

**REPORT TO THE TWENTY-EIGHTH LEGISLATURE**

**STATE OF HAWAII  
2016**

**PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 333E-3(5) PREPARE AND SUBMIT REPORTS TO  
THE GOVERNOR, THE LEGISLATURE, AND ALL CONCERNED  
DEPARTMENT HEADS ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE STATE PLAN**

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**Mission Statement**

The mission of the Council is to support people with intellectual and developmental disabilities (IDD) to control their own destiny and determine the quality of life they desire.

**Vision Statement**

People with IDD are treated equal to all persons and enjoy fundamental human rights, among them life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. They have choices about where they live, work and play, and they receive the supports they need to do so.

**Implementation Statement**

To this end, the Council will:

- Work for self-determination and equal access under the law.
- Advocate for systems change and social justice.
- Provide information, education, and planning.
- Serve as conscience/monitor of the State.
- Promote and model best practices.

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# THE COUNCIL

State Councils were established in response to the Federal Developmental Disabilities Services and Facilities Construction Act of 1970 (PL 91-517). Hawai‘i’s Council was established in State Law by Act 198, Session Laws of Hawai‘i, in 1975. The Council is administratively attached to the Department of Health (DOH). The Department serves as the Designated State Agency, providing fiduciary and administrative support.

## COUNCIL STAFF

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## COUNCIL MEMBERS

The Council consists of 28 Governor-appointed members that includes persons with IDD, parents, family members, and representatives from public and private agencies. During the year, there were six vacancies due to term limits of appointments.

1. Sarah Ahina Self-Advocate (Oahu)
2. Caroline Cadirao Executive Office on Aging (Old Americans Act)
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## DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITY

Public Law 106-402 – Developmental Disabilities Assistance and Bill of Rights Act of 2000

(A) IN GENERAL.—the term “developmental disability” means a severe, chronic disability of an individual that—

(i) is attributable to a mental or physical impairment or combination of mental and physical impairments;

(ii) is manifested before the individual attains age 22;

(iii) is likely to continue indefinitely;

(iv) results in substantial functional limitations in 3 or more of the following areas of major life activity:

(I) Self-care.

(II) Receptive and expressive language.

(III) Learning.

(IV) Mobility.

(V) Self-direction.

(VI) Capacity for independent living.

(VII) Economic self-sufficiency; and

(v) reflects the individual's need for a combination and sequence of special, interdisciplinary, or generic services, individualized supports, or other forms of assistance that are of lifelong or extended duration and are individually planned and coordinated.

(B) INFANTS AND YOUNG CHILDREN.—An individual from birth to age 9, inclusive, who has a substantial developmental delay or specific congenital or acquired condition, may be considered to have a developmental disability without meeting 3 or more of the criteria described in clauses (i) through (v) of subparagraph (A) if the individual, without services and supports, has a high probability of meeting those criteria later in life.

## **Estimated Number of Individuals with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities (IDD) in Hawaii**

The estimated number of individuals with IDD in Hawai‘i is calculated using the population estimate and the prevalence of IDD.

According to the U.S. Census Bureau for April 1, 2010 to July 1, 2014, the estimated population for Hawai‘i is 1,419,561. Based on the National Health Interview Survey in 1994 and 1995, the combined prevalence of intellectual disabilities and/or developmental disabilities is 1.49 percent. (Larson SA, Lakin KC, Anderson L, Kwak N, Lee JH, Anderson D, 2001)

For Hawai‘i the estimated number of persons with IDD is 21,151.

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### **From the Chair and Executive Administrator Rosie Rowe and Waynette Cabral**

FY 2014-2015 marked the fourth year of the Council’s Five-Year State Plan. The Council implements its State Plan activities through its Area of Emphasis Committees (Community Supports, Education, Employment, and Health and Early Childhood), and Neighbor Island Developmental Disabilities Committees. These committees include individuals with IDD, family members, public and private agencies, service providers, and advocates.

