

Educational Improvement Initiatives in Hawaii of Interest to Military Families

- ▲ Joint Venture Education Forum (JVEF): A cooperative venture between the HQ USPACOM military community and the Hawaii Department of Education (DOE) to facilitate active military participation in Hawaii public education serving to advance the military community's responsibility in the pursuit of quality education for Hawaii's children.
- ▲ Hawaii's Educational Pipeline, P-20, Initiative: To improve the efficiency and equity of Hawaii's educational pipeline from early childhood through postsecondary education to prepare a highly skilled workforce for Hawaii industry.
- ▲ Citizens Achieving Reform in Education (CARE): Governor Lingle's education reform advisory committee, established in 2003, to work toward implementing true education reform in Hawaii. The heart of CARE's efforts focus on decentralizing the state's education system in order to place more decision-making authority at the school level, directing more resources into the classrooms and promoting increased community involvement.
- ▲ Military Culture Course: A series of professional development courses for teachers to provide background and information about military culture, the special issues related to dependent students transitioning to Hawaii public schools, and the particularities of local culture that may create issues for military families.
- ▲ Hawaii 3R's: An award-winning nonprofit organization founded in 2001 by Sen. Daniel Inouye to help reduce the repair and maintenance backlog in Hawaii public schools.
- ▲ Troops to Teachers (TTT): Established in 1994 by DoD, the primary objective of TTT is to help recruit quality teachers for schools that serve low-income families throughout America. TTT helps relieve teacher shortages, especially in math, science, special education and other high-needs subject areas, and assists military personnel in making successful transitions to second careers in teaching.
- ▲ Transition Counselor Institute: A three-phase professional development institute that prepares school guidance professionals and other designated educators to recognize and address school transition concerns that impact mobile military students.
- ▲ Interactive Counseling Center: A full-featured, video conferencing system that provides secure, real-time communication and authorized records sharing between schools to facilitate a smooth transition to a new location. With the ICC, you and your child can talk with counselors, teachers, coaches, or even a student at the new school and get a head start on admission and placement before you ever leave. There is currently one ICC in Hawaii at Radford High School.
- ▲ Impact Aid: In Hawaii, the public schools are the responsibility of the State Government. Impact Aid funds are reimbursements to the Department of Education for educating the federally connected students.