A P-3 Approach and Its Effectiveness in Closing Achievement Gap: Hawaii's P-3 Initiative

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Hawai'i P-20



Working Together to Achieve Hawai'i's Education Goal









Learning Objectives

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- Have a shared understanding of data and positive outcomes from the demonstration communities.
- Identify strategies and activities to develop P-3 network.



National P-3 Initiatives

P-3 Movement that Emerged Over Past Decade Addressed Achievement Shortfalls

- Basic skills gaps in entering kindergarteners.
 - Those with deficits tend to stay behind.
- Fade out of many early education gains in elementary school.



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P-3 educational reforms aimed to:

- Improve students' kindergarten readiness
- Sustain high-quality early education experiences through elementary school



Hawai'i P-3 Initiatives

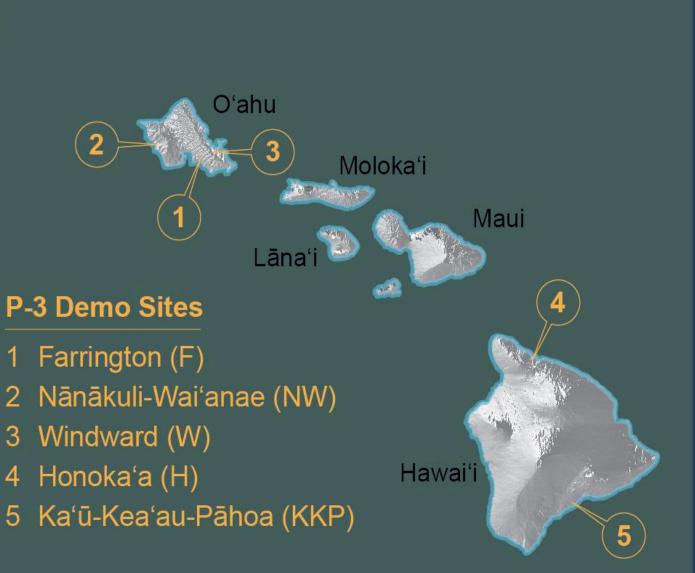


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Goal: Every child to read at grade level by 3rd grade

- Five demo sites:
 - Focused on 7 focus areas of the Hawai'i P-3 demonstration framework
 - Implemented P-3 activities in their communities
- Hawai'i P–20 implemented
 state-level work





Student Profile SY 2013-2014

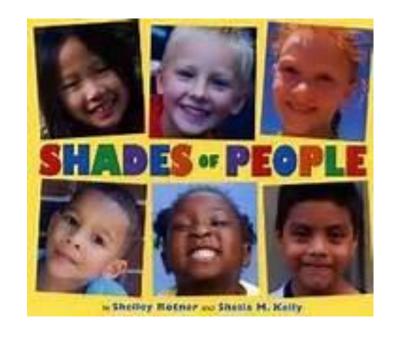
Top five ethnic groups

- Native Hawaiian
- Filipino
- Caucasian
- Micronesian
- Samoan

Low Income: 66% of the K-6

(range 54% to 88%)

English Language Learners: 9% of the K-6 (range 3% to 28%)





Hawai'i P-3 Demonstration Framework

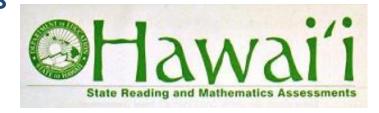
Focus Areas	Objectives		
Leadership for Literacy	Administrators provide strategic vision and leadership for literacy instruction		
Standards, Curriculum, and Assessment	Horizontal and vertical alignment to ensure seamless transition		
Instruction	Quality classroom instruction is developmentally appropriate and grounded in research-based practices		
Teacher Professional Development	Educators trained in research-based developmentally appropriate practices		
Comprehensive Early Learning Services/Access to 0-5 Opportunities	Schools are a community-based hub for resources and referral to comprehensive services; more young children participating in quality/effective early learning experiences		
Family School Partnerships	Families and education programs partner to support children's learning		
Data	Student-level enrollment and assessment data are used to improve curriculum		

- ✓ Evaluation across five years: 2009–2014
- ✓ Assessed how well the Hawai'i P–3 initiative was implemented
- ✓ Used multi-methods approach
- ✓ Assessed how well the initiative improved third grade reading scores





- √ Compared reading scores
 - Students in demo site schools to those of students in schools not exposed to P-3

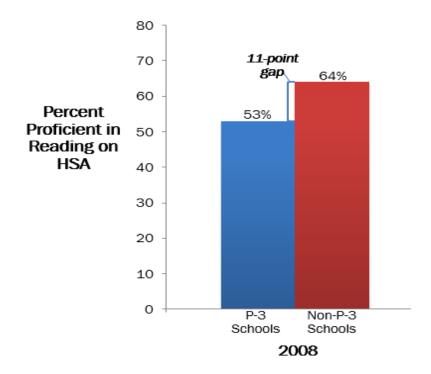


- ✓ Analyses included 192 elementary schools with available test score data for seven years
 - Spring 2008 to Spring 2014
 - Total of 98,909 students



