



## 2013 ANNUAL REPORT

Nearly 300 classroom teachers, tutors, parents, students, pediatricians and others participated in professional development trainings and community outreach workshops offered by HIDA – Hawai'i Branch of the International Dyslexia Association. In addition, HIDA's executive director and volunteers distributed information and resources about dyslexia at multiple community resource fairs throughout the State. HIDA is tremendously grateful to the individual and corporate donors and the following foundations for their generous contributions in 2013 in support of HIDA and its programs:

- Carole Kai Charities, Inc./Great Aloha Run
  - Hawai'i Bowl Foundation
- Presented to pediatricians attending *Grand Rounds* at Kapi'olani Hospital: *"Demystifying Dyslexia: How Can Pediatricians Help?"*
  - Sponsored Orton-Gillingham teacher professional development at three (3) levels: Certified, Associate, Classroom Educator
  - Supervised/Mentored classroom teachers participating in a year-long practicum to strengthen their newly acquired skills in Multisensory Structured Language (MSL) instruction; the 15 participating teachers utilized O-G instruction in their classrooms (20 students average/classroom), in small groups (2-5 students per group) & in 1:1 after school tutorials
  - Middle school and high school students and their parents participated in two separate workshops: *"Helping Dyslexic Students Write Essays"*; students attended the workshop and their parents attended a simultaneous session on ways to help their child succeed in school including development of self-awareness and self-advocacy skills, and what they can do to help their child obtain accommodations for standardized tests for college admission
  - Presented to volunteer tutors and staff of Hawai'i Literacy as part of their "More Help for Tutors" series: *"Dealing with Dyslexia: What is it? How do I know if my student has it? What can I do to help my student?"*
  - Collaborated with the Learning Disabilities Association of Hawai'i (LDAH) in presenting *"Struggling Learners, Dyslexia and MSL Instruction"* to educators on Molokai
  - Sponsored presentation entitled *"Life After High School: Fostering Resilient Adolescents"* (for parents of middle school and high school students with dyslexia or other learning differences)
  - Presented *"Assistive Technologies"* with the Assistive Technology Resource Centers of Hawai'i (ATRC) and educators from Assets School and the University of Hawai'i system

HIDA's executive director and volunteers also participated in increasing awareness of and support for the *Comprehensive Plan for Teaching Reading in Hawai'i Schools*; through the persistence of supporters, including HIDA, the Hawai'i Legislature adopted Senate Concurrent Resolution 120 on April 25, 2013. HIDA also provided representation on the work group which developed recommendations to the Hawai'i Teacher Standards Board (HTSB) for the new teacher license field of Literacy Specialist.

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