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.
2016 Projects

• In April, students from all six Palau high schools created four-member teams and participated in the “World Water Day Challenge Bowl.” Each team studied the Water for Life: Handbook for Education, Health, and Community Resilience for one month and participated in five intense rounds of questioning on their water knowledge.

• PREL has partnered with the Palau Ministry of Education (MOE) to train grades 1-8 teachers to implement a new science curriculum. We’ve also supported the MOE to revise high school science and agriculture courses for grades 9-12.

Get Involved

If you’re interested in supporting PREL as a volunteer, project 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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Project Spotlight: Pacific islands Climate Education Partnership

The Pacific Islands Climate Education Partnership (PCEP) is a PREL-led collaborative network with over 1,000 partners supporting K-14 climate education.

In Palau, PCEP staff worked with Mindszenty High School to pilot the book “Mangroves: Living on the Edge in a Changing Climate” in partnership with the Belau National Museum. The group reviewed current literature on mangroves in Palau and developed and implemented an eight-day unit of study for 10th grade biology students on mangrove ecosystems in Palau. Students were guided through the book with a series of instructional activities to build their content knowledge about the science of mangrove ecosystems.

Our Work in Action: Water for Life

Through our Water for Life initiative, PREL is actively working with students, educators, scientists, and community leaders in Palau to improve water literacy and access to clean drinking water.

PREL supported the Echang community by assessing and improving water conservation efforts at local residences, and repairing leaks in the community dam which provides water for residents during extended periods of drought. WfL also distributed information on the pending drought, helped households design water conservation plans, and provided materials and technical support to assist the community in water collection and distribution initiatives.