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: Pacific islands Climate Education Partnership

PCEP is a PREL-led collaborative network with over 1,000 partners supporting K-14 climate education in the Pacific Island communities. PCEP’s strategic plan incorporates a range of interconnected goals, grouped into four priority areas: climate education framework, local ecological knowledge, learning and teaching, and community-school partnerships.

Kosrae is a pilot site for PCEP research on children’s ecological reasoning. The goal is to determine how children from ages 8-10 learn about their environment and ecological relationships surrounding them.

Our Work in Action: Pacific Regional Comprehensive Center

The PRCC is a partnership effort between PREL and the University of Hawai‘i. PRCC provides the Pacific region state education agencies (SEAs) with high-quality, relevant information, resources, tools, and consultative expertise so that they can lead and sustain state-level initiatives that improve outcomes for students.

PRCC is partnering with the Kosrae Department of Education (KDOE) to co-develop and implement a plan for a KDOE language education policy. PRCC’s role is to support the KDOE in developing the knowledge and skills to implement state-level language policies for bilingual education.

Snapshot of 2016 Projects:

• Successful Early Eco-Literacy Development (SEED). This project supports literacy achievement for grade 3 students. Classroom teachers, PREL staff, and local museums and libraries, offer students year-round garden-based learning experiences.

• Equity Assistance Center for Bullying & Harassment. PREL delivers technical assistance to schools in Kosrae to incorporate educational equity into classroom practices, procedures, and policies to ensure all students have the tools to succeed in the future. PREL also leads a workshop that brings together parents, teachers, administrators, and the community to prevent bullying and harassment in schools.

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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