

Education

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Individual Education: An Early Report on An Alternative Secondary School

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Hale O'Ulu, located in Ewa, Oahu, Hawaii, is a social service agency/alternative school for "alienated" and/or economically disadvantaged youth.

Common behaviors which might further characterize our target population are poor public school attendance, low achievement, drug abuse, law violations, running away from home and a history of fighting. In addition, parents are viewed as part of the target population and are included in the structure of the program such as parent education classes, conferences, etc.

Formal operations began for thirty-two teens in September 1974 when a grant was obtained from the State Department of Social Services and Housing.

Essentially, we looked for staff who had come out of the same cultural milieu as our students, and our ideal teacher would be someone with whom the students could identify. Overall, the staff may be described as young, enthusiastic, helpful, idealistic and street-wise.

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