

Working with us Natives from the Micronesian Islands



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WAO
WE ARE OCEANIA

**Paradigm Shift Alternative
Paradigm-Indigenous
Perspectives= Language
Access**



History of WAO

- Funder: DOI
Micronesian Voices in
Hawaii 2008
Conference
- Meeting with
community and
leaders in August of
2014
- Mentorship by an
existing 501(c)3 that's
not serving people from
Micronesia





PARTNERS IN DEVELOPMENT
FOUNDATION

- Local 501(c)(3) established in 1997
- Provides a wide range of social services serving more than 10,000 people a year throughout Hawaii
- Promotes success and sustainability of at-risk populations, with a focus on Native Hawaiians
- Imbeds traditional Native Hawaiian culture and values in services provided
- Managed and implemented over 50 grants totaling \$90 million.
- Provides mentorship to smaller non-profits as needed



Mission

- To advocate for the health of Natives from the Micronesian Islands to empower them to weave their indigenous skills, knowledge, and values with their new experiences and knowledge of their new community to reach their full potential and become self-sufficient.

Areas of Focus

- **Capacity Building:** To help develop the capacity of our various existing COFA citizen associations, youth, churches, etc.
- **Social Services:** To centralize the existing and develop creative and culturally-responsive outreach programs to our Natives from Micronesia in the areas of health, language acquisition, employment, housing, etc.
- **Community Advocacy:** To build partnership with existing network in all areas that will allow for our success in this community.
- **Educational Services:** To provide culturally appropriate supports to our students and families. Research to produce culturally scientific information.
- **Economic Development:** To develop partnership with the UH Business Center or other business incubators to help COFA citizens in utilizing their expertise and traditional skills to develop business ventures.

Updates so Far

- Health Connector
- Project Whitmore
- Navigating Success in Education
- Film/Stories from the heart
- Research for Charter school
- Pasifika Passion Pipeline
- No Vote No Grumble
- OLA 8th Annual Conference
- Chuukese Education Day



Up Coming Events

- OLA Conference
- Grand Opening-Aug 28, 2015 from 10am to 12pm
- No Vote No Grumble Training
- Health Connector
- Charter school Research findings
- All Mikes
- Chuukese Education Day



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A close-up photograph of a green leaf with water droplets, serving as a background for the text. The leaf is the central focus, showing its intricate vein structure and glistening surface. The background is a soft, out-of-focus green, creating a natural and fresh atmosphere.

Questions?

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Thank You!

Mahalo

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