



Ku'i Na Lono

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April - June 2020

HCAP Head Start Helps Parent to Go Back to School and Work Towards a Better Future



Bernadette, a HCAP Head Start parent and Family Advocate, recently graduated from Windward Community College. In her inspirational speech for Windward Community College's virtual commencement caravan, Bernadette shared the pain she experienced growing up in an abusive household and having her mom incarcerated when she was only three years old. The cycle of abuse continued in her adult relationships. "My life spiraled downhill," Bernadette said in her speech. "But after I had my children, I knew I wanted to break that cycle of abuse. I had two choices: stay and keep doing the same thing, or do something better with my life."

In seeking a better life for herself and her children, Bernadette decided to go back to school to pursue a career as a social worker. Throughout her time in school, she enrolled her children in HCAP Head Start. "My children were in the Head Start program and I knew I wanted to become a Social Worker. With the help of my HCAP Head Start Family Advocate, I was able to apply for a position here at HCAP Head Start. I was hired as a Family Advocate Trainee and continued my journey in school," Bernadette shared.

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Bernadette also signed up for the Family Development Credential, a ten week course taught and paid for by HCAP Head Start. "I completed my Family Development Credential classes with flying colors all while going to school and working full-time. I received my credential and found my way through working as a Family Advocate. HCAP Head Start was a big part of my success during my time at Windward Community College. They allowed me to go to school and work to further my education. Without this program, it would have taken me twice as long to finish my Associates Degree."

Bernadette was recently accepted into the Social Work Program at UH Mānoa for Fall 2020.

Kupuna Receives Support from HCAP's Wraparound Services and Community Partnerships

Sarah, a kupuna, initially sought services for food through the Windward District Service Center and was assisted with a food box through Ohana produce distribution, in partnership with Key Project and Hawaii Foodbank. She was then referred to the Weatherization Assistance Program (WAP) and met eligibility requirements to participate in the program. After completion of her in-home audit, Sarah was able to receive low-flow showerheads, a faucet aerator, LED light bulbs, smoke alarms and an ENERGY STAR refrigerator replacement.

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic and stay at home proclamation, Sarah has not ventured out to seek needed services. During a WAP follow up phone call, Sarah mentioned that she was in need of food resources. With HCAP's wraparound services, Kalihi-Palama District Service Center Food Pantry, in partnership with Hawaii Foodbank, was able to provide Sarah with a box of food and other necessities, including fresh produce and toilet paper.

Sarah is very grateful for the support she has received from the community and HCAP's services.



HCAP Head Start Provides Remote Summer Program

In response to helping children and families during these challenging times, HCAP Head Start applied for and received funding from the Office of Head Start to continue remote teaching/distance learning from June 1, 2020 until July 17, 2020.

The unprecedented nature of this pandemic continues to affect our families, communities, state, and world. Now more than ever, our HCAP Head Start children and families need our support and guidance to prepare them for the journey ahead. Being able to conduct remote learning, while not ideal, has provided children and families a sense of comfort and familiarity during a time of such uncertainty. The transition to Kindergarten has always been a major undertaking and milestone for children and families. This year, the challenge will be that much greater as children have been out of the classroom setting for two of the most important months that prepare them for school readiness. The program's continuation throughout the summer months should help to address these needs.

Our HCAP Head Start staff and our entire agency remains dedicated to responding to our communities needs and we are pleased to be offering our services throughout the summer months.



Kumuhonua Resident Obtains Permanent Housing

Mae was living at her parents' home when her siblings put the property up for sale. She had nowhere to go and stayed at an emergency shelter at the Institute for Human Services (IHS). Mae stayed at the IHS shelter for seven months before moving into an apartment with roommates. Unfortunately, her roommates broke their rental lease agreement and left her with all the bills. Unable to afford rent, Mae found herself returning back to IHS again.

