



# THE KUKUI CENTER COUNTS

The Kukui Center (KC) is a **2** story, **18,000** square foot hub of support that houses **7** dedicated agencies that serve vulnerable children and families.

In 2023 alone, these small nonprofits collectively served over **25,000** people, showcasing the significant impact of their hard work and dedication. The KC is driven by the Kukui Children’s Foundation which is supported by **10** board members and a staff of **2** people. Together, they foster a collaborative environment where these organizations can thrive.

The center features **1** playground, **1** conference room, and ample parking (**56** stalls) to accommodate its staff and visitors. Additionally, the center’s reach extends statewide with **6** mobile units, ensuring support across O’ahu and the neighbor islands.

Community support is a cornerstone of the Kukui Center's success. With **4** newsletters published each year and over **70** community partners, the center maintains strong connections with a caring community. This support allows the center to continually build capacity and expand its reach, providing critical services to those in need.

The innovative approach of mobile services has been a game-changer. These **6** units allow the KC agencies to deliver assistance directly within the communities they serve, ensuring that support is accessible to everyone, regardless of their location.

It all adds up to what it is clearly evident: the Kukui Center is more than just a facility—it is a beacon of hope and a testament to what can be accomplished through dedication, collaboration, and community support.



*by Lorraine Gershun  
Executive Director*

## 2 OUR PROGRAMS BY THE NUMBERS



healthy mothers  
healthy babies  
COALITION OF HAWAII

Over the past thirty years, Healthy Mothers Healthy Babies Coalition of Hawaii has worked to improve equitable access to maternal and child health for thousands of women, children, and families in Hawaii. Before, during, and after pregnancy, we are here every step of the way.



- **4,000+** People Served through Direct Programs
- **1,300** Average Monthly Calls/Telehealth Inquiries
- **3,145** Vaccines
- **1,839** Clinical Encounters: STI, Lactation, Prenatal/Postpartum

### WHO WE SERVE



39% Native Hawaiian



50% Pacific Islanders

7% Micronesian, 3% Marshallese, 7% Chuukese, 27% Filipino, 6% Samoan



42% Single Mothers

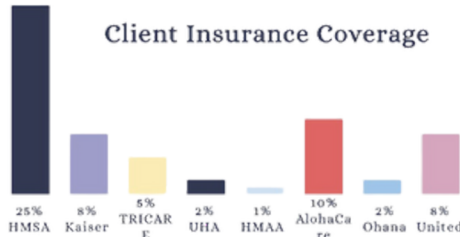


41% on MEDICAID



47% are receiving WIC/SNAP/BOTH

### Client Insurance Coverage



15% WIC Only Recipients



11% SNAP Only Recipients



21% WIC & SNAP Recipients

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### 2023 IMPACT

- **163** Kupuna Served
- **42** Clients in Community Based Doula Program
- **44** Community Outreach Events
- **200+** Mental Healthy Therapy Sessions
- **203** Safe Sleep Classes
- **131** Home Visits
- **500+** Other Wrap-Around Social Support: Food, Diapers, Formula and other Provisions

Our work  
Healing Young Hearts



Kids Hurt Too Hawaii

**Kids Hurt Too Hawaii** offers a free and safe place for children and youth with grief and trauma, ages 3 -19, as well as support for their caregivers. We provide the following services to children who have lost one or both parents:



Peer Support Groups



Crisis management after homicide, suicide, or car crashes.



Mentoring for Positive Growth

We have served

- Over **300** Youth and Family Members served with direct services
- Over **500** trained on youth, grief, loss, trauma, and our services
- Trained over **5,000** Adults
- Dozens of Mentoring Activities, including: Surfing, Judo, Concerts, and More!





Each year, through **5** proven programs, we connect over **7,500** keiki and adults on **4** islands with essential reading, writing and life-long learning skills to create a brighter future for themselves and future generations.



**#1 Determinant of Academic Success**

A mother's reading skill is the greatest determinant of her children's future academic success.



