

**“Because of you, my son will enter school ready to learn.”**



*Hoku and her 3-year old son Kevin-Brendan received assistance from the 'Ekolu 'Eha 'Ike Pono Early Screening Program, a program funded under Aloha United Way's Early Childhood Development Impact Area.*

Kevin was a normal 3-year old boy who loved to play and laugh, but had some difficulties with his hearing. His mother, Hoku, was very concerned that his hearing issues were causing a speech delay. She took him to get tested through the 'Ekolu 'Eha 'Ike Pono Early Screening Program, which is a collaborative school readiness project that provides free screenings for 3 and 4-year old keiki on Oahu. Through the screening process, a hearing problem was identified in Kevin. A case manager then referred Hoku to a doctor, who assessed the situation and cleaned out the blockage in his ears. Since then, Kevin has been retested. His hearing is now 100% and he's ready to start school.