

Supporting Title IV, Part A Implementation Across Hawai‘i

Evidence-Based Technical Assistance to Advance Student Success and Systemwide Change

Child Trends is a national nonprofit research organization with over 40 years of experience advancing child, youth, and family well-being. From 2018 to 2023, we co-led the U.S. Department of Education’s Title IV, Part A (T4PA) Technical Assistance Center, supporting all 50 states and territories. We are now an approved Hawai‘i Department of Education vendor offering direct support to Hawai‘i schools and complex areas to strengthen Title IV-A program planning and implementation.

A Comprehensive, Aligned Approach to Systems Change

Our support is grounded in Child Trends’ ***Six Guiding Principles for Education Systems Change***—a framework designed to help education leaders achieve meaningful, lasting improvements by:

- Driving change across classrooms, schools, complex areas, and central office
- Building staff capacity at all levels
- Using data for reflection, feedback, and strategy adjustment
- Promoting collaboration with educators, families, and community partners
- Aligning goals and reducing initiative overload
- Sustaining improvements through ongoing support and embedded practices

We tailor all services to your local context, supporting T4PA implementation in four core areas.

Administrative Activities

We provide strategic and compliance-oriented support to manage T4PA effectively, including:

- Conducting needs assessments aligned with HIDOE and federal guidance
- Selecting evidence-based programs and practices
- Preparing grant applications and aligning budgets
- Establishing inventory systems, financial tracking, and reporting structures
- Engaging stakeholders through consultation and communications planning
- Building systems for continuous improvement and impact monitoring

Previous evidence-based resources developed to support implementation of T4PA include: Local Education Agency Needs Assessment Tool, Evidence-Based Practices Selection Guide, Stakeholder Engagement Templates, Communications Planning Toolkit, and Continuous Improvement Self-Assessment.

Well-Rounded Educational Opportunities

We support schools in creating engaging, equitable, and rigorous learning experiences that prepare all students for college, career, and civic life. Our services include:

- STEM and STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Mathematics) integration into core instruction
- Career exploration frameworks from elementary through high school
- Arts and music integration across disciplines
- Project-based and inquiry-driven instruction
- Culturally responsive literacy and humanities
- Personalized and competency-based learning

These services expand student access to meaningful, high-interest learning opportunities and improve academic outcomes by fostering relevance, engagement, and critical thinking across content areas.

Safe and Healthy Students

We strengthen school climates and student well-being by offering:

- Development and implementation of Social and Emotional Learning (SEL) frameworks
- Training in trauma-informed practices and restorative approaches
- Technical assistance for behavior interventions and Multi-Tiered System of Supports (MTSS)
- Mental health supports and staff wellness integration
- Safety and emergency preparedness planning

These services help improve student engagement, reduce discipline incidents, and support academic success by addressing root causes of disengagement.

Effective Use of Technology

We help schools leverage technology to enhance teaching and learning through:

- Integrating digital tools into instructional planning
- Supporting blended and personalized learning environments
- Addressing the digital divide and equitable access
- Designing and evaluating professional development
- Building staff capacity to use tech for differentiation and student support

These services increase instructional flexibility, support targeted interventions, and ensure that all students benefit from high-quality, technology-enhanced learning experiences.

Service Pricing and Delivery

All services are T4PA allowable. All services are tailored based on readiness, goals, and existing capacity. Schools and complex areas can combine service formats based on need and budget.

Delivery options include: workshops (in-person or virtual), live coaching sessions, customized technical assistance plans, and ongoing implementation support.

Why Partner with Child Trends?

- Extensive experience in TP4A implementation and technical assistance
- Deep knowledge of federal requirements, state systems, and local needs
- Strong track record of improving school climate, student outcomes, and staff capacity
- Flexible support tailored to your TP4A plan
- Approved to serve all islands through HIDOE's vendor list

Let's Collaborate for Lasting Impact

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