

HAWAIIAN STUDIES PUBLIC PRESENTATION

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An Educational Journey: The Importance of Fostering Learning Practices that will Support our Keiki's Development of a Hawaiian Identity and Resilience in Education

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Abstract

My education has taken place in two cultural settings, Western/American and Hawaiian. Both have pedagogies that carry their own traditions, morals and values. Each has its own understanding of how one learns, shaped by the language and customs of each culture. As a student I have lived in both of these educational worlds concurrently. I hope to offer insights that could be used to support Native Hawaiian students successfully navigating through the Western/American education school system of which they are a part. This paper is structured as a narrative, focused on my educational journey with the intent of examining my two experiences and developing a deeper understanding of where the two pedagogies conflict and where they compliment each other.