



LOOKING TO THE FUTURE

Strategic Planning is integral to the functioning of any organization. It shines a spotlight on where you have been, where you are, and where you want to go. The Kukui Children's Foundation (KCF) held a retreat in May to do just that. We were fortunate that Tracey Wiltgen, the Executive Director of the Mediation Center of the Pacific, agreed to help plan and conduct the meeting. This brought us the perspective of a long time tenant as well as a highly skilled facilitator.

We are a unique nonprofit in that we operate a building, the Kukui Center, that benefits 8 other nonprofits. United by the 3 "Cs" collaboration, cooperation and co-location, we have evolved over our 10 years of service. When we first opened the Kukui Center in 2009, we felt that we had achieved our goal and fulfilled our mission which is ...

To assist vulnerable children, particularly those who are abused or at risk of abuse, are in foster care or homeless. The Kukui Children's Foundation will use its resources to provide a safe, nurturing and comfortable environment to support the work of a network of programs which provide services to promote the health and well being of these children, their families and caregivers. When available and appropriate, our resources will also serve other needy citizens in our community.

And we have, with over 20,000 people served in 2018 by Kukui Center programs.



KCF Board of Directors

We are a very unusual landlord. As we gained experience with operating the center, and getting to work with our tenants, we expanded our role. Watching some of our small nonprofits struggling to raise funds, the KCF decided to do what we could to ensure their vital services continued. To this end, we have given annual rent credits as well as helping them make contacts for community support. This has directly contributed to their stability and ability to grow and develop new programs.

Another initiative to help our tenants was the development of the Community Partners Program to bring volunteer support from service organizations, businesses and volunteers. The KCF funds a coordinator position to carry out this rapidly expanding program, with close to 70 partners to date.

As we looked to the future, several issues rose to the top. Can we expand our infrastructure and benefit more nonprofits? Should/can we expand to other communities both to the benefit of current tenants and to benefit other communities? How can we strengthen and grow the Community Partners Program? How to strengthen to board to meet the future needs of the organization?

This is our challenging and exciting new agenda.

THIS SUCCESS STORY WRITES ITSELF!



Kids Hurt Too Hawaii
Healing Young Hearts

"My time at HI Rising [a Project of Kids Hurt Too Hawaii] has impacted my life in a big way," says student, MP. He continues, "Having this experience has given me some experience to prepare for when I get my own business one day."

MP said, "I've been able to get the information to get my daughter into school. I'm actually disappointed to be ending early, even though it's for a good reason." The reason MP left us is to take a job offer he could not refuse. This is the goal of HI Rising's workforce training efforts.



HI Rising Store

MP is one of several students who got a job, returned to high school, or went on to higher education. "The people at Kids Hurt Too Hawaii and HI Rising are all amazing in their own way. I've gained invaluable skills and perspective."

This is one of many successes at Kids Hurt Too Hawaii. Our grieving and displaced children and youth, including many victims of crime, receive services and support to stabilize their lives. "I hope I can continue to take part in Kids Hurt Too Hawaii in the future when my scheduling is worked out," stated MP.



Making Strides to End Family Homelessness

The recently published report on the annual homeless census, the Point in Time Count (PIT), revealed significant progress: a 42% decline in family homelessness on Oahu since 2015. The PIT is a survey of those experiencing homelessness in our community on one night. Despite a rise in homelessness among single individuals, there's been a consistent reduction in family homelessness over the past few years. How? Some of the most effective best practices include homeless prevention and diversion efforts, focusing services in shelter on helping families quickly access permanent housing options, targeted financial assistance to help families move into housing, and continued case management to help ensure families remain housed. These services provide a holistic solution that involves prevention, crisis support, and stabilization.

While a reduction in family homelessness is a huge step in the right direction, there are still *keiki* living on the streets, in parks, and in cars. With 49% of Hawaii's households struggling to afford a basic cost of living budget, we can be certain that more families will fall into crisis. Family Promise will continue to help families secure or maintain their housing as quickly as possible, but we need the community's support. Only with access to more housing units can we move families into housing quicker, so that each child's experience with homelessness is as brief as possible. Continued funding is also critical to maintain the programs that are working: housing-focused shelter, homeless prevention and diversion programs, rental assistance, and on-going case management.



