Resources in Hawaiʻi

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Hawai‘i Branch of the International Dyslexia Association (HIDA)
The Hawai‘i Branch of the International Dyslexia Association (HIDA) is a non-profit organization formed to increase public awareness of dyslexia in the state of Hawai‘i. We have been serving individuals with dyslexia, their families, and professionals in our communities since 1986. For further information on HIDA’s history, including the dedicated, hard-working individuals whose labor has brought us to our current standing as a recognized community leader in the area of learning disabilities, please visit our website at HI.DyslexiaIDA.org. At our website you will also find resource lists for private diagnostic assessment and tutoring and a calendar of upcoming workshops and other community events.

International Dyslexia Association (IDA)
HIDA is a branch of the International Dyslexia Association (IDA), the oldest learning disabilities organization in the United States. Founded in 1949, the IDA is a non-profit organization with more than 9,000 members, more than 40 branch offices, and 25 Global Partners throughout the world. IDA sponsors research on neurological, educational, and developmental dimensions of dyslexia. The organization hosts an annual conference that brings together several hundred experts on all aspects of dyslexia with approximately 3,000 parents, educators, and individuals with dyslexia eager to learn how dyslexia works. IDA is also a civil rights organization, fighting in court and through the legislative process for the rights of persons with dyslexia. Membership in IDA includes the scientific, peer-reviewed journal *Annals of Dyslexia*, and the quarterly newsletter *Perspectives*, which contains abbreviated reports on recent scientific studies for the lay reader. Please visit the IDA website at DyslexiaIDA.org for more information.

K-12 schools

**Assets School**
Website: assets-school.net
Email: info@assets-school.net
Phone: (808) 423-1356

Assets School is an independent school on O‘ahu whose mission is to serve gifted and capable students, specializing in those with dyslexia and other language-based learning differences. Assets School provide a strength-based program, complemented by outreach and training, that empowers students to become effective learners and confident self-advocates.

**Navy Hale Keiki School**
Website: nhks.org
Email: adminassistant@nhks.org
Phone: (808) 423-1727

Navy Hale Keiki School (NHKS) is an independent school on O‘ahu whose student population is comprised, on average, of 95% military dependents, representing parents from every branch of service, including reservists and DOD employees, as well as the local civilian population. NHKS uses Orton-Gillingham for its Language Arts curriculum which grounds their students with a strong fundamental knowledge of phonics, spelling, and writing conventions.
The Hawai‘i Department of Education (DOE)
Website: http://www.hawaiipublicschools.org/TeachingAndLearning/SpecializedPrograms/SpecialEducation/Pages/home.aspx

DOE Special Education Section phone numbers (all area codes are 808):

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Variety School
Website: varietyschool.org
Email: info@varietyschool.org
Phone: (808) 732-2835

Variety School of Hawai‘i educates children, teens and young adults ages 5 to 22 with learning differences. The school offers an integrated educational and therapeutic program designed to promote academic, communicative, social, behavioral, independent skills and work skills.

The University of Hawai‘i
There is a disability service provider on each of the ten campuses of the University of Hawai‘i system. For a summary of assistive technology available at UH campuses, visit http://www.hawaii.edu/access/at.html#top.

Hawai‘i Community College (HawCC)
Counseling, Advising and Support Services Center
Ha‘awi Kukua Program
Website: https://hawaii.hawaii.edu/disability-services

Manono Campus
Ha‘awi Kukua Center
Building 388 – Room 104
Email: hawccds@hawaii.edu
Phone: (808) 934-2825
Pālamanui Campus
Office of Student Services
Building D – Student Services Office
Email: hawccds@hawaii.edu
Phone: (808) 969-8823

Promotes equal opportunity for individuals with disabilities to gain the maximum benefit from their educational/learning experience by participating fully in their regular courses and activities at Hawaiʻi Community College. Services include:

- Priority registration if physical access is a concern
- Relocation of classes, as the last resort to ensure physical access
- Handicapped parking stalls
- Assistance in accessing library material
- Materials provided in alternate formats such as assistance with RFB tape textbooks, or enlargement of printed material
- Liaison with Hawaiʻi County Department of Education Special Education (DOE SPED) high school transition teachers and counselor, to ensure successful transition

The Learning Center
200 W. Kawili Street
Hilo, HI 96720-4091
UH-Hilo Upper Campus, Library, lower level
Phone: (808) 934-2530

The Learning Center provides tutoring and support for students to develop into independent, active learners. The Center offers labs in reading, writing, math, English as a second language, tutoring in content areas, study skills development, study space, and a computer lab. These services are provided to all students at both Hawaiʻi Community College and UH-Hilo, and are particularly useful for learners with dyslexia.

