



Ku`i Na Lono

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Congressional delegation supports Community Action in D.C.

Honolulu Community Action Program's executive management team visited Washington, D.C. to attend a National Community Action Foundation conference.

The team met with Senator Daniel Akaka, Representatives Colleen Hanabusa and Mazie Hirono, and staff of Senator Daniel Inouye's office, to discuss the impact of community action agencies during the recent economic crisis. Through the Community Services Block Grant (CSBG), Head Start and other funding, HCAP and the national network of 1,100 community action agencies manage \$5.6 billion in public and private resources annually. The agencies are instrumental in helping 9.3 million low-income people each year find jobs, provide for their families, and lead productive lives. HCAP's team expressed their appreciation to Hawaii's Congressional delegation's for their unwavering support of CSBG, Head Start and HCAP's many other programs.



HCAP Director of Planning Karl Espaldon, Senator Daniel Akaka and HCAP Executive Director Robert Piper



HCAP Executive Director Robert Piper, Representative Mazie Hirono and HCAP Board Member Terrence Aratani

Federal funding update

The final federal budget agreement for Fiscal Year 2011 impacted these HCAP programs:

- Community Services Block Grant received a reduction of 3%.
- Head Start increased by \$340 million nation-wide, bringing its annual funding to \$7.5 billion.
- Senior Community Services Employment Program (SCSEP) reduced its budget by 25%.
- Mentoring Children of Prisoners program lost all Federal funding. (Read about the impact on HCAP in "From our Director" on page 2).

From Our Director



Robert N.E. Piper, Esq.

“Shifting Tides”

Our agency works on many fronts, from providing daily needs of food and clothing, to longer term investments in education, workforce development and financial literacy. Like many agencies who are stewards of federal funds, HCAP's work has been affected by recent budget cuts.

Through careful planning and community support, we continue to provide the vast majority of our services; however, it is with a heavy heart that we must prepare to end our Malama Pono Youth Mentoring Program due to budget cuts at the federal level. This program has given young people a caring, supportive adult in a time of life that is often chaotic and devastating. On behalf of HCAP, I extend my thanks to our staff, program supporters and volunteer mentors who have dedicated their time and love to these children over the past 7 years.

As the tides continue to shift, we voyage forward with purpose and dedication. Although we may need to “do more with less,” we will never cease in our efforts to care for, educate and empower our communities' most vulnerable members.

Mahalo piha,
Robert Piper

CONGRATULATIONS

Robert N.E. Piper, Esq.
HCAP Executive Director

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Bank of Hawaii volunteers transform after-school space



Once again, volunteers from Bank of Hawaii have gone above and beyond to give back to the Kalihi community. Shim Hall, on the grounds of St. Elizabeth's Episcopal Church, received a make-over as the bank volunteers painted and cleaned the exterior of the hall. HCAP later installed new carpet, computers and a recording studio to complete the transformation of the hall, which will be the first site of HCAP's Creative STEM After-School Program.

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Now in development, the STEM program will offer elementary and middle school kids a safe, fun after-school time with hands-on, interactive activities in science, technology, engineering and math. The Bank of Hawaii team was led by Paul Hoe, former HCAP Board Member Lori Honda, and current HCAP Board Member Bill Shiroma.

Free Tax Help: Working families refunded nearly \$500K

HCAP proudly partnered again this year with the Family and Individual Self-Sufficiency Program (FISSP) to offer free tax preparations to low-to-moderate income working households. The FISSP's 14 partner agencies offer free tax clinics state-wide, assisting thousands of local families with filing their taxes.

The clinics emphasize filing for the Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) and Child Tax Credits. EITC has been called one of the best asset building and poverty reduction strategies available to low-income, working individuals and families.

Through HCAP's free tax clinics at six sites on Oahu, over 360 households filed their taxes, qualifying for a total of \$497,205 in refunds. Of those, 169 households filed for the EITC, receiving an average of \$1,366 in tax credits per household.

The Free Tax Help program is coordinated by the Hawaii Alliance for Community-Based Economic Development (HACBED) and the Internal Revenue Service.

At right: HCAP Community Worker Georgette Aki helps a college student file her taxes

Success Story!

Rudy and his wife live off one paycheck and spend most of their resources supporting their disabled daughter. Unable to hire a tax preparer, they came to HCAP for the Free Tax Help program. The couple was overjoyed to find out they qualified for a Federal tax return of \$4,418, including \$3,050 from the EITC. With these refunds, they'll be able to catch up on all their bills and pay their daughter's much-needed medical costs.





Marko's Story: Former HCAP client inspires fellow veterans

Marko Johnson has made mistakes in his life, but through HCAP's support and his own ambition and hard work, he has turned his life around. Now he inspires others to do the same.

