

## *What We Believe*

The Discovery Garden and Lo'i should promote development of the whole child -- intellectually, socio-emotionally and physically -- and should facilitate well-being, the acquisition of the skills and the teaching of 'ohana-based values.

The Discovery Garden and Lo'i should be safe.

The Discovery Garden and Lo'i should facilitate a child's construction of knowledge. Encounters should be dynamic, interactive, and offer diverse experiences for active learning.

The Discovery Garden and Lo'i should offer graduated challenges that will engage children of all ages and skill levels, including differently-abled children.

The Discovery Garden and Lo'i should encourage interaction between children of different age and skill levels and between children and adults, serving as a focus for community activity.

The Discovery Garden and Lo'i should provide a rewarding experience for all ages, and should meet expectations with regard to safety and aesthetics of beauty and meaning through connection, heritage and spirit.

The Discovery Garden staff should conduct themselves through words, thoughts, and actions in ways that reflect shared cultural values. These values include 'ohana, mālama, laulima, kuleana, kōkua as expressed through our love for one another, and aloha.

The Discovery Garden and Lo'i landscape, activities and partnerships should acknowledge our community's commitment to its children, and to the future they will inherit.

The Discovery Garden and Lo'i reflects the *mana'o* and *na'au* of its people-the community of Ko'olauLoa, and those whose hearts dwell therein.

