

# SCHOOLS

## Partnership continues at Kohala Elementary

Hawaii Resources for School Success and Kohala Elementary School renewed their contract of partnership Aug. 20. The signing ceremony coincided with the school's back-to-school open house and approximately 150 faculty, staff and parents were present.

Hawaii Resources for School Success is the flagship program of North Hawaii Women and Children's Services, a Waimea-based 501(c)3 nonprofit organization established in 1997, whose vision is to ensure that "Hawaii students and families have access to research-based education practices." Its mission is to "help and empower diverse learners in school and life." The program first partnered with Kohala Elementary in August 2007, to train the school's teachers in an evidence-based Teacher

Professional Development model. This model focuses on increasing student success via early identification of and effective intervention for capable students who struggle in school.

The overarching goal of the partnership has been to assure all Kohala Elementary teachers are trained and provided with ongoing support through 2009. This year, the signed agreement focuses on transitioning the leadership of the Teacher Professional Development model to Kohala Elementary. The school's leadership team will now be responsible for maintaining the incorporation of the model's framework and language in the school community.

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