During this past year, the Council, in collaboration with DOH DD Division, continued to pursue State funds from the State Legislature to serve as the State’s match for the IDD Waiver and the Intermediate Care Facilities for Individuals with Intellectual Disabilities (ICF/ID) to meet the increasing demands for services, to continue to meet the requirements of the Makin Settlement Agreement by admitting individuals into the IDD Waiver, and provide services for the growing COFA (Compact of Free Association) population in spite of conservative fiscal policies. The IDD Waiver is the largest funding source for people with IDD to receive services and supports, and maximizes Federal funding through reimbursement of Federal dollars to the State for services provided under the IDD Waiver.

The Council has kept as its priority to advocate for State match funds for the IDD Waiver program, and any legislative and administrative initiatives that provide direct services and supports to individuals with IDD and their families. Its continued advocacy is imperative and at the forefront as any changes in funding amounts through budget restrictions and/or reductions to DD Division’s budget would compromise the Division to minimize its ability to continue to fulfill the Makin Settlement Agreement, and address the increase of individuals participating in the IDD Waiver program. Hawai‘i continued to have no large institutions for individuals with IDD and no waitlist for the Medicaid Home & Community-Based Services (HCBS) IDD Waiver program.

Other areas addressed and focused on by the Council included: 1) the State’s compliance with the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services’ (CMS) Community Integration revised Final Rule that established mandatory requirements to ensure that individuals receiving long-term services and supports through HCBS programs have full access to benefits of community living,

are not segregated and isolated from others, and have the opportunity to receive services in the most integrated setting; and 2) increasing employment outcomes for persons with IDD through a technical assistance grant from the U.S. Department of Labor Office of Disability Employment Policy under the Employment First State Leadership Mentoring Program.

Transitions from middle to high school and high school to adulthood of persons with IDD continued to be addressed through the Council’s Kauai and Maui Legislative Forums and various transition events on Hawaii Island, Kauai, Maui, and Oahu that focused on education, employment, housing, and transportation.

The Council continued to provide staff and financial resources to support the Hawai‘i Self-Advocacy Advisory Council (SAAC) and establish a statewide self-advocacy network. SAAC has been involved in numerous activities, such as planning and participating in a leadership summit; emergency preparedness training; team building; social media marketing; and serving on various work groups and tasks forces, such as the My Choice My Way (MCMW) Work Group to address HCBS settings, the House Concurrent Resolution 17 Task Force to address DD Division’s DD Definition, Waiver Policy Advisory Committee, and DD Division’s Strategic Planning workgroups.

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**PROGRESS UPDATE OF IMPLEMENTATION OF THE  
2012-2016 STATE PLAN  
JULY 1, 2014-JUNE 30, 2015**

**COMMUNITY SUPPORTS**

**Goal. People with intellectual and developmental disabilities will receive the necessary supports to live self-determined lives and have equal access under the law.**

- The Council’s 15th annual Day at the Capitol event was held on March 12, 2015, at the State Capitol Auditorium, in partnership with the Hilopa’a Family to Family Health Center (Hilopa’a) and the Hawai‘i Waiver Providers Association. There were 547 people registered for this event, making it the largest number of participants. Sixty-seven participants were from the Neighbor Islands (Hilo-19, Kauai-18, Kona-11, Maui-19). Individuals with IDD and their families participated in the legislative process by meeting with legislators and/or staff to discuss issues and concerns relating to IDD (IDD Waiver program, dental care, early intervention, education, employment, housing, self-advocacy, transportation, and attended the House and Senate Floor sessions and relevant public hearings, and toured the State Capitol. A News Release was disseminated to the public through DOH announcing the event and national theme for Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month, “Don’t DIS an Ability, LOOK at what we can do!” A Proclamation embracing the national theme was signed by the Governor and Lt. Governor, and was presented to the DD Council and SAAC at the Day at the Capitol event. Self-Advocates handed out LOOK candy bars to the Governor, Lt. Governor, and all 76 legislators with the theme posted on the back of the bar. Three hundred postcards urging for the passage of SB 791-Relating to Autism Spectrum Disorders (mandating insurance coverage) and

SB 40-Relating to Licensing (establishes the licensing of Behavior Analysts) were distributed at the event.