During her stay at IHS, she was referred to the Kumuhonua Transitional Living Center and moved in April 2016. At Kumuhonua, Mae attended house meetings and fulfilled all of her case manager appointments. With the help of her case manager, she was able to obtain Social Security and save money. Kumuhonua staff also helped her in her permanent housing search.

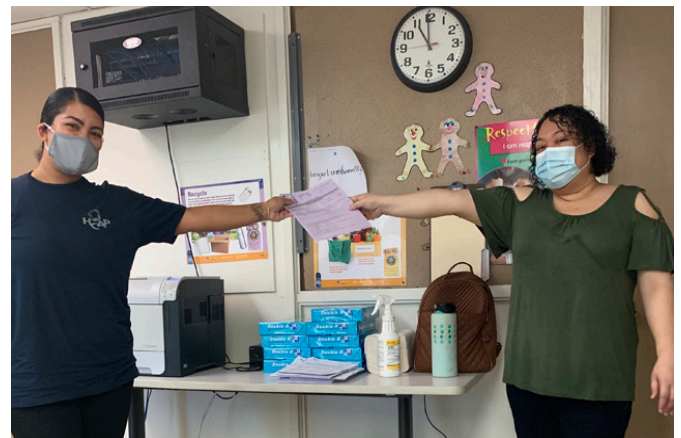


With debt and an eviction as a part of her record, Mae found the housing search to be particularly difficult. But through it all, Mae persevered. With assistance from HCAP's Rapid Re-housing Program, Mae was able to obtain permanent subsidized housing at The Villas of Malu'ohai in March 2020. She would like to give a big mahalo to Kumuhonua staff for all their hard work and patience.

District Service Centers Prepare for High-Volume of Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) Applications

HCAP's District Service Centers prepared for a high-volume of Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) applications this year due to job losses associated with COVID-19.

In preparation for this year's program, HCAP Community Workers and LIHEAP temporary staff attended a training at the Central District Service Center. The training focused on the new LIHEAP processing procedures, which follow the City & County and state guidelines in response to COVID-19. This year, staff are processing LIHEAP applications at the Central District Service Center and applications are being submitted online, via mail or fax.



The training was conducted by HCAP's Community Services Manager Katy Perry and LIHEAP Coordinator Elisa Furtado-Fischer, from the Department of Human Services, providing important information to ensure that the program will run smoothly this year, despite the changes in processes. Our teams are continuing to adapt to the new normal and working together to make sure sure that services are delivered safely.

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HCAP Board Chair Named Outstanding Government Leader



HCAP would like to congratulate Edward “Eddie” Mersereau, State of Hawaii Deputy Director of Behavioral Health and HCAP Board Chair, who was named Outstanding Government Leader by Mental Health America of Hawai‘i, a leading non-profit mental health education and advocacy organization. Eddie is one of six honorees being recognized for their leadership and contributions to the mental health sector.

Eddie is a Licensed Clinical Social Worker (LCSW), Hawaii State Certified Substance Abuse Counselor (CSAC) with 30 years of clinical practice experience. He received his Master of Social Work degree from the University of Hawaii and soon returned to the UH School of Social Work as an adjunct instructor for both undergraduate and graduate level courses on direct practice, policy and human development. In 2007, he founded and managed a successful behavioral health practice here in Hawaii before coming to the Department of Health in November of 2015 as the Alcohol and Drug Abuse Administrator. In January 2019, Mr. Mersereau was appointed under Governor Ige’s administration as Deputy Director for the Department of Health, Behavioral Health Administration which oversees the Alcohol and Drug Abuse Division, Adult Mental Health Division, Hawaii State Hospital, Child and Adolescent Mental Health Division and Developmental Disabilities Division.

Eddie first joined our HCAP ohana as a representative on our Central District Advisory Council and currently serves as HCAP Board Chair. He has provided an incredible amount of time, dedication and support to our agency. We are so grateful for his leadership and commitment to serving our community and we want to congratulate him on this well deserved honor and achievement.