Marko came to HCAP's Central District Center in October 2009 for help finding a job. At that time, he was incarcerated and making the challenging transition back into the community with the help of Waiawa Correctional Facility's work furlough program. HCAP's staff remembers Marko as positive, motivated and goal-driven, and ready to make the changes he needed to make in order to move forward. HCAP helped Marko with job readiness training, gave him bus passes so he could go on job search, and helped with his job applications. After fulfilling his work furlough requirements, Marko got a job and started working again.

Now, almost two years after he came to HCAP, Marko is on the other side of the profession. As a case manager for the United States Veterans Initiative (U.S.VETS), he helps veterans find housing, jobs and social services. Marko is grateful that he can use his own experiences to educate, support, and inspire other veterans to work towards a more hopeful future.

Head Start brings the outdoors, indoors

HCAP Head Start preschoolers have been getting their hands dirty as they learn by experience about the natural world. At Head Start Wahiawa Pre Plus, Ms. Dona and the kids created a terrarium with recycled materials and placed leaves, water, and other bugs inside. They also constructed raised flower



Learning measurement by creating a garden

beds for a garden outside their classroom. Learning is always fun at Head Start, and the kids developed math concepts by measuring the length of the beds and the height of plants. At Head Start Ben Parker, the



Observing nature's creatures at Wahiawa Pre Plus

teachers and students consider their garden an "outdoor classroom." The kids enjoy helping with the garden and feel so proud to harvest eggplant, radishes, sweet potato, beets and herbs to share with their families. They also get a hands-on education about sustainability and eating healthy.

Other organizations also lend their support to the children's education. This year, students from Head Start Heeia and Keolu took a field trip to Kualoa Ranch, where they learned about aquaculture. Also known as aquafarming, the children learned that aquaculture is the farming of fish, crustaceans, mollusks and aquatic plants, under controlled conditions. They loved seeing how the fish and plants helped each other.

Making ends meet: Seniors get relief from rising utility costs



Kaaka Lowe with his new heat pump water heater

"I am very frugal and always intend to conserve energy," says HCAP client Kaaka Lowe, "But this program really got me to follow through."

Mr. Lowe found out about HCAP's Weatherization Assistance Program through a notice in the Hawaiian Electric Company newsletter. It caught his eye, he says, because he had wanted a solar water heater but there was no way he could afford it on his own.

With his grandchildren staying with him for the summer, Mr. Lowe's utility costs were high, and he qualified for a free home energy audit and a hybrid/heat pump water heater through HCAP. "I am so happy with the whole thing!" he says.

Now, he says, he follows his family around the house, to make sure they turn off the lights. Mr. Lowe recommends this program to other households who are looking for ways to "save electricity, save energy and wean us off foreign oil."

Donald Hall and his wife live on a limited income due to their high medical costs. When they found out about HCAP's Weatherization Assistance Program, they took a chance and inquired, even though they had never qualified for this type of program before. The Halls own a home, but their income had been cut significantly and they were worried about keeping their home. It had become more and more difficult for them to keep up with increasing water, sewage and electric costs.

"We were stuck in the mud," says Mr. Hall. "I'm 66 years old and have never been in the 'help system' before. I didn't know how to navigate the system or get help."

HCAP's team made the application process simple and easy for the Halls, who received free CFL light bulbs, energy education tips, and a new water heater. It was just in time, says Mr. Hall. "When the tank was removed, we learned that the rods were corroded and the old tank was about to die. We were very blessed with the timing of the program and all we received."



HCAP helped Mr. and Mrs. Hall reduce their utility costs through energy education and devices

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Your Helping Hand

Volunteer Spotlight: Free Tax Help tax preparers

Pamela Jackson and her family moved to Hawaii five years ago when her husband was stationed here. Pamela has a long history of volunteering and was delighted to find out about the free tax assistance programs on the radio. She has a Master's degree in Counseling, and finds it so rewarding to get to know the people who benefit from the clinics and hear their stories.

Diana Glushenko first volunteered for the Free Tax Help program through her studies at Honolulu Community College, and didn't want to leave! She stayed on as a volunteer at HCAP's Kalihi-Palama District Center and was recently hired as HCAP's newest community worker.

Rosa Young has been a volunteer tax preparer since 2008. She studied accounting at the University of Hawaii and loves to do taxes. She speaks Mandarin and Cantonese, so she volunteers at the HCAP Main Office in Honolulu, where a large percentage of the tax clinic participants are Chinese speakers. "I love to help people and give back," Rosa says. "We see lots of the same people from last year. They keep coming back and they tell other people."



Volunteer tax preparers Rosa Young and Pamela Jackson

HCAP extends its appreciation to Rosa, Diana, Pamela and the many volunteers who make the tax clinics such a success.



