



## KUKUI CENTER CELEBRATES ITS FIRST DECADE OF SERVICE

They say time flies when you are having fun. Looking back on the process of establishing the Kukui Center as Hawaii's first co-located and collaborative center to serve vulnerable children and families, the beginning wasn't easy. It took a lot of hard work on the part of the Kukui Children's Foundation board and staff, public officials, funders, community organizations and prospective tenants. But we did it and we did have fun.

We opened our doors in January 2009 after several years of preparation and renovations. Yes, there were (and are) several buildings in Honolulu that house nonprofits, but none operate with a mandate, written into a lease, that they work collaboratively. And it's been a very productive 10 years. Last year, Kukui Center programs grew to serving nearly 18,000 persons statewide. As we in the Kukui Center enter the next decade there are exciting plans for expansion and new programs that will do even more for the community as described in this newsletter.

**People ask why, if this is such a good model, don't others replicate it?** And that is a great question. There are hundreds of nonprofit centers all over the mainland. There are many different models. Some are theme centers with similar missions such as a focus on the arts, the environment, etc. Others are multi-service centers with diverse missions and clients. Others are direct service centers, such as the Kukui Center, also known as "one stop centers" which focus on specific populations such as seniors, the disabled, and children and families.

According to the Nonprofit Centers Network, nonprofit centers benefit the communities they serve in several ways: they serve as centers for change,

provide a community hub, provide economic development by locating in underdeveloped areas, and have demonstrated their financial viability.

There are huge benefits as well to programs housed within nonprofit centers:

- 72% report significant improvement in community awareness and credibility due to increased visibility
- 86% experience significant improvements in their overall effectiveness and efficiency
- Organizations located in nonprofit centers experience significant savings on annual operating costs
- Co-location enables synergies

There are additional benefits. Most importantly, clients can get help from any of the diverse programs operating in the center. And, with the help of our coordinator, the Kukui Center's Community Partners Program provides volunteer support from over 60 businesses, organizations and individuals .

We don't have an answer to the question but we stand ready and interested in partnering to establish more of these centers in Hawaii. There is tremendous potential, whether through working with currently co-located programs to build collaborations and community partners programs or considering the establishment of new centers. And if there are more centers that we aren't aware of, we hope you will contact us so we can grow the collaborations and learn from each other.

Anyone interested in learning more about us, is encouraged to visit [www.kukuicenter.org](http://www.kukuicenter.org) . On our website you can also find information about our partner agencies and community partners program.

## PEACE, LOVE AND UNCONDITIONAL SUPPORT

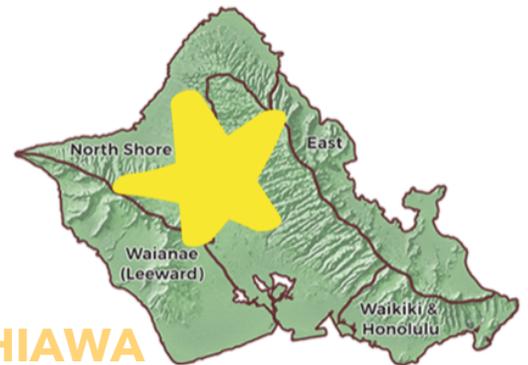
The nature of Kids Hurt Too Hawaii (KHTH) is one of peace, love and unconditional support for families in various stages of grief. Our unique services address the emotional, psychological and/or physical needs of our family members 70% of whom are victims of crime. One hundred percent of our children and youth have lost one or both parents. We focus on stabilizing the family, ensuring family safety, and bringing peace and understanding to family members who are grieving losses and pain due to trauma. Through case management, services are tailored to meet the specific needs of families to increase their sense of security, reduce their grief and loss, and to build their capacity for self-advocacy.

In order to reach more families in need, KHTH has initiated efforts to begin holding peer support groups, mentoring activities, and providing case management on the Waianae Coastline. **Here is how we are doing it:**



Kids Hurt Too Hawaii  
Healing Young Hearts

- Applied for necessary funding.
- Initiated partnership with Kamehameha Schools and/or Hale Na`au Pono for free or low cost space to provide peer support groups and case management.
  - Complete all tasks necessary for successful program startup.
  - Publicize the upcoming availability of services to eligible families.
  - Start services on the West side within six weeks of receiving funding.
- Provide one two-hour set of peer support groups reaching as many as 45 family members (ages three and up) monthly, and semi-regular mentoring activities, with the intent to increase the number of services provided according to the needs of the community and the resources available at KHTH.