Honolulu Community College (HCC)
Student ACCESS
Building 5, Room 107B
874 Dillingham Boulevard
Honolulu, HI 96817-4598
Email: accesshcc-l@lists.hawaii.edu
Phone: (808) 844-2392 voice/text

Student ACCESS provides an array of services to students with documented disabilities, including academic planning; counseling; assistance with registration; referral to other appropriate services; mobility assistance and elevator key authorization for some buildings; building access and evacuation plan; lockers; special equipment (talking calculators, amplification devices, Reading Edge); sign language interpreters; taped text; enlargement of printed materials; chairs and adjustable desks; testing accommodations; note takers; scribes; readers, lab assistants; computer access programs, keyboards, and work stations; large screen monitor; closed circuit TV.
Kapiʻolani Community College (KCC):
Disability Support Services Office (DSSO)
Ilima Building, Room 107
4303 Diamond Head Road
Honolulu, HI 96816-4421
Email: kapdss@hawaii.edu
Phone: (808) 734-9552

The Disability Support Services Office provides a variety of services to students with documented disabilities, including counseling, liaison/referral to community agencies, registration assistance, note-takers, readers, auxiliary aids (tape recorders, calculators, and amplification and magnification devices), accessible furniture and technology, alternative formats (including conversion of instructional material to Braille or audio tapes), and extended time for testing in a distraction-free environment.

Kauaʻi Community College
Disability Services
Campus Center Room 206
3-1901 Kaumualii Highway
Lihue, HI 96766
Phone: (808) 245-8212

Students with documented disabilities can gain access to services, including alternative formats for materials, note takers, sign language interpreters, and testing accommodations.

Learning Center and College Success Program
Learning Resource Center Building 3-1901
Kaumualii Highway
Lihue, HI 96766
Phone: (808) 245-8346

The Learning Center makes available services that assist all students, and are particularly useful to dyslexic students, including individual and group tutoring in several subject areas; labs in writing, math, science, and computers; help with active reading; etc.

Lanai Education Center
329 7th Street
Lanai City, HI 96763
Phone: (808) 565-7266

The Lanai Education Center offers classes on Lanai through Maui Community College. Students with dyslexia are referred to the Disability Student Services at UH Maui College (see below).

Leeward Community College (LCC)
Kakoʻo ʻIki (KI) Program
96-045 Ala ʻIke L-208
Pearl City, HI 96782
Email: kprogram@hawaii.edu
Phone: (808) 455-0421
The KI Program provides accommodations and support to students with documented disabilities, including audio textbooks; note takers; extended time; tape recorders; informational handouts on success skills in college; assistive technology with voice recognition software and free training in how to use it; counseling and guidance.

**Math Learning Resource Center**  
Math and Science Building Room 204  
Website: emedia.leeward.hawaii.edu/mathlab/

The Math Learning Resource Center provides assistance to any student taking math classes at LCC. Provides tutoring, worksheets, videos, graphic and scientific calculators, computers with software for algebra and pre-algebra classes, and a library. Technology and one-on-one assistance are particularly helpful to dyslexic learners.

**UH Maui College**  
*Disability Services Counselor*  
*Services for Students with Disabilities*  
310 Kaʻahumanu Avenue  
Kahului, HI 96732  
Phone: (808) 984-3227

Students with documented disabilities can receive services, including personal, academic and career counseling; admissions, financial aid, and registration assistance; campus orientation; tutorial, reader, note-taker, and interpreter; campus accessibility map; auxiliary services; 2 and 4 track tape players, assistive technologies, voice recognition software, accessible computer equipment, etc.

**The Learning Center**  
310 West Kaʻahumanu Avenue  
Kahului, HI 96732-1617  
Email: mic-tlc@hawaii.edu  
Phone: (808) 994-3240

The Learning Center provides services that benefit all students, and are particularly useful for dyslexic students, including test-taking skills, study skills, writing labs, tutoring in various subjects, time management, reading skills, note taking, and stress management.

