



HCAP Weekly

A weekly e-newsletter of Honolulu Community Action Program, Inc.
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"Providing Opportunities and Inspiration since 1965"

Convoy of Hope helps thousands at Aloha Stadium



Saturday was a special day for needy families on Oahu, as the **Convoy of Hope** mobilized a **Day of Compassion** for over 14 thousand people. Service organizations and faith-based groups gathered to offer school supplies, food and resources to homeless and needy Oahu residents. Convoy of Hope reported that more than 42,000 pounds of groceries were distributed to grateful families. In addition, 1,250 children received school supplies, 550 guests got free haircuts and 650 families received a free family portrait. HCAP hosted a resource table at



Clockwise from left: Chad Iramina & Jojo Upega share about HCAP's programs; A family visits HCAP's resource table; Office of Community Services (OCS) executive director Mila Kaahanui with HCAP's Kristina Copeland & OCS program specialist En Young

the event staffed by **Chad Iramina, Jojo Upega, Kristina Copeland, Erica Dias** and husband **Ben**, and **Rolanda Mariano** and children **Kalani & Kama**. They spoke with attendees to promote HCAP's services and passed out **Head Start** preschool applications. Convoy of Hope exists to provide help and hope to people in need in the United States and around the world. The agency coordinates children's food initiatives, community outreach, disaster response and partner resourcing.

Youth share cultural awareness in C-Base program

The students of **HCAP Youth Services** got creative as they designed Cultural Awareness poster boards on a destination of their choice. They gave an oral presentation to their class about their research on the government, cultural practices, religions, food, history and geographic features of their destination. This project supplements the Community Resources unit of the **Competency-Based High School Diploma (C-Base) Program**.



Kaleo Saloricman works on his presentation on Brazil



Youth Services students displaying their presentations

Responding to children's culture & language at Head Start

Staff from **HCAP Head Start** attended trainings for the **Hawaii Grantee Management Teams** and the **Office of Head Start National Center on Cultural & Linguistic Responsiveness**. The staff gained valuable knowledge about developmental and linguistic diversity in school settings. They also participated in activities to identify methods of promoting children's school readiness through developing skills in both English and their home languages.



Presenters Bob Stechuk, Ph.D., & Joanne Knapp-Philo, Ph.D.

Welcome to our new HCAP Head Start staff members!

Meagan Clemence, Program Manager
Jodie Unten, Assistant Teacher, Palolo IV
Helen Pacleb, Teacher I, Puu Heleakala II
Helen Yee and **Vivian Yun**, Family Advocate