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**PUBLIC URGED TO PARTICIPATE IN CONSUMER, FAMILY & YOUTH  
MENTAL HEALTH CONFERENCES IN MAY**

HONOLULU — May is Mental Health Month, and the Consumer, Family & Youth (CFY) Alliance is inviting the public to attend one of six conferences statewide. The theme for these events is “Got Mental Health? The Transformation Continues...” Conference dates and locations are:

May 23	Moloka'i – Kulana 'Oiwī, Kaunakakai
May 24	Kaua'i – Kaua'i Community College
May 25	Maui – Maui Community College
May 29	Honolulu – McKinley High School
May 30	Hilo – Chiefess Kapi'olani Elementary School
May 31	Kona – West Hawai'i Civic Center

Registration for all conferences begins at 8:30 a.m. The opening plenary is at 9:30 a.m., and all conferences end at 2 p.m. A nominal fee of \$5 covers lunch and materials.

The conferences will provide consumers and their 'ohana with educational opportunities that focus on mental health and wellness. Workshops may include: the Copeland Center Wellness Recovery Action Plan (WRAP); Suicide Prevention; Behavioral Health Services in Medicaid; Trauma Informed Care; Social Security Insurance Updates, and

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more. An update of the CFY Alliance and news of a newly formed 501(c)(3) will be shared at lunchtime plenaries.

Deadline to register is May 15, 2012. For a registration form, call (808) 453-6618 or e-mail [CFYAlliance@gmail.com](mailto:CFYAlliance@gmail.com). To learn more about these conferences, contact Carol Medina by phone at (808) 453-6618 or e-mail: [carol.medina@doh.hawaii.gov](mailto:carol.medina@doh.hawaii.gov).

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The CFY Alliance is an organization of adult and youth consumers, their families, communities, and programs that share information and come together with a sense of commonality on mental health issues, concerns, and policies to create a unified voice. The Mental Health Transformation State Incentive Grant administered by the Hawai'i State Department of Health supports the development and implementation of CFY meetings, conferences, and trainings to assure collaboration, share opportunities, and improve communication and coordination of activities for individuals living with mental illness.

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