*"The program is a benefit to the keiki as well as their parents who may need the additional resources to better support their children. When children benefit from literacy we all benefit as a community."  
-Principal Jill*



**1 in 6 or 48 Million** adults in the US cannot read above a 3rd grade level



The Hawai'i Immigrant Justice Center (HIJC) provides free legal services to eligible indigent immigrants living in the State of Hawai'i.

**FY 2024 Impact By The Numbers**



**700+ TOTAL PEOPLE SERVED**



**130+ SURVIVORS OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE ASSISTED**



**155 + SURVIVORS OF CRIMES HELPED**



**30 CLIENTS BECAME US CITIZENS**



**100+ IMMIGRATION APPLICATIONS FILED**



**50+ APPLICATIONS FOR HEALTH INSURANCE ASSISTANCE FILED**



**PROVIDED ASSISTANCE WITH 130+ PUBLIC BENEFITS APPLICATIONS**

# 4 OUR PROGRAMS BY THE NUMBERS

*In*  
**ACTION**

How many times did LDAH connect with families, professionals, infants, children, and youth at risk of, or with disabilities in 2022-2023?

→ **16,200!**

- **LDAH** Informs and trains parents of children with disabilities to be effective advocates for their children

**4,907** Parents attended TRAINING

**7,499** Parents received INDIVIDUAL ASSISTANCE



- **WELLNESS SCREENING** for children preparing to enter into Kindergarten ready for school ready to learn.

**1,775** Developmental, hearing, and vision screening for children 0-5



**Leadership**  
in Disabilities &  
Achievement of  
Hawai'i

- **OUR STAFF** are knowledgeable, committed, and a source of info you can count on



- **Websites**
- **Webinars**
- **Newsletters**
- **Partners in systems change**
- **IEP assistance**
- **On the phone by text, by mail**
- **In-person and virtual trainings**

- **LDAH** informs and trains Professionals and Students with Disabilities

**1,811** Professionals and others  
**228** Students with Disabilities



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www.LDAHawaii.org



Hawai'i & Pacific Islands Parent  
Training & Information Center

## HALE KIPA



THE HOUSE THAT

*aloha*  
BUILT



Hale Kipa is a multi-service, fully accredited 501(c)(3) nonprofit agency specializing in working with youth and their families who often have nowhere else to turn. Hale Kipa supports youth involved in juvenile justice, behavioral health, education, and child welfare. Program goals include stabilizing young people in crisis and helping youth and families build resiliency to experience success in their lives.

Hale Kipa has been privileged to serve Hawai'i's youth since 1970 with services ranging from outreach to shelter to prevention.

**37**

Program Locations

**74,153**

Hawai'i Youth Served

**34%**

Native Hawaiian Youth Served

**21**

Hale Kipa Programs

- **7%** youth aged 4-10
- **8%** youth age 11-12.
- **57%** youth age 13-17.
- **27%** 18+



Family Promise of Hawai‘i (FPH) continues to grow to prevent and end homelessness for more children and families, as the need for our services has only been increasing over the past few years. As we expand, community support is more important than ever. If you’d like to host a supply drive, volunteer, or donate to support our mission, please visit [familypromisehawaii.org](http://familypromisehawaii.org). Here are a few quick facts about our work:



*Family Promise Board Members and Staff*

- **Under age 1:** The age at which someone in the US is most likely to experience homelessness
- **1 in 30:** Young children in Hawai‘i experience homelessness annually
- **19%:** Increase in family homelessness on O‘ahu between 2023 and 2024 — 1.5 times higher than the increase in homelessness overall
- **12:** Families that FPH can currently serve through its four interim housing (emergency shelter) facilities; FPH plans to add two more sites that will serve 18 additional families later in 2024
- **\$1,000,000:** Amount of emergency rental assistance that FPH provides annually to prevent homelessness or help families return to permanent housing
- **201:** Total families served by FPH in 2023, including 742 individual children, parents, and family members; FPH is on track to double this in 2024
- **97%:** Percent of families served by FPH that transition directly into stable housing
- **45:** Average number of days that a family is served by FPH before returning to stable housing
- **23:** Number of employees on O‘ahu and Maui, with more job openings anticipated later this year
- **2005:** Year that FPH was founded

