HIPEC Program

Hawaii Interprofessional Education and Collaborative (HIPEC) Alliance Program

The Hawaii Interprofessional Education and Collaborative (HIPEC) Alliance program, housed at the UH Manoa School of Nursing and Dental Hygiene, is currently providing services at Dole Middle School. The interprofessional collaborative (IPC) practice pilot, directed by Dr. Maureen Shannon PhD, CNM, NP, was successfully launched in August 2017. The HIPEC Alliance team provides various health services for students at Dole Middle School including behavioral health, clinical pharmacy consultations, oral health, in addition to urgent and primary care services.

The HIPEC Alliance project’s overarching goal is to provide interprofessional care to children with complex health issues in school-based health centers in an effort to allow students to remain in school and engaged in learning. The success of this program has been demonstrated by the increase in the number of children returning to class after being evaluated by the HIPEC Alliance IPC practice team.

In 2018 the HIPEC team was chosen by the National Center for Accelerating Interprofessional Practice and Education as one of six exemplary projects in the country that would be highlighted by the National Center. The program’s success at Dole Middle School has sparked the interest of a number of health care stakeholders in the State about how to implement similar approaches to providing care in a variety of outpatient clinical settings.

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