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: Ulu Kalihi

Ulu Kalihi, meaning “Kalihi growing and flourishing” in Hawaiian, promotes environmental stewardship among students in grades 3-5, teachers and community organizations by building educators’ capacity to teach about the environment through place-based and experiential learning in the Kalihi Valley watershed.

A model of professional development in environmental education, Ulu Kalihi empowers educators to teach about their environment with the support of local curriculum materials, such as E Ho’omalu; partner organizations, like Kōkua Kalihi Valley, Bishop Museum, and the Hawai’i Department of Education; and ongoing job-embedded STEM professional learning.

Our Work in Action: Bloom Where You Are Planted

“Bloom Where You Are Planted” was a series of workshops for at-risk youth in Kalihi on the island of Oahu during Fall 2016.

The series used photography, observational drawing, and writing to tell stories that focused on the theme of “Home.”

The complete collection, featuring six drawings with accompanying words, is featured on a special section of the Pacific Storytellers Cooperative website, available at storytellers.prel.org.

Snapshot of 2016 Projects:

• PREL is the external evaluator for “Ike Wai: Securing Hawai‘i’s Water Future.” This University of Hawai‘i project will measure, monitor, and model Hawai‘i’s groundwater reserves while educating a new generation of islanders to be better-prepared stewards of our most precious commodity
• Through the Pacific Regional Comprehensive Center, PREL provides technical assistance to the Hawai‘i Department of Education with the Multilingualism for Equitable Education policy, which aims to recognize and promote the rich linguistic diversity and cultural strengths of Hawai‘i’s students, including English learners.

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 post updates about our work at Facebook.com/PREL.org.

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