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THE ODYSSEY PROJECT

TEACHER PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

- Nearly 200 educators, parents and others attended a one or two day class, or two week intensive course:
 - Multisensory Structured Language (MSL) Modules (Oahu): *Study Skills, Encouraging Writing Skills, Demystifying Spelling, Creating and Maintaining A Private MSL Tutor Practice*
 - MSL Written Expression (Kamali'i and Pukalani Elementary Schools, Maui)
 - Orton-Gillingham (O-G; Hilo, Maui, Oahu): *Subscriber, Associate and Certified Part I*
- HIDA collaborated with Assets School (Oahu), the DOE Hilo/Laupahoehoe/Waiakea Complex (Big Island) and the DOE (Maui) in offering these courses.



TUTORING PRACTICUM

- Eleven educators newly-trained in the Orton-Gillingham approach began a year-long tutoring practicum, working one-to-one with a financially disadvantaged elementary or middle school student, under the supervision of Sue Voit, Fellow/AOGPE* and Darlene Robertson, Clinical Supervisor/AOGPE*.
- During the 2010-2011 school year, 88 elementary, middle and high school students on Oahu, Maui (Kamali'i Elementary) and in Hilo (DeSilva Elementary, Hilo Intermediate and High Schools) received MSL tutoring, primarily in small groups of 3-6 students each. Partial and full scholarships for tutoring fees were awarded to many of these students. Seventeen teachers trained in MSL approaches refined their instructional skills by providing the tutoring.
- At the end of the 2010-2011 school year, HIDA exited from its “model” school-based program at DeSilva Elementary after a 5 year partnership. Odyssey involvement at DeSilva helped to save many of the students from a referral for special education services, allowing them to remain in the general education curriculum while they closed gaps in reading fluency and comprehension.
- MSL tutors on HIDA’s tutor resource list and those participating in the tutoring practicum attended 4 tutor support group meetings. The advanced Multisensory Structured Language (MSL) topics presented at the meetings were: Advanced Layers of Decoding and Syllabication; Reading Comprehension; Morphology; and, Teaching the Schwa. HIDA collaborated with Assets School and Kalani High School for these meetings.

*Academy of Orton-Gillingham Practitioners and Educators

PUBLIC AWARENESS

COMMUNITY OUTREACH

- Over 300 parents, educators & others attended a free community event offered by HIDA:
 - “Journey Into Dyslexia” documentary (two showings with additional screenings planned for 2012)
 - Dyslexia Overview and Panel Discussion
 - Dyslexia Simulations (two workshops: Oahu; Big Island, in collaboration with Hawai‘i Learning Resource)
 - Dyslexia Overview/Interventions (Academy of the Pacific; Learning Disabilities Association of Hawai‘i conference)
- Senate Concurrent Resolution (SCR 110) working group continued to meet, is making progress, and will be submitting an interim report to the legislature as required by the resolution.
- HIDA participated with an information table at community events including:
 - Disability Resource Fair (Maui)
 - ‘Ohana Health and Empowerment Fair (Waipahu High School)
 - Prevent Child Abuse Hawai‘i Resource Fair (Pearlridge Shopping Center)
 - Annual Honolulu conference of SPIN (Special Parent Information Network)
 - Wai‘anae Coast Health Fair
 - Air Force & Navy Exceptional Family Member Program Resource Fair (Hickam Air Force Base)
 - Alu Like Literacy Fair (Honolulu)

INFORMATION AND REFERRAL

- HIDA responded to over 450 inquiries for information on resources for parents, educators and other professionals including:
 - educational testing
 - tutoring
 - teacher trainings
 - public awareness events
 - advocacy
 - membership
 - volunteerism
 - making a donation
- Many in the public also used resources available at HIDA’s website (www.dyslexia-hawaii.org; over 9,000 unique visits in 2011) and Facebook page (<http://on.fb.me/hBGxl1>).



FUNDRAISING



- \$ 111,100 in grants were awarded for the Odyssey Project Teacher Professional and Tutoring Practicum, Public Awareness initiatives, and in general support of HIDA.
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 - Bank of Hawai'i Foundation
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 - Walk the Talk Fund at the Hawai'i Community Foundation
- \$15,000 raised from fundraising initiatives such as The Big City Diner event, An Evening with Andy Bumatai, Spring and Year End Appeals, Aloha United Way, Foodland's Give Aloha campaign, corporate contributions and other individual donations. HIDA is grateful for this tremendous support!
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