



HONOLULU ZOO CHILDREN'S DISCOVERY FOREST (HZCDF) EARLY CHILDHOOD ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MISSION

The mission of the HZCDF Early Childhood Advisory Committee is to provide guidance to Hawaii Forest Institute toward the creation of educational resources and developmentally appropriate activities at the Discovery Forest that would benefit students in pre-kindergarten through second grade, as well as early childhood educators.

GOALS

1. To assist in the creation of web-based educational resources that are aligned with Hawaii's Early Learning and Development Standards and Hawaii Content & Performance Standard Benchmarks for grades K-2.
2. To provide guidance toward the development of age appropriate activities for young children to enhance the child's place-based learning experience while at the Discovery Forest.
3. To assist in the development of place-based service learning opportunities that would be tailored to younger students in prek-2nd grade.
4. To ensure that developmentally appropriate practices are incorporated into the early childhood activities at the Discovery Forest.
5. To move young children in Prek-2nd grade along Bloom's Taxonomy of Learning Domains by providing hands-on environmental experiences so they remember, understand, and apply what they learn at the Discovery Forest.