Hale Kipa

Jaymee, A Success Story

Jaymee is an amazing young woman who has overcome much in her short life. She gave birth to her first son while she was still in foster care, and he was immediately taken into foster custody. Jaymee took the initiative to take parenting classes, followed all of the expectations of DHS, obtained independent housing, and sought out supports until she was able to gain custody of her son. Jaymee's son was born with medical issues, and she has been there for him through multiple surgeries, advocates for quality care, and continues to be his protector and advocate in all things. She has continued to pursue her education in hopes of becoming a lawyer to help other people in similar situations, and she is a strong advocate for herself and others. Jaymee has successfully maintained her independence while building strong lasting relationships, and parenting her 2 children. Jaymee is about to start Job Corps, and plans to be the first in her family to graduate from college and purchase her own home, and is actively pursuing those goals.



Sisters Thrive in Reading and Girls Leadership Programs

Jaycee, Kaylee, Anna and Kalani are sisters living in public housing in Waianae. Jaycee is the oldest and brings her three younger sisters weekly to Hawaii Literacy's Bookmobile program.

From the start, Jaycee was a strong reader and become one of the Peer Tutoring project's first trained tutors, but her younger sisters struggled. Anna especially struggled, but had a goal of becoming a tutor like her older sister. For 2 years, Anna came faithfully to the Bookmobile to read and be tutored. This spring, Anna's teacher asked her how she was making such big improvements in her reading, Anna told her about the Bookmobile and Peer Tutoring she received. After these free tutoring sessions, Anna now not only reads above grade level, but recently joined her sister as a Peer Tutor!

Jaycee once told our staff that becoming a Peer Tutor was the best thing in her life. Before Peer Tutoring, Jaycee was not doing well in school and felt lost. Today, she is a motivated student, amazing reader and active volunteer with dreams of attending Yale University.

The sisters later joined Hawaii Literacy's Girls Leadership Group, where girls meet monthly and empower each other to overcome challenges and set college and career goals. Jaycee and Anna are both interested in careers in medicine and their confidence grows as our staff helps them see their goals as possible.

We are proud of all four sisters and how the Bookmobile program has changed their future path as better readers, students, and young women.



Sisters-Jaycee, Kaylee, Anna, Kalani

Mediation Skills for Managers – Informal Mediation Skills in the Workplace

The Mediation Center of the Pacific (MCP) has a proven track record of successfully assisting people to resolve conflict of all types. The secret to the success is the process and skills used by the mediators to empower people in conflict to talk and come up with their own creative solutions. To encourage more people to learn and use mediation tools and approaches, in addition to the three-day formal Mediation Training MCP conducts twice a year, MCP now offers a one-day Mediation Skills for Managers, training for individuals, businesses, schools, healthcare facilities and more.

Through exercises and simulated mediation practices, the participants learn mediation skills and an informal approach to helping people resolve conflict. The training has become so popular, that the customized trainings must now be scheduled three to four months out. Over the past eight



months, all of the principals and vice-principals from the Honolulu School District have completed the training, as well as Honolulu Police Department (HPD) Captains and Majors, physicians, dentists, HR Professionals, managers and more. The feedback from the participants included comments such as:

"This training gave me a whole new perspective in dealing with conflict. Not only on a management level, but also on a personal basis. Every manager should attend these types of training."

As more people learn informal mediation skills and incorporate those skills into their personal and work lives, a culture of creative problem-solving will be developed and families, workplaces and businesses in Hawaii will ultimately be strengthened.



healthy
mothers
healthy
babies

COALITION
OF HAWAII

Elyse had just moved back to Hawaii and had her first child. She is one of many that have participated in Piko Pals and then became a group leader, wanting to give back to the community and connect with more moms. Piko Pals is a 12-week program that connects and empowers new parents of babies age 0-4 months to build their own village through facilitated discussions in an emotionally and intellectually safe environment. Piko Pals sets the stage for connection and friendship with peers in your community, so you can make lasting relationships to share and celebrate the joys and challenges of new parenthood. Healthy Mothers

Giving Back



Piko Pals 'Ohana

Healthy Babies Coalition (HMHB) is happy to announce more Piko Pals groups. Please check out our website for the upcoming start dates for the new groups.