### FAMILY PROMISE EXPANSION TO WAHIAWA

Unfortunately, family homelessness continues to persist in our community. Families experiencing homelessness are not always visible, many live doubled up with relatives and friends or are living in their cars. Family Promise of Hawaii estimates that hundreds of families experience homelessness every night on Oahu and shelter space for families often does not meet the need for services. The high cost of living on Oahu and low wage jobs continues to force families into homelessness in our community.

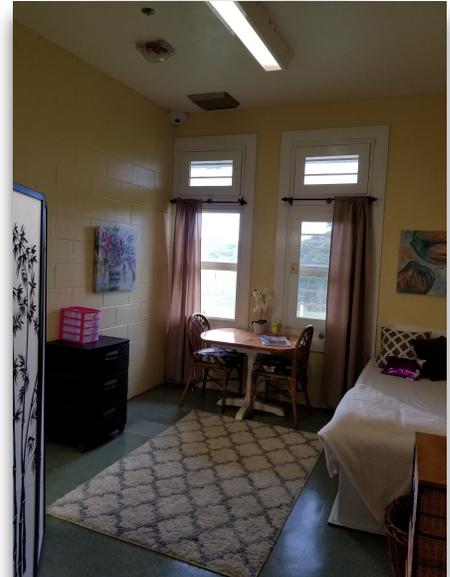
There currently is no shelter available for families experiencing homelessness in Central Oahu/North Shore. In Summer 2019, Family Promise will open a new site based in Wahiawa. The new location will provide shelter, along with prevention and stabilization services for low-income families in Central Oahu/North Shore. We anticipate being able to serve 35% more families annually once our site is operational. Keep up-to-date with our expansion by following Family Promise of Hawaii on Facebook and Instagram!



## RESPONDING TO THE NEEDS OF OUR COMMUNITY Hale Kipa

Hale Kipa’s Independent Living Program (ILP) partnered with the YMCA and Geist to launch a modified and more versatile version of New U! (fitness and well being program) and registered 10 new youth. Seven case managers were able to join the youth to support them in using the resource and gaining confidence to start . Hale Kipa staff support, encourage, and educate youth as they actively pursue health and fitness goals, gain confidence participating in fitness classes, and learn healthy habits. Hale Kipa staff provide one on one information about a variety of curriculum topics, including stress management, healthy eating, cardio vs resistance training, time management, and overall wellbeing practices.

Responding to community needs, Hale Kipa most recently opened a new Emergency Shelter (ESH) for minor victims and survivors of sex trafficking, ages 12-17. While being run by Hale Kipa, it is part of a larger partnership of agencies who are all concerned about the victimization of children and youth including the Department of Human Services, Kawailoa Youth and Family Wellness Center, Susannah Wesley Community Center Trafficked Victim Assessment Program, Project Kealahou and Ho’ola Na Pua among others. Youth may stay there while obtaining a range of services and waiting for more long-term placement or return home.



*Hale Kipa Emergency Shelter Room*

## HAWAII LITERACY LAUNCHES A SECOND BOOKMOBILE FOR O’AHU

This year our employees and volunteers are working together to expand several programs at Hawaii Literacy! This spring, we are excited to welcome our new, second bookmobile, which will allow the program to serve 2,600 keiki annually! Our current Bookmobile travels to 12 different Leeward sites each week to provide opportunities and access to books and learning, and with this addition, we will reach 8 new sites, including Waimānalo, Pālolo, Papakōlea, Waipahu, and Honolulu!

The expansion of the Bookmobile program will continue to provide learning resources such as free books and tablets, peer tutoring sessions for keiki, teen leadership projects, and fun literacy activities, all designed to help struggling keiki become better, more confident readers and writers. We are excited to see this new Bookmobile grow our capacity to help kids read!



