play area at Head Start Kalihi Uka

It's stocked with pine trees, tents, camping gear, a cave, and lots of virtual "critters" -- snakes, lizards bugs, and more! The students set up campsites and used flashlights to find and identify the various animals. The purpose is to give the children some hands-on experiences with bugs... there may even see some "flying" in the air!!



Using flashlights to search for animals & bugs

Youth Services starts a new year of learning

The students in **HCAP Youth Services'** C-Base Program came back from holiday break ready to start their Occupational Knowledge unit. The aunties at Youth Services welcomes back the students and are excited for what is in store for 2012!



C-Base teacher Cristal Garan teaches students about calculating overtime wages

Welcome to our newest HCAP staff member!
Lenora Henderson, Head Start Teacher I, Honowai Classroom

A new home for Uncle Albert

76-year old Albert Watson had multiple health issues and had been living on the beach for three years before he moved into **Kumuhonua Transitional Living Center**. The staff remembers his surprise and delight when he found out his shower had hot water. "Uncle Albert," as he was known to staff and residents, was grateful for all of the basic items provided at the shelter — a lamp to read by at night, a refrigerator, a hot shower, and a bed. He had had no access to any of these things for the past five years.



Formerly houseless, Albert Watson relaxes on the porch of his new one-bedroom home

After 10 months of living at Kumuhonua, Uncle Albert recently moved into his own one-bedroom home (with a backyard!) in a senior living community. "Kumuhonua was a home to him," says Albert's case manager **Luana Lester-Nelson** "He didn't want to leave, but he knew he had to make room for others." HCAP extends its congratulations and best wishes to Uncle Albert as he settles in to his new home.

From the HCAP mailbox...

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To qualify for the Weatherization Assistance Program was such a "BLESSING." Financially we weren't able to afford solar power heating, but through HCAP's program we are proud to say we have solar heating and we're saving 20% on our electric bill.

I would like to "Thank" Georgette at Waianae HCAP for her time and patience while I got all of by necessary documents in order. And Bob Dahilig for his patience and knowledge. He explained step-by-step how the program works and the benefits of having solar power. They are very friendly and courteous people.

--Anonymous