**Molokai Education Center**  
375 Kamehameha V. Highway  
Kaunakakai, HI 97648  
Email: payba@hawaii.edu  
Phone: (808) 553-4490

The Molokai Education Center offers class through Maui Community College. Students with disabilities should contact Disability Student Services at UH Maui College (see previous page).
University Disability Services (UDS) provides services to students with documented disabilities. Services include counseling, accommodation, and access services, such as 4 track tape recorders, voice-activated tape recorders, Franklin Spelling Ace, Talking Calculator; a variety of assistive technologies available in the UDS office, Student Support Services, and libraries; distraction-free testing rooms; etc.

Student Services Support Program (SSSP)
Student Services Building, Room 211
Hilo, HI 64720-4091
Phone: (808) 974-7616

Student Support Services provides academic tutoring, help with studying and test taking, help with researching and writing papers, math lab, and writing assistance. These services are available to all students and are particularly valuable to dyslexic students.

KOKUA Program (Kahi O Ka Ulu ‘Ana: “Place of Growing”)
Queen Lili‘uokalani Center for Student Services, Room 013
2600 Campus Road
Honolulu, HI 96822
Email: kokua@hawaii.edu

The KOKUA Program is the UH-Mānoa office for students with disabilities. KOKUA serves graduate and undergraduate students with learning, physical, psychiatric, and other documented disabilities. KOKUA provides disability access services to students on a case-by-case basis, and students are not charged for these services. A student's disability status is considered confidential information and is only disclosed with the student's permission.

KOKUA aims to provide equal opportunity to disabled students. Access services often provided to students with learning disabilities include academic counseling; alternate media; assistance with course substitution for foreign language requirement; assistive technologies; campus intervention; community liaison; faculty liaison; lockers and study facilities; note-taking; priority registration; proof reading; testing accommodations; etc. Other access services may be available depending upon the individual student's strengths and disability-related need.
The Center on Disability Studies focuses upon development and conduct of interdisciplinary education/training, research, demonstration and evaluation, and university and community service.

The Learning Assistance Center
Queen Lili'uokalani Center for Student Services, Room 306
Email: learning@hawaii.edu
Phone: (808) 956-3456

The Learning Assistance Center provides academic counseling services to assist students in developing learning skills to increase academic success. Students can participate in facilitated study groups or individual sessions to become more proficient in managing time, reading, writing, taking notes, taking exams, and enhancing academic motivation. Tutoring available in specific courses varies, generally including introductory math, statistics, chemistry, biology, religion and economics. Counseling and support services for students with learning disabilities are also provided.

Other learning centers at UH-Mānoa that, while not specifically for dyslexic students, provide individualized attention to learning that will benefit all students:

The Writing Workshop
Department of English
415 Kuykendall Hall
Honolulu, HI 96822
Phone: (808) 956-7619

Provides limited assistance with writing to all UHM students.

Language Learning Center
256 Moore Hall
1890 East-West Road
Honolulu, HI 96822

Assists students in learning foreign languages.

GEE Technology Learning Center and Computer Lab
Email: tim-info@hawaii.edu

Supports students in Travel Industry Management.

UH West O'ahu (UHWO)
Center for Student Access
Email: hirsbrun@hawaii.edu
Phone: (808) 689-2935

Students submit a request for services to the Center for Student Access. Requests may be completed online, over the phone, or in person at a meeting with the UHWO ADA Coordinator. All requests are reviewed to determine what types of accommodations are reasonable and/or necessary for the individual student's success.
Windward Community College (WCC)
Disabilities Coordinator
Phone: (808) 235-7413

The Learning Center
Hale Manaleo 113
45-720 Kea'ahala Road
Kane'ohe, HI  96744
Phone: (808) 235-7498

The Learning Center provides testing services, study skills development, computer accessibility and loans, language tapes and CDs, resource instructors, and self-teaching materials for some classes. Some of these services are particularly useful for dyslexic learners.

Private colleges and universities

Brigham Young University Hawai‘i (BYUH)
Services for Students with Special Needs
BYU Hawai‘i Counseling Services
55-220 Kulanui St, Box 1837
Laie, HI 96762-1294
Phone: (808) 293-3999; 293-3518; 293-3578

Students with documented disabilities are assisted with classroom and housing accommodations; advocacy and assistance communicating with instructors; ordering textbooks on tape; assistance locating tutors, readers, scribes, note takers; testing accommodations; computer equipment with assistive technology; distraction-free rooms for studying and taking exams; etc.

