

Title: Fostering Culturally Healthy and Responsive Schools in Hawai'i  
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#### Presentation Abstract

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The workshop will provide an opportunity for participants to find out how Native Hawaiian people have gone about developing and implementing Indigenous cultural guidelines for their schools. Based on the belief that learning environments are holistic places for learning, teaching, leading, and reflecting, these guidelines support practices and learning experiences that foster and shape the development of its learners to become responsible, capable, caring, healthy human beings who are grounded with a strong sense of cultural identity and place.

The presenters will describe the process they went through to develop the Nā Honua Maui Ola Hawai'i Guidelines for Culturally Healthy and Responsive Schools, and how they are now being used to impact teaching practice, curriculum development and community involvement in their respective schools and communities. Copies of the Cultural Guidelines will be made available to the participants.