*Second Bookmobile will serve nearly 800 new families on O’ahu*



A second new initiative is our recently established Learner Council, which brings together learners from our Adult Literacy tutoring program. This motivated group of parents and job seekers meets monthly at the Kukui Center, on topics the group requests, such as financial literacy, nutrition, and using community resources. After a recent training by HawaiiUSA Federal Credit Union, several learner council members acted to reach one of their goals, and set up their first bank account! The Council offers a place for adults and parents who face similar struggles to share openly, confide in, and help one another! We are very excited for 2019 and the new initiatives that will help increase literacy for parents and keiki across the state!

The Mediation Center of the Pacific's (MCP) mission is to provide high quality mediation and dispute resolution services that are affordable and accessible. To support the mission, MCP's board of directors and staff continually assess services as well as current community needs, making changes and developing new programs as needed. Two new initiatives that have been recently undertaken by MCP in response to community needs, are the creation of an online mediation program (OMP) and the expansion of the Kupuna Pono Program to help elders engage in conversations regarding the terms of their Advanced Care Directive (ACD).

Through the OMP, rather than meet in a mediation room or court, mediation participants can now virtually work through disputes at anytime, anywhere, provided they have internet access and a computer, tablet, or smart phone to connect. OMP is particularly valuable to active duty military who are suddenly deployed and are unable to meet in person with their landlord regarding the return of their security deposit.

Through the expanded Kupuna Pono Program, elders can now complete an ACD as part of a facilitated family conference. Equally important, the elder's family members gain a clear



understanding of what is important to the elder member and how they want to be treated, if they are no longer able to make decisions for themselves. This new initiative not only helps to address a critical community need to encourage people to have ACD's in place before they become incapacitated, it also helps to prevent future conflict among family members.

MCP is excited to offer these new programs to the public and ultimately assist more people in preventing and resolving conflict!



## HAWAII IMMIGRANT JUSTICE CENTER AT LEGAL AID SOCIETY OF HAWAII'

### *Maria's Story*

Maria is native of Mexico who suffered daily physical, psychological, emotional, and sexual abuse inflicted by her husband during their 10 years of marriage. He often beat her until she lost consciousness. Their first child also suffered physical, psychological, and emotional abuse from his father, resulting in speech problems. The abusive father refused to allow him treatment. When the child was 3, Maria sent him to her parents in Mexico to escape the abuse. She finally gained the strength to end the abusive relationship and left with their second child to live independently. In 2015, through the assistance of the Hawaii Immigrant Justice Center (HIJC) at Legal Aid, Maria gained legal immigration status as a victim of crime. However, she was not able to have their first child join her in the U.S. as her abusive husband refused permission for him to apply for a passport. Her son had to wait until he turned 18 years old to apply for a passport by himself. In December 2018, with the assistance of HIJC, her son was finally able to be reunited with Maria in Hawaii after being separated for more than 15 years.



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healthybabies

COALITION OF HAWAII

Did you know postpartum depression and anxiety affects close to 20% of new mothers and can strike at any point of pregnancy and the year after birth? Finding maternal mental health support that takes the unique emotional needs of mothers into consideration is key.

Healthy Mothers Healthy Babies is pleased to announce the introduction of new maternal mental health treatment services

through two Licensed Clinical Social Workers (LCSWs) to help connect services to women in need. Meet our team:



Jess Logan, LCSW, works with women before, during and after pregnancy to address stress reduction, relationship issues, depression, anxiety, trauma, Obsessive-Compulsive Disorder (OCD) and Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD). She also offers grief counseling for miscarriage or neonatal loss. Jess focuses on women's mental health and offers individual therapy sessions in the office, via telemedicine (video conference from your home), and "walk and talk" therapy.



Rachel Ebert, LCSW, enjoys working with individuals struggling before, during and after pregnancy. Rachel has worked with families and individuals in a variety of settings for 15 years. She received a Maternal Mental Health training certificate through Postpartum Support International and 2020Mom, and is currently becoming certified to counsel women on pregnancy, infant loss and birth trauma.



