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

The Pacific islands Climate Education Partnership (PCEP) is a collaborative network of communities and organizations responding to the impacts of climate change.

PCEP supports the Pohnpei Teachers Learning Community, which helps teachers develop knowledge-and subsequently, lesson plans--using PCEP and Water for Life books to teach in classrooms. The teachers debrief on each lesson plan shared, ensure they are aligned to state standards, and discuss ways to adapt lessons to different grade levels. Topics range from marine and fresh water resources, to high island forests, to comparisons of different environments and habitats.

Our Work in Action: Pacific Regional Comprehensive Center

In 2015, PREL’s Pacific Regional Comprehensive Center (PRCC) completed the facilitation of curriculum standards development for the Pohnpei Department of Education (PDOE). This resulted in the PDOE’s recognition as the first state in the Federated States of Micronesia to meet standards in all established content areas, including local, indigenous studies.

PREL then focused on implementation training, empowering PDOE specialists to become a professional development team. They then trained all Pohnpei teachers on the standards. PRCC has also assisted the PDOE in the development of language policy which is being shared with local communities.

Snapshot of 2016 Projects:

- Peace Corps Trainee Welcome Session – PREL staff introduced new Peace Corps Trainees to PREL and its projects and resources.

- Presentation at the Micronesia Teacher Education Conference -- PREL staff led a session titled “Learning from Our Place, Learning from Each Other,” focusing on the implementation of PCEP resources to benefit student learning in a way that values place as the first site of contextualized learning—instead of turning to textbooks as the first and/or only source of information.

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 at Facebook.com/PREL.org

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