The ECAS network and partners are working on a broad set of linked initiatives to improve the system of supports for our youngest keiki and their `ohana.

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Support the Efforts of the Hawai`i Maternal and Infant Health Collaborative (HMIHC)

Improve Perinatal Systems of Care & Promote Reproductive Healthcare Access
• Identifying and responding to the needs of prospective and new parents dealing with substance use disorder
• Increasing the use of reproductive life planning tools
• Making effective contraception more widely available

Increase Breastfeeding Supports
• Supporting development and implementation of the statewide breastfeeding plan
• Improving lactation and maternal health care services and systems
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Support Safe and Nurturing Families
- Supporting family safety through the Aloha at Home initiative; strengthening the skills of families through ‘Ohana toolkits that promote the Protective Factors framework and the values of Aloha
- Encouraging positive family interaction through family language and literacy development efforts including Words Matter / LENA
- Supporting text-based parenting support innovations like Nest for Families

Strengthen Early Childhood Wellness & Social and Emotional Development
- Improving the "Screening, Referral, and Utilization" feedback loop
- Supporting the establishment and implementation of the Integrated Infant and Early Childhood Behavioral Health (IIECBH) Strategic Plan
- Supporting trauma-informed care infrastructure building

Grow Healthy Keiki
- Supporting obesity prevention efforts, including Farm to Keiki and Farm to ECE initiatives
- Developing Early Childhood Health and Wellness Guidelines for parents and child care providers
- Expanding direct support for families with newborns during the pandemic through tele-practice, with a focus on reaching isolated, rural, and hardest to reach families

Increase Fatherhood Involvement
- In partnership with the Fatherhood Commission, working to support positive male involvement in early childhood development

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Address Disparities and Expand Equitable Access to Needed Programs and Services
• Increasing access to child care for under-served children and vulnerable and marginalized communities, including families in poverty, infants and toddlers, and housing insecure families
• Supporting efforts to highlight needs, recognize disparities, build capacity and facilitate access to programs and services on neighbor islands
• Developing Keiki Central, a comprehensive, virtual and mobile early childhood resource and referral service

Increase Affordable and Accessible Child Care Capacity
• Supporting efforts to expand capacity and strengthen the Family Child Care (FCC) workforce
• Supporting child care providers through a shared services and network model that pools many of the costly and time consuming administrative tasks of child care provision

Ensure a High-quality and Well-Supported Early Childhood Workforce
• In alignment with organizations across the state, working in order to develop a Comprehensive System of Personel Development (CSPD)
• Aligning efforts to create and sustain a pipeline of early childhood professional development, spanning secondary and higher education, in-service professional development, and aligning credentials and competencies

Strengthen School Readiness
• Working with a broad range of partners to understand, align, and strengthen efforts around successful transitions from early childhood into the Pre-K-12 education pipeline
• Participating in community efforts to develop continua of support spanning the period from birth through third grade

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