Hā Initiative: Creative STEM After-School Program Provides Remote Lessons and STEM Kits to Students



During the stay-at-home order, the Hā Initiative: Creative STEM After-School Program, a Nita M. Lowey 21st Century Community Learning Center, continues to engage students with remote learning lessons and projects.

The Hā Initiative: Creative STEM After-School Program delivered 24 STEM kits to families across Oahu. The kit contained the necessary items for the students to complete a lesson focused on investigating the science behind yeast in baked goods, specifically pretzels! Each kit included the ingredients, thermometer, instructions and a fact sheet to highlight the lesson. During an online Zoom lesson, students followed along as teacher Ms. Nicole, at Hā Initiative: Creative STEM After-School Program Kalihi STEM Exploration Center, reintroduced yeast as the helpful microbe that gives pretzels its light fluffy texture and very distinct taste. Ms. Nicole explained that yeast eats sugar to make CO₂. She also explained how different parts of a grain of wheat add to the nutritional content of bread. Some of the students got creative and flavored their pretzels with cinnamon and cheese.

This was the second STEM kit the Hā Initiative: Creative STEM After-School Program has delivered to students and HCAP will deliver more throughout the summer!

Employee Anniversaries

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

10 Years

Melissa Grado- ERSEA FCP Program Manager
Davilyn Chang- Program Manager

30 Years

Katy Perry - Community Services Manager

HCAP Client Achieves Self-Sufficiency Despite Challenges Due to COVID-19



Lauri is a client at HCAP's Windward District Service Center. She was struggling to integrate back into society and needed HCAP services. Windward District Service Center's Community Workers quickly assessed her needs, skills, strengths, and abilities to determine how to help Lauri achieve self-sufficiency.

Lauri was enrolled in HCAP's Na Lima Hana Employment Core Service Program. Lauri successfully completed Job Readiness Training. Community Workers then helped Lauri create a new resume, prepare for her driver's permit test, and conduct online employment searches.

However, just when Lauri submitted several job applications and set up interviews, the stay-at-home order due to COVID-19 went into effect. Due to the closure of many facilities, Lauri was faced with setbacks and obstacles preventing her from getting back on her feet and obtaining self-sufficiency. Because of HCAP's mission and our staff's dedication to make that a reality, HCAP's services

remained intact. Windward District Service Center's staff reassured Lauri that they would continue to provide support and find new ways to provide services.

Community Worker, Cory, kept in close contact with Lauri. Cory sent Lauri listings for job opportunities and updates on services. Lauri was also very persistent and followed up with employment leads. Although many of the job interviews were cancelled and applications were put on hold, Lauri gained employment with a local grocery store where she is now a full-time employee. Lauri was provided with essential work attire that is provided through HCAP's Na Lima Hana Employment Core Services Program. And once the DMV is reopened, Cory will assist Lauri with obtaining her driver's permit.

Mahalo to our Donors and Funders

HCAP would like to thank the following funders. From April 1, 2020 to June 30, 2020, HCAP received funding from the following:

Friends of Hawaii Charities - \$4,000 grant award for the Kupuna Independent Life Series.

Clearway Energy Group LLC - \$12,500 donation

Individual Donors

Colleen Minami

Interim Financial Update

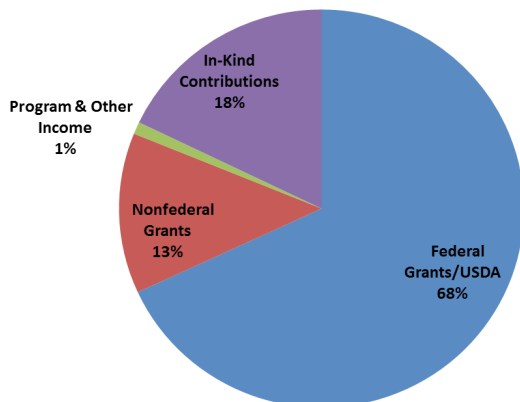
First Quarter FY 2021
April 1, 2020 - June 30, 2020
***Unaudited, Cash Basis**