Leadership in Disabilities & Achievement  
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HAWAII FAMILY ENGAGEMENT CENTERS



For over 50 years, LDAH has been leading parents statewide to speak out, create change, take action, share ideas and network with families on behalf of their children with disabilities. What are they advocating for? An equitable education for their children compared to their typically developing peers; for access to all educational opportunities; for fair treatment of their children; to be included rather than excluded.

In Hawai'i, we have a melting pot of cultures, ethnicities and diversities that makes our state unique. Today, the 21<sup>st</sup> century family has a whole new meaning. A child grows up in a blended family of aunts and uncles living under one roof. Grandparents are raising their grandchildren and same sex marriage allows for children to have two

moms or two dads. What exactly can we say about the "true" family? The truth is, our best efforts to find a common thread surrounding our society today is found in the strength of our children and families.

This year UH Mānoa (UHM), Hawai'i DOE (HIDOE) and Leadership in Disabilities & Achievement of Hawai'i (LDAH) are partnering to create Hawai'i's Family Engagement Centers (HFEC). There is a need for a systemic approach to family-school engagement. HFEC will provide evidenced-based programs, activities, and TA that are designed to align with the following six guiding principles that reflect the six National PTA standards. These Guiding Principles are: **Families Will Experience the School Environment as Welcoming, Effective School-Family Communication, Families and Schools Will Collaborate to Support Students, Every Child Will Have Adults on Their Side, Families and Schools Will Share Power, Schools Will Collaborate with Their Communities.** UHM, HIDOE and LDAH will launch our first cohort on June 11, 2019. Family-school engagement is creating capacity in Hawai'i to develop and sustain strong productive relationships among schools, parents, and community so that children thrive developmentally and academically.

Giving not only feels good, but does so much good. Please help with a donation to the nonprofit agencies at the Kukui Center to support their programs, keiki and 'ohana in need of a helping hand. Here is the Wish List. Mahalo for your generosity.

### KIDS HURT TOO HAWAII

Works with Children, Youth and Caregivers who are Grieving  
Office - 545-5683

- Canned Food: Chili, Canned Tomatoes, Corn, Non-Perishables
- Snacks: Chips, Crackers, Cookies
- New Clothing items to sell at our HI Rising Store



### LEADERSHIP IN DISABILITIES & ACHIEVEMENT IN HAWAII

Working to support and educate parents, families and professionals to meet the needs of children and youth with any disability, and we need your help.

Office - 536-9685

- Water Pitcher
- Alcohol Swabs
- Batteries (AA & AAA)
- Clorox Wipes
- Art/School Supplies/BackPacks
- Gift Cards (Walmart, Target)



### HAWAII LITERACY

Our five programs focus on those with the lowest literacy skills and help disadvantaged children prepare for and succeed in school, give adults a second chance to learn to read and write, and train hundreds of literacy volunteers to teach in our communities. We provide books, mentors, literacy promotion, and the skills needed to break cycles of poverty and under-education.

Office - 537-6706

- Office Supplies
- Biodegradable Paper Goods
- 1 Vacuum & 1 Handheld Vacuum
- 2 Easel White Boards
- Plastic Bins for Storage
- Art/School Supplies/BackPacks
- Gift Cards (Jamba Juice, Longs, Walmart, Target)
- Sturdy, Good Condition Banker Boxes or Copy Paper boxes with Lids



### MEDIATION CENTER OF THE PACIFIC

Helping people talk, negotiate and resolve conflict creatively

Office - 521-6767

- Coffee
- Snacks for Clients (Chips, Granola Bars, etc.)
- Gift Cards for Volunteers (Movies, Starbucks, Jamba Juice, etc.)

### HEALTHY MOTHERS HEALTHY BABIES

We are part of a network of organizations and individuals committed to improving Hawai'i's maternal, child and family health through collaborative efforts in programs, public education, advocacy and partner development. Before, during and after pregnancy, we are here every step of the way.

Office - 737-5805

- Volunteer assistance for "Group Facilitators for new parent support groups" - training is provided on a bi-monthly basis.



### HALE KIPA

Provides opportunities and environments that strengthen and encourage youth, their families and communities to actualize their potential and social responsibility.