Chaminade University of Honolulu
Counseling Center
3140 Waialae Avenue
Honolulu, HI  96816-1576
Phone: (808) 735-4845

Students contact the Counseling Center to submit documentation for review to determine if they qualify for ADA accommodations. Students who qualify for ADA accommodations sign an ADA agreement and each semester, contact the ADA Coordinator to state which instructors are to be notified about their accommodations.

Hawai‘i Pacific University (HPU)
Accessibility Services
Center for Academic Success
1060 Bishop Street (LB) 6th Floor
Honolulu, HI  96813
Email: access@HPU.edu

The office of Accessibility Services, under the administration of the Center for Academic Success, coordinates and implements reasonable accommodations and disability-related services for HPU students.
The Coordinator of Counseling Services serves as the coordinator of students with a disability and should be contacted concerning accommodation requests. Documentation of a disability must accompany any request for accommodations.

**Workforce**

**Division of Vocational Rehabilitation (DVR)**
Website: humanservices.hawaii.gov/vr/

Hawai‘i Island
- Hilo: (808) 974-6444
- Kona: (808) 323-0025

Kaua‘i
- Lihue: (808) 274-3333

Maui County
- Maui, Molokai and Lanai: (808) 984-8350

O‘ahu
- Honolulu: (808) 586-4824
- Kapolei: (808) 692-8604

The Division of Vocational Rehabilitation is a statewide resource for individuals with disabilities who are seeking employment. Vocational Rehabilitation (VR) counselors work with their clients to set employment goals, make plans for reaching those goals, and identify services needed to prepare for and find employment.

**Armed Forces**

**The Armed Services Exceptional Family Member Program (EFMP)**
Each branch has an Exceptional Family Member Program (EFMP) which provides support, resources, and referrals for military families with special medical and educational needs.

*Army Community Service Exceptional Family Member Program*
US Army Garrison Hawai‘i
Bldg 2091, Schofield Barracks
Phone: (808) 655-4777; -4227 (main number)

*Army Exceptional Family Member Program*
Tripler Army Medical Center
Department of Pediatrics (MCHK-PEF)
3rd floor, B Wing
1 Jarrett White Road, Honolulu
Phone: 808-433-4441

*Coast Guard Exceptional Family Member Program*
Phone: (808) 842-2085
This office oversees the Education Centers in each correctional facility and center in the state. The Education Centers offer a wide range of programs from pre-literacy to GED and some college classes. The Centers conduct some assessments, and administer the Test of Adult Basic Education (TABE) to all inmates, but lack the staff to conduct full professional assessments.

Prisoners can request to go to the Education Centers; some restrictions apply, but the general population usually has access. Friends or family members who are seeking educational resources for an incarcerated individual can contact this office for recommendations. Individuals with dyslexia are heavily overrepresented in the criminal justice system, so it is likely that many prisoners would benefit from multisensory structured language instruction. For a promising account of successful use of MSL instruction in Oregon correctional facilities, see chapter 3 of Lee Sherman and Betsy Ramsey, *The Reading Glitch* (Lanham, MD: Rowman and Littlefield Education, 2006).

**Other local resources**

**Assistive Technology Resource Centers of Hawai‘i (ATRC)**
Website: atrc.org
Email: atrc-info@atrc.org
Phone: (808) 532-7110

ATRC is a 501 (c) (3) non-profit organization located on O‘ahu that links people with assistive technology (AT). ATRC offers many programs and services, including demonstrating assistive technology, lending devices to “try before you buy,” training in technology use, advising on AT in IEP or VR meetings, and providing information and referrals on what to buy and how to pay for it.

**Decoding Dyslexia Hawai‘i**
Facebook: @DecodingDyslexiaHi
Email: decodingdyslexiahi@gmail.com

Decoding Dyslexia Hawai‘i is a grassroots movement driven by Hawai‘i families concerned with the limited access to educational interventions for dyslexia.
Dyslexia Center of the Pacific, Inc. (DCP)
Formerly known as the Dyslexia Tutoring Center of Hawaii, Inc. (DTCH)
Website: DyslexiaPacific.org
Email: info@dyslexiapacific.org
Phone: (808) 676-5515

The Dyslexia Center of the Pacific is a non-profit organization whose mission is to raise awareness and educate humanity about dyslexia by providing educational workshops, dyslexia screenings, informational support, and multi-sensory tutoring to empower children and adults to become independent, fluent learners in reading, writing, spelling, handwriting, and mathematics and to guide them to discover their individual talents and strengths, so they may gain life-long skills and become self-advocates. DCP envisions a better informed community where children and adults with dyslexia become independent readers and use their new learned skills in school and the workplace.

