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**MEMORANDUM**

TO: All Interested Parties

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SUBJECT: DHS CHILD CARE ASSISTANCE FOR PRESCHOOL

We are happy to announce that the Preschool Open Doors (POD) Program will re-open its application period for the School Year 2005 -2006, effective October 1, 2005. This Statewide Early Childhood and Care Project, funded by the State of Hawaii, helps eligible families pay for preschool costs on a sliding fee scale. Eligible youngsters are either 4-years old or are special needs 3-year olds who are not eligible for the Department of Education's "Special Education" Program. This Program affords pre-kindergarteners the experience of a preschool setting in preparation for a successful transition to kindergarten.

In addition, monthly gross income eligibility limits are increasing as of November 1, 2005:

<u>Family Size</u>	<u>Gross Income Limits</u>
2	3,179
3	3,927
4	4,675
5	5,423
6	6,171
7	6,312
8	6,452

Should you need additional information for larger size families and reimbursement rates, please call the **Oahu POD Office at 587-5254** or **Neighbor Island POD applicants can call toll-free at 1-800-746-5620.**