



TERRITORY OF HAWAII

CONSERVATION OF SIGHT AND
WORK WITH THE BLIND

HONOLULU, HAWAII

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Mr. Walter Ahlers, Director
Palama Settlement
810 North Vineyard Street
Honolulu, Hawaii

Dear Mr. Ahlers:

The Bureau of Sight Conservation and Work with the Blind is carrying on a program of work with young blind children in the community. We know from past experience that with the advantages of pre-school and kindergarten, a blind child is much better prepared for participating in elementary education. Therefore, we feel young blind children gain considerably from attendance at a pre-school, preferably with sighted children, as the aim in working with blind children is to place the emphasis on their abilities rather than their blindness.

Some schools have been opposed to the enrollment of a blind child, and therefore, we would like to clear with you whether Palama Nursery and Kindergarten would consider having a blind child attend? We will appreciate your consideration and answer, and I shall be glad to discuss this program further with you if you are interested.

Sincerely,

Eleanor A. Cowan
(Mrs.) Eleanor A. Cowan
Assistant Director

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*Esther -
Please advise
me on the above,
Walt 6/13*

*Phoned Cowan
on 6/24/52
OK to send child*