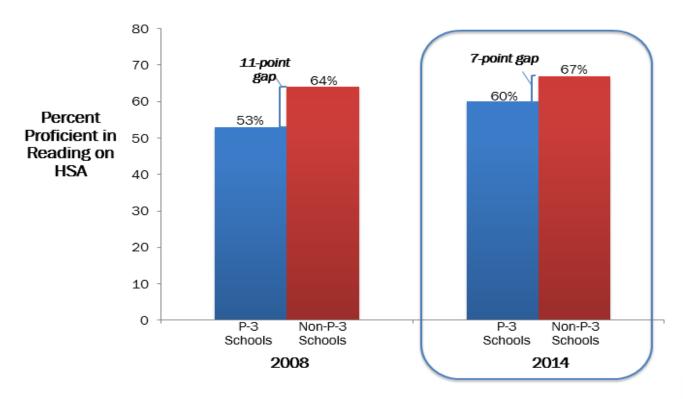


Hawai'i P-3 Focused on Lower-Performing Schools: I I-point Gap in Reading Proficiency at P-3 Inception





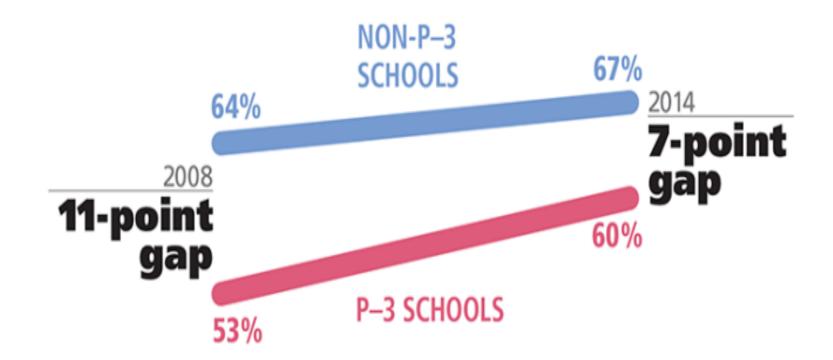
By end of evaluation, gap in reading proficiency had been significantly reduced.





Source: Zellman & Kilburn (2015) http://www.rand.org/pubs/research_reports/RR1100.html

In seven years, the reading gap narrowed by four points.

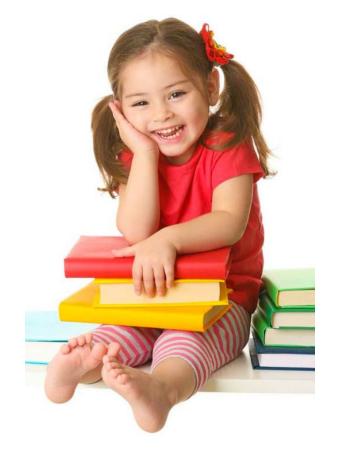




What do these findings mean?

Magnitude of effect on reading scores

- Equal to nine additional weeks of schooling
- Higher than estimate of average effect size for elementary school interventions for mainstream students





Group Activity

- What is the impact you want to achieve?
- Which two focus areas would you target to get there and why did you choose them?
- What would you like to accomplish within next 6 to 12 months.







Group Activity

Resources/Inputs	Activities	Outputs	Outcomes
In order to accomplish our	In order to address our P-3	We expect that once	We expect that if we
set of activities we will need	needs, we will accomplish the	accomplished, these activities	accomplished, these activities
to use/do the following:	following activities:	will produce the following	will lead the following
		evidence or service delivery:	changes in 1-3 years:

Group Activity: Share Out



Photo source: http://olivetepc.com



Lesson Learned

Identification of Necessary Components

- A complete buy-in of the importance of early childhood by elementary school principals
- Regular meetings between early childhood setting directors and elementary school leadership
- Site visits between early childhood settings and elementary schools.





Lesson Learned

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- Alignment of standards (i.e., early learning standards and common core standards) between early childhood settings and K-I2 system
- Standardized assessments across the two systems (i.e., CLASS, Teaching Strategies GOLD)
- High-quality instruction in both settings
- Innovative family engagement strategies

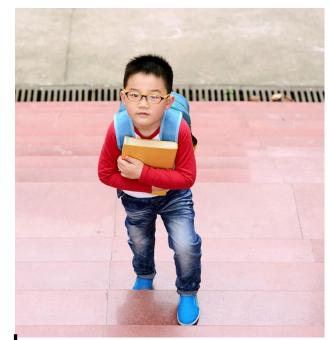




Recommendations

Study Implications for Future P-3 Initiatives

- Determine in advance the appropriate balance between standardization and site-specific needs and resources
- Consider contracts that specify outcomes rather than activities
- Establish measurable, standardized outcomes for the work





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- Explicitly plan for unanticipated changes in policy and personnel turnover
- Consider sustainability from inception
- Require explicit agreements between high-level early education and K-12 administrators





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Thank you!

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