15<sup>th</sup> Annual Day at the Capitol event  
Self-advocates and family members visit the Governor's office.

- The Council continued to participate on the DD Division's Waiver Policy Advisory Committee which assisted DD Division to monitor the implementation of: 1) the Medicaid HCBS IDD Waiver program, 2) the IDD Waiver Standards and Consumer Directed Handbook, 3) the Service Matrix, and 4) the Supports Intensity Scale (SIS). The Council also attended informational sessions on the SIS and provided feedback on the implementation of the SIS specific to the length of time to conduct the SIS and its simplicity for individuals with IDD to fully understand the questions during the SIS interview.
- DD Division conducted public hearings on its proposed Hawai'i Administrative Rules regarding services for persons with IDD in February 2014, and a second series of public hearings on its final draft in July 2014. The Council provided comments and suggestions regarding the following sections: 1) Definitions of the clinical interdisciplinary team, natural support, person-centered planning, respite, and vehicular modification; 2) Eligibility Requirements (introduction to two pathways of eligibility for DD and ID, Disposition of DD Division application, 3) Termination of DD Division services; 4) Decrease or termination of services; 5) Scope of services; and 6) Rights of persons with IDD.
- House Concurrent Resolution (HCR) 17 - Requesting DOH DD Division to establish a task force to review Hawaii's statutory definition of "developmental disabilities" involved the Council and other stakeholders (self-advocates, family members, service providers, public and private agencies) to: 1) study the impacts of changing the definition of "developmental disabilities"; 2) discuss general eligibility issues relating to the current statutory definition of "developmental disabilities"; 3) identify gap groups that are currently ineligible for developmental disabilities services, but are a part of the intellectual and developmental disabilities population; and 4) determine strategies to meet the increasing needs of the intellectual and developmental or physical disabilities population including but not limited to identifying and engaging agencies that can

address such needs with a focus on identifying and attempting to provide appropriate safety net processes or services to as large a segment as feasible of the identified gap groups specified in (3).

- The MCMW Work Group completed Hawai'i's Transition Plan to address the CMS Final Rule regarding home and community-based settings. The Transition Plan was submitted by the Department of Human Services (DHS) on March 9, 2015. The Plan addresses areas of assessment, remediation, and public input. The MCMW Workgroup completed the Primary Caregiver Residential Survey, Day Program Survey, Persons Receiving Residential Survey, and Persons Receiving Non-residential Survey.
- Coordination continued as a member of the Statewide Independent Living (SILC) in addressing options for Independent Living through SILC's State Plan. SILC is comprised of individuals with disabilities and representatives from the Division of Vocational Rehabilitation (DVR), DHS; Hawaii Centers for Independent Living; and DD Council.
- The Council continued to be involved with the DOH Maternal and Child Health Branch's Sexual Violence Primary Prevention Planning Committee that identified at risk groups (youth and young adults, immigrants, people with disabilities, and Lesbian/Gay/Bisexual/Transgendered individuals) and created profiles which showed risk factors related to poverty, as well as discrepancies by island in rates of rape offenses. Prevention goals and strategies were addressed in three sections (Youth and Young Adults ages 10-21 years, Chuukese and Marshallese Communities, and Capacity Building). The Annual meeting, "Create, Enhance, Sustain" was held on October 30, 2014, to review the activities of the Community Action Teams (CAT) from Hilo, Hawaii; Maui; and Waianae, Oahu build individual and CAT capacity to implement effective sexual violence prevention efforts, cultivate individual and CAT commitment and ability to evaluate their sexual violence prevention efforts, and to develop and enhance CAT sexual violence prevention action plans.
- The Council through its Maui staff continued to convene the planning committee for the Annual Maui Disability Alliance Legislative Forum that was held on September 24, 2014. This event is a partnership with 40 public and private agencies and organizations who provide services and supports to persons with disabilities. Housing was one of the four topics covered in the evening's program. The Housing