| CURRENT PROGRAMS BY FUNDING SOURCE | PROGRAM PERIOD | BUDGET | CURRENT PROGRAMS BY FUNDING SOURCE | PROGRAM PERIOD | BUDGET |
|---|-------------------|------------|--|-------------------|---------|
| 21st Century Community Learning Centers | 07/01/19-09/30/20 | 350,000 | Kokua Hawaii Foundation | 08/30/19/05/27/20 | 1,090 |
| City GIA | 10/01/19-07/17/20 | 36,645 | Kumuhonua Shelter - DHS | 07/01/19-06/30/20 | 450,000 |
| Community Services Block Grant (CSBG) | 10/01/18-09/30/20 | 3,305,898 | Kumuhonua Shelter - Program Income | 07/07/19-06/30/20 | 270,545 |
| CSBG CARES Act Supplemental | 03/27/20-09/30/22 | 2,773,513 | Kumuhonua Shelter - Ohana Zone | 12/01/18-11/30/21 | 500,000 |
| Friends of Hawaii Charities | 05/01/20-12/31/20 | 4,000 | Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) | 10/01/19-09/30/20 | 225,467 |
| Gwenfread Elaine Allen Fund | 05/01/19-04/30/20 | 3,000 | Senior Community Service Employment Program (SCSEP) | 07/01/19-06/30/20 | 742,356 |
| Gwenfread Elaine Allen Fund | 01/01/20-11/16/20 | 3,000 | State Office of Community Services-Employment Services | 10/01/19-09/30/20 | 259,880 |
| Hawaii Bowl Foundation | 12/24/19-12/23/20 | 750 | Rapid Re-Housing | 06/15/19-06/14/20 | 488,493 |
| Hawaii Visitor Industry Charity Walk | 08/01/19-07/31/20 | 7,500 | Rapid Re-Housing | 06/15/20-06/14/21 | 488,493 |
| Head Start | 04/01/19-03/31/21 | 14,300,391 | Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) | 01/01/20-12/31/20 | 100,000 |
| Head Start | 04/01/20-03/31/21 | 13,442,570 | Weatherization Assistance Program (WAP) | 10/01/19-06/30/20 | 171,553 |
| Head Start CARES Act Supplemental | 04/01/20-03/31/21 | 1,325,242 | WAP/LIHEAP | 11/01/19-09/30/20 | 249,356 |
| Head Start Full-Day Full-Year | 04/01/20-03/31/21 | 1,270,343 | | | |

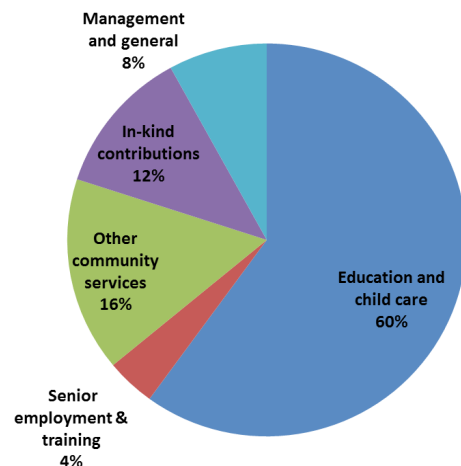
| GRANTS & OTHER SUPPORT | YTD |
|------------------------|------------------|
| Federal grants/USDA | 2,512,645 |
| Nonfederal grants | 481,336 |
| Program & Other Income | 36,660 |
| In-kind Contributions | 659,207 |
| Total | 3,689,847 |

| EXPENSES | YTD |
|------------------------------|------------------|
| Program services: | |
| Education & childcare | 3,285,583 |
| Senior employment & training | 232,811 |
| Other community services | 856,796 |
| In-kind contributions | 659,207 |
| Supporting services: | |
| Management & general | 451,525 |
| Total | 5,485,922 |

GRANTS AND OTHER SUPPORT



EXPENSES





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