Who We Are
Pacific Resources for Education and Learning (PREL) is an independent, 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization headquartered in Honolulu, Hawai'i.

Our vision for the Pacific is clear and compelling: to support strong schools, healthy communities, and thriving cultures with Pacific hearts and global minds.

At the heart of PREL is our world-class team: dedicated and experienced professionals who are intimately connected with the communities we serve. We consider this local knowledge and integration one of our strongest assets, allowing us to be a powerful and effective agent of change and partner for the Pacific.

Who We Serve
PREL is dedicated to working collectively in support of children who live in Hawai'i -- and all Pacific islands -- to live strong and healthy lives in their own language and culture, while also being successful global citizens.

We harness community strengths to serve local educators and students, from early childhood through higher education, with comprehensive, culturally relevant, formal and informal educational supports.

Our Network
Since 1990, we've been working with hundreds of local and international service-delivery partners and funders to co-create education strategies that are contextualized for each community. Our partners are:

- Community groups
- Corporate and private foundations
- Non-profit organizations
- State education agencies
- U.S. and international government agencies

PREL's work lies at the intersection of place-based research, theory, and practice. Our endeavors include college and career readiness, early learning, education policy, health literacy, standards and curriculum development, evaluation and assessment, and teacher professional development, as well as informal, community-based learning opportunities.

Why PREL?
PREL is recognized as the leading capacity-building nonprofit research organization in the Pacific region. The depth, diversity, and history of our work, coupled with the strength of our locally based teams and research-based knowledge and products, give PREL a unique advantage for bringing about needs-driven, sustainable change.
Project Spotlight: Water for Life

Water for Life (WfL) improves access to high-quality drinking water for Chuuk residents, while building community water literacy.

In 2015-2016, we protected groundwater springs in Wichukuno Tol and Mwan Weno by lining them with stone or concrete, and building protective retaining walls, roofs, and security screens to keep water free from plant and animal debris contamination. About 2,000 local citizens now access cleaner water.

WfL is also installing First Flush Diverters, which prevent debris from entering water tanks, at schools, community buildings, and churches for cleaner and safer water.

Our Work in Action: Language and Content

PREL establishes strong language and literacy foundations to help students succeed in both their native language and English. Working closely with the Chuuk Department of Education, we’re creating bilingual texts to support students from kindergarten through eighth grade.

These resources are written in Chuukese with English translations. Teachers and Chuuk Department of Education specialists will receive training on teaching from these materials which will focus on four themes: Traditional Stories/Legends, Environment/Climate Change, Plants & Animals, and Daily Island Life. K5 and first-grade books are already in use, with 2nd & 3rd grade materials to be disseminated this year.

Snapshot of 2016 Projects:

• Pacific islands Climate Education Partnership (PCEP) -- Our Local Professional Learning Community (LPLC) has distributed resources on climate-related topics to schools and communities.
• Pacific-American Climate Fund-- With funding from USAID's Pacific-American Climate Fund, we’ve partnered with the Chuuk Women's Council and Chuuk High School to create a school learning garden.

Get Involved

If you’re interested in supporting PREL as a volunteer, partner, or funder, we’d love to hear from you! You can also learn more about us, or make a tax-deductible gift, at www.prel.org. We frequently post updates about our work at Facebook.com/PREL.org

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