Hawai‘i Disability Rights Center
Website: hawaiidisabilityrights.org
Email: info@hawaiidisabilityrights.org
Phone: (808) 949-2922, 1 (800) 882-1057

The mission of the Corporation is to protect and promote the human, civil and legal rights of individuals with disabilities through the provision of information and advocacy. This Center is Hawai‘i’s designated Client Assistance Program under the Rehabilitation Act, and also our designated Protection and Advocacy System for People with Disabilities, serving all disabilities as authorized under several federal statutes. The Center provides advocacy and representation for parents of children who are eligible for 504 plans or IDEA educational benefits, including IEPs. Assistance is available in determining eligibility for services, acquisition of services through the IEP process and 504 plans, transition plans, placement, and representation at administrative hearings. The Center is particularly interested in disciplinary action such as arrest, suspension, and expulsion resulting from disability-related behavior.

The Center works in eight basic issue or problem areas: care and treatment; citizenship, including accessibility and voting rights; education; employment, especially reasonable accommodations; freedom of association; housing; justice, including emancipation from unneeded guardianships; and programs and services addressing legal entitlements. Services are always free and available to persons with any disability at any age.

Hawai‘i Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped
Phone: (808) 733-8444

The library has audiobooks (digital and recorded cassettes) available for borrowing by eligible persons, including individuals who have medical documentation of dyslexia. Contact the library to complete a registration form. There is no charge for their services.

The Hawai‘i State Public Library System
Website: www.librarieshawaii.org

The state library offers eBooks, audiobooks and eMagazines. Learn how to download eBooks, audiobooks and more at this website: http://www.librarieshawaii.org/overdrive. Digital materials can be played on most smartphones, MP3 players, tablets and other devices.
Kumukela Academy of Innovative Learning
Website: kumukela.org
Email: svoit@kumukela.org
Phone: (808) 989-5852

Kumukela Academy of Innovative Learning is a statewide education non-profit that promotes best teaching practices for literacy and language, and learning outcomes for all students, including students with dyslexia or other learning disabilities. Kumukela offers teacher training and tutoring using Orton-Gillingham (OG) and other Structured Literacy (aka MSL) approaches.

Leadership in Disabilities and Achievement of Hawai‘i (LDAH)
Website: ldahawaii.org
Email: rrowe@ldahawaii.org
Phone: (808) 536-9684

LDAH is the Parent Training & Information Center for the state of Hawai‘i and the entire Pacific Region of federated states and territories. LDAH has served Hawai‘i’s parents and families of children with or at risk of disabilities, and the professionals who serve those families, since September 1968. LDAH provides training, technical assistance, and advocacy to help parents ensure the educational rights of their children with disabilities. LDAH provides early childhood health and development screenings on O‘ahu to detect and address potential problems in two through five year old children to ensure they are fully ready for kindergarten entry.

Pacific Resources for Education and Learning (PREL)
Website: www.prel.org
Email: askprel@prel.org
Phone: (808) 441-1300
Toll-free Phone: (800) 377-4773 U.S.

PREL is an independent, nonprofit 501(c)(3) corporation that serves the educational community in Hawai‘i, the U.S.-affiliated Pacific islands, the continental U.S., and other countries throughout the world. PREL bridges the gap between research, theory, and practice in education and works collaboratively with schools and school systems to provide services that range from curriculum development to assessment and evaluation. PREL services in Hawai‘i and the Pacific include school improvement planning, professional development services, research and development, and production and delivery of products and services.

Side By Side Ministry
Email: sidebyside@inspirechurch.tv
Phone: (808) 227-7764

A parent support group for parents whose children have learning disabilities. Monthly 2-hour group meetings offer support, resources and fellowship. Each meeting also features a speaker from the learning disabilities community to educate parents on various topics of interest.
The Special Parent Information Network (SPIN) is a parent to parent organization in Hawai‘i that provides resources, support and information for families with children and young adults with disabilities and the professionals who serve them. SPIN provides a free electronic quarterly newsletter with current events and trends, a “warm” line of parent-to-parent support and understanding, information about community resources and an annual conference. SPIN is a unique partnership between Disability and Communication Access Board and the Department of Education.