*Support*

## KUKUI CHILDREN’S FOUNDATION



**give aloha**

Foodland’s Annual Community Matching Gifts Program

**OUR CODE: 79184**

During the month of September you have the opportunity to donate (up to \$249) to the Kukui Children’s Foundation at any FOODLAND using your Maika’i Card when you check out.

No Maika’i card? No worries! You can get one at the register at check-out. It gets better—Foodland has a matching program, so your donation goes even further. Mahalo nunui to FOODLAND and to you and your ‘Ohana!



**MAHALO FOR YOUR SUPPORT**



## A Heartfelt Mahalo

## TO OUR DONORS

### Special Appreciation to the Association of Legal Administrators

The ASSOCIATION OF LEGAL ADMINISTRATORS (ALA) Hawaii Chapter focuses on improving the quality of management in legal service organizations across Hawaii. They enhance the competence and professionalism of legal administrators by developing and delivering high-quality educational programs, strengthening communication among members, and increasing visibility within the legal community. Their generous donation of commercial shredders, books for keiki, air purifiers, Graco Pack and Play Change and Carry Playards, Samsung tablets, and Apple iPads was incredibly impactful. These much-needed items were distributed to the following agencies at the Kukui Center.

*Katelyn Shelly and Aura-Ann Lee, MAHALO, for making this donation possible.*



Hawaii Literacy



Family Promise



Kids Hurt Too Hawaii



Hale Kipa



Healthy Mothers Healthy Babies



### ROTARY CLUB OF HONOLULU

A very special mahalo to Nancy Youngren, Community Services Director, Rotary Club of Honolulu, and the following donors for their generous contributions to the agencies at the Kukui Center

- Julie Yoo - laptops
- Tom Coyne - monitors
- Janine Shinoki-Evans-Ethos Architects LLC - monitors

### OTHER GENEROUS DONORS

- Raymond G. Uncangco, Chief Financial & Administrative Officer with Kobayashi, Sugita & Goda LLP, -Dell computers, keyboards, mouse, and power cords
- Janet Lin with Marr Jones & Wang LLP - binders
- First Insurance Co. of Hawaii -Keiki Toys
- Sydney Shibuya with American Heart Association - CPR Training
- Aloha Diaper Bank - diapers



We extend a heartfelt mahalo to **THE AUNTIES** - *Mary, Lurline, and Juliette*, who crafted beautiful centerpieces with Aloha, adding a special touch to the 2024 Heart of Gold Gala for Kids Hurt Too Hawaii. We also extend our gratitude to the following for gathering and providing the stunning Native Hawaiian foliage: *Deborah Leimomi Kondo, Geri Marullo, Bob Grossmann, Mikiala Lidstone* of Ulu A'e Learning Center, and *Tricia Kenney, A.G. Regino, Jacob Roller* with 'A'ali'i Management

Your generosity and kōkua to the Kukui Center are deeply felt.



## *Mahalo Nui Loa*

to our

### COMMUNITY PARTNERS

for their continued support of goods and services.

#### *Partnerships for Donations of Services*

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Harry and Jeanette Weinberg  
**Kukui Center**

*A gathering place for those who serve vulnerable children and families*

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Preventing and ending homelessness for families with children

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www.legalaidhawaii.org

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#### COALITION OF HAWAII

Advocacy and direct services for pregnant and birthing people so that babies can be born healthy and raised in a safe and nurturing environment

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Training and screening center for parents of children with or at risk of disabilities and the professionals that serve them

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Gift Cards are needed for Keiki Meals. please kōkua. MAHALO

