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

PREL’s “Water for Life” Program, funded by the National Science Foundation, is building capacity among teachers, schools, and communities by bringing safe and clean drinking water to 12 Majuro schools.

School-based Water Quality Management Teams test drinking water sources monthly and submit their data to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency for analysis and feedback.

Schools are also encouraged to engage Parent-Teacher Associations in cleaning and maintaining the roof and gutters to ensure that the rainwater is captured into clean tanks.

Our Work in Action: FEW-LOTS

Food, Energy, & Water - Leveraging and Organizing Toward Self-Sustainability (FEW-LOTS) is an innovative and collaborative program that helps communities in the Marshall Islands strengthen their security, resiliency, and self-sustainability in regards to fresh water and food by enhancing use of their available solar energy.

PREL held the Learning Gardens and FEW-LOTS Summer Camp in June 2016. Vegetables were grown in the Marshall Islands High School and Life Skills Academy Learning Gardens. Using salt harvested from a solar still, participants created delicious picked vegetables!

Snapshot of 2016 Projects:

• Pacific Climate Education Partnership. PREL is partnering with the Pacific Ministries of Education/Departments for curriculum development and designs; capacity building and professional development for teachers; and developing place-based climate resources for the Marshall Islands. Over the summer, 56 teachers participated in two climate education workshops.

• Water for Students - Nine outer island primary schools will be piloting the Madi Drop Treatment Technology this year. Children of these schools will be provided with disinfected and treated clean drinking water and student attendance will be monitored.

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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