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PARENT / TEACHER STUDY GROUP (PTSG)

"Thank you, thank you, thank you, for this awesome course. Our family's communication and problem solving is so much easier. The stress level is way down, and when I remember to use the techniques I learned we really come up with good solutions that are respectful to everybody. No wonder this class won a national award!"

Want your children to be more helpful, motivated and responsible? Want more cooperation and respect in your family? Each year Ho`ala offers training for parents & teachers by the Ho`ala Education Center. We will be offering a series of conversations with teachers, parents of students and the community. We call these conversations a study group. Participants of these study groups will consider ways of structuring their homes and classrooms to support mutual respect, cooperation, and effective action.

Topics to be covered:

Session One: Understanding the Ho`ala Agreement System, A Nationally Recognized Discipline Method

Ho`ala's discipline is not merely a means of controlling behavior or gaining compliance. It is a way for students to see who they are, who their neighbors are and to "choose" to practice ways of being that support their greater good and the good of the entire community. Furthermore, as adults we must work as a cohesive group employing the same practices and interactions with one another that we ask the students to practice.

Session Two: Seeing Children's Behavior and Needs

All children need to experience belonging and significance. To fill those needs, they can develop behaviors and habits which work temporarily, (attention getting, power struggle, etc.) but don't work in the long run. This session provides useful insight into how such patterns get set up and why they persist.

Session Three: Nurturing Children's Real Needs

How can we feed children's needs for belonging and significance? This session provides ways to provide children with what they need to move from neediness and struggle to confidence and cooperation.

Session Four: Avoiding Unwanted Behaviors

Parents often unwittingly perpetuate children's behaviors. This session shows how to avoid getting more of what we don't want.

Session Five: Applying it to Academics

Children want to learn, can learn, and will learn. Parents can learn to foster children's intrinsic self-motivation, but sometimes it's not easy.

This session presents some insights and prescriptions for encouraging lifetime learning and success.

PTSG is required for new families & teachers, but current parents also find value in returning for repeat sessions; a "refresher course" which strengthens their understanding and practice of the Ho`ala philosophy.