Office - 589.1829

- Diapers
- Art Supplies
- Gift Cards (Walmart/Target)
- Journals



### FAMILY PROMISE

Transforming the lives of homeless families. because every child deserves a home. We deliver life saving services: prevention, shelter and stabilization to families in need.

Office - 548-7478

- Wall Mounted Diaper Changing Table
- Art Supplies
- Canned Food

**HALE KIPA AND FAMILY PROMISE** are in need of the following items for their **newly housed** 'ohana:

- Kitchen items
- Cleaning supplies
- Furniture
- Linens
- Towels
- Pillows



**ALL THE AGENCIES** are in need of volunteers to do clerical tasks, answering phones and translators for languages common in Hawaii, i.e. Chuukese.

You may contact the agency directly or email [mamong@kukuicenter.org](mailto:mamong@kukuicenter.org) to coordinate the delivery of your donations. *Mahalo.*



Mahalo Community Partners for your continued support of goods and services.

*With Aloha, The Staff at the Kukui Center*

## *2019 Community Partners*

### **Partnerships for Donations of Services**

Ace Security and Locksmiths  
 Advanced Fencing Solutions  
 AESolutionsLLC  
 After School Art  
 Alston Hunt Floyd & Ing  
 ALTRES Global Business Services  
 American Massage Therapy Association  
 American Savings Bank  
 Anthology Marketing Group  
 Carr,Gouveia+Associates,CPAs, Inc.  
 Cushman & Wakefield ChaneyBrooks  
 Chef Aaron Ortiz  
 College Directions Hawaii  
 Dennis Kim  
 HACBED  
 Hagadone Printing  
 Hawaii Digi Doc  
 Hawaii Self Storage  
 HawaiiUSA Federal Credit Union  
 IPR Hawaii  
 King's Kustom Tinting  
 KFVE The Home Team  
 Law Offices of Neal K.Aoki  
 Learn to Love Yoga  
 Leonui Communications

### **Partnerships for Donations of Goods**

Aunty Sally  
 Big Diner  
 Central Pacific Bank  
 CS Wo & Sons  
 Assn. of Legal Administrators  
 GWizPromotions  
 Honolulu Sign Company  
 Islander Group  
 Junior League  
 Junior League Sustainers  
 Pepsi Beverages Company  
 Servco Pacific  
 Soderholm Bus Sales and Leasing  
 Soldat Construction  
 Trade West  
 Vim and Vigor  
 Kirk Hovious

### **Partnerships with Volunteers, Service Clubs, Non-Profit Organizations**

Arcadia Retirement Residence  
 Bruce McEwan  
 Habilitat, Inc.  
 Hands in Helping Out  
 Harris United Methodist Church  
 Izumo Taishakyo Mission of Hawaii  
 Kappa Kappa Gamma Sorority  
 Luke Center for Public Services  
 Seymour Kazimirski  
 Waikiki Community Center Seniors  
 Winners Camp Foundation

### **Partnerships for Donations of Funds**

Aloha United Way  
 Ili'ili Fund  
 Evans Fund  
 Jhamandas Watumull Fund  
 Friends of Hawaii Charities  
 Na Lei Aloha Foundation  
 Women's League of Central Union Church

**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](mailto:mamong@kukuicenter.org).**

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**OUR FAMILY OF SOCIAL SERVICES**

**Family Promise of Hawaii**

Resources for homeless  
families with children  
(808) 548-7478

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Training center for parents  
of children with disabilities  
(808) 536-9684

[www.LDAHhawaii.org](http://www.LDAHhawaii.org)

**Hale Kipa**

Outreach services for child abuse  
victims in, or transitioning out of,  
foster care to become independent  
(808) 853-4660

[info@halekipa.org](mailto:info@halekipa.org)

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Legal services for immigrant victims  
of abuse and domestic violence  
(808) 536-4302

[www.hijcenter.org](http://www.hijcenter.org)

**Healthy Mothers Healthy Babies**

Advocacy for a child's right to be born  
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and nurturing environment

(808) 737-5805

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(808) 537-6706

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Conflict resolution for  
cases involving children  
and others

(808) 521-6767

[www.mediatehawaii.org](http://www.mediatehawaii.org)

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Support for grieving children  
who have lost a parent  
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