In addition, HMHB is not only looking for Piko Pals participants, but also volunteer group leaders. Do you have a passion for empowering new parents and building community? Group Leaders do not need to be parenting experts. They do however,

need to be nurturing, empathetic, and supportive of a variety of parenting styles, diverse backgrounds and cultures. We will be having a **group leader training on July 17th, 2019 from 9:00 AM-1:00 PM**. To register for Piko Pals, train to be a group leader, or to learn more, please email pikopals@hmhb-hawaii.org, call (808)737-5805, or visit our website at hmhb-hawaii.org/programs/piko-pals/

HAWAII IMMIGRANT JUSTICE CENTER AT LEGAL AID SOCIETY OF HAWAII



Workshop on the REAL ID ACT With HIJC Staff

The REAL ID Act requirements for citizens of the Freely Associated States ("COFA") were changed as of April 2019. As a result many citizens of the Federated States of Micronesia, Republic of the Marshall Islands, and the Republic of Palau were being denied driver's license or State ID cards with the REAL ID Act compliant "gold star" without any warning. In response to the urgent need for legal services, the Hawaii Immigrant Justice Center at Legal Aid (HIJC) hosted a free legal workshop for citizens of the Federated States of Micronesia, Republic of the Marshall Islands, and the Republic of Palau on June 1, 2019. Approximately 400 people participated in the workshop at Waipahu Elementary School.

The workshop included a presentation entitled, "Important Documents for Citizens of the Freely Associated States," and covered the REAL ID Act and a step-by-step guide on how to complete an I-765 Application for Employment Authorization. HIJC partnered with the Hawaii State Department of Education, Consulate of the Marshall Islands, Waipahu Safe Haven, Hawaii Chapter of the American Immigration Lawyers Association, and The Legal Clinic.

HIJC assisted more than 225 COFA migrants with the I-765 Application for Employment Authorization in 2018. HIJC will host workshops throughout the State of Hawaii. Check out Legal Aid's Facebook page for events and updates. Call (808) 536-4302 for legal assistance.



Leadership in Disabilities & Achievement of Hawaii

Undiagnosed Hearing Problems vs. Early Screening Detection Hearing

LDAH is helping children with undiagnosed hearing problems by catching it early and helping children stay on track in school. The Knight family had no idea that 4-year-old Kastin had a hearing problem, but after a screening at his preschool in May they discovered he suffered from a mild hearing loss in both ears. Elyssa Knight reported, "as mom, I assumed before the screen that he was loud, outgoing and crazy and that it was part of his personality." However, when mom received the results back from LDAH, Kastin needed to be checked by his pediatrician. As a Community Based Screening project, LDAH spends a great deal of time, educating parents on the benefits of early screening early detection. Unless you understand and know what to look for, most parents interpret their children ignoring them, not listening or rambunctious, as bad behavior. When a hearing loss is caught early and early intervention and resources begin, children will have a positive outcome in school. Hawai'i families are commonly enjoying outdoor activities afterschool and on weekends. During the summer season, families are camping, swimming, and picnicking at the beach on a regular basis. The chances of children developing ear infections or have increased wax build up during these times of the year are greater. Regular check ups with pediatricians, ear cleaning and early hearing screening can help prevent undetected hearing loss and keep children healthy and ready for instruction.



As for Kastin, he recently had tubes inserted in his ears which made a world of difference. Mom reports, "if we didn't catch it now, it would have delayed his speech. We notice now he can hear better and he can produce those sounds he wasn't able to hear before which was affecting his speech." His parents said, "he's ready for success when he starts Kindergarten, thanks to early screening. We recommend all parents have their children screened early, it's worth it and it's free!"

A wise woman who was traveling in the mountains found a precious stone in a stream. The next day she met another traveler who was hungry, and the wise woman opened her bag to share her food. The hungry traveler saw the precious stone and asked the woman to give it to him. She did so without hesitation. The traveler left, rejoicing in his good fortune. He knew the stone was worth enough to give him security for a lifetime. But a few days later he came back to return the stone to the wise woman.

"I've been thinking," he said, "I know how valuable the stone is, but I give it back in the hope that you can give me something even more precious. Give me what you have within you that enabled you to give me the stone."

"The Wise Woman's Stone"
Author Unknown

Featuring...  **Family Promise**
of Hawaii

Wish List Items Needed



FAMILY PROMISE is running low on some critical supplies. They try to provide free hygiene products to families enrolled in their programs so they are able to save up their money for a place of their own! **Size 5 & 6 diapers, toilet paper and laundry soap are in great need.** Wishlist donations can be dropped off at their Kukui Center location, 245 North Kukui Street or you can contact their office at 548-7478 to schedule a pick-up.



E Komo Mai to the Hawaii Lodging and Tourism Association and Hawaii Youth Services Network to the Kukui Children's Foundation Community Partners 'Ohana.

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If you know of an individual, non-profit or organization that can offer their support and interested in joining our Community Partners Program, please email mamong@kukuicenter.org.



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