Employee Anniversaries!

Mahalo to our staff who reached these milestones of service this Spring

20 YEARS

Debora Wegesend

10 YEARS

Gail Galon,
Lori Tanno

5 YEARS

Katherine Belon,
Donna Brzezowski
Manuel Galarza

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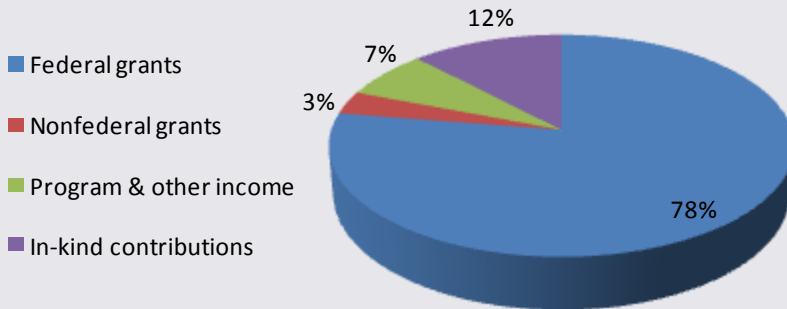
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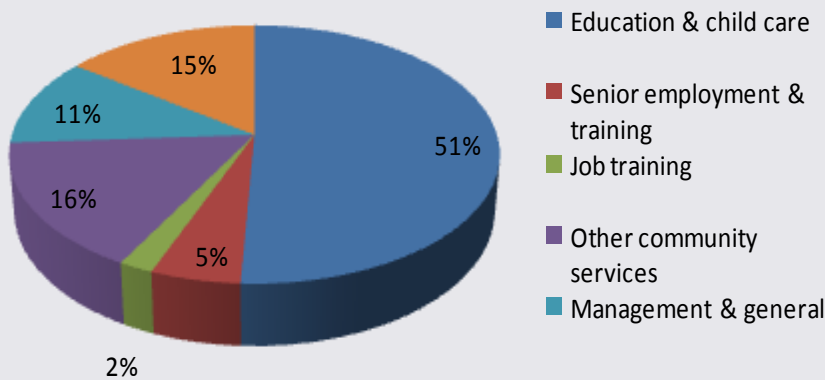
Fourth Quarter FY 2010
January 1, 2011 - March 31, 2011

GRANTS & OTHER SUPPORT



GRANTS & OTHER SUPPORT	YTD
Federal grants	26,456,030
Nonfederal grants	1,149,859
Program & other income	2,391,794
In-kind contributions	4,148,848
Total	34,146,532

EXPENSES



EXPENSES	QTR 4	YTD
Program services:		
Education & child care	3,845,472	14,196,914
Senior employment & training	371,322	1,445,412
Job training	79,852	551,862
Other community services	803,511	4,504,343
Supporting services:		
Management & general	876,720	3,113,231
In-kind facilities, services & supplies	976,888	4,148,848
Total	6,953,765	27,960,610

PROGRAMS

CURRENT PROGRAMS	PROGRAM PERIOD	FUNDED AMOUNT
Community Services Block Grant (CSBG)	10/01/10 - 09/30/11	1,672,752
Leeward Coast Comm. Benefit	12/31/10 - 12/31/11	25,000
Head Start	04/01/10 - 03/31/11	12,150,123
Head Start (ARRA Supplemental)	05/01/10 - 09/30/11	91,237
Head Start Full-Day Full-Year	04/01/10 - 03/31/11	1,917,000
Infant & Toddler Care for Teen Parents (Waianae High School)	07/01/10 - 12/31/10	59,894
Early Reading First (Research Corp. University of Hawaii)	07/01/10 - 08/31/12	416,040
Malama Pono Youth Mentoring Program	09/30/10 - 09/29/11	240,000
Youth Services	07/01/10 - 06/30/11	479,750
Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP)	05/01/10 - 05/31/11	129,461

CURRENT PROGRAMS	PROGRAM PERIOD	FUNDED AMOUNT
Senior Employment Program (SCSEP)	07/01/10 - 06/30/11	1,277,187
Senior Employment Program (SCSEP) Special Funds	07/01/10 - 06/30/11	329,000
Weatherization Assistance Program (WAP)	07/01/10 - 03/31/11	45,000
Weatherization Assistance Program (WAP-ARRA)	06/15/09 - 09/30/11	1,280,461
Weatherization Initiative for Native Hawaiians (WINH-ARRA)	05/07/10 - 09/30/11	1,050,000
State Supplemental Energy Program (SEP-ARRA)	07/19/10 - 09/30/11	210,000
Kumuhonua Transitional Shelter	08/01/10 - 07/31/11	360,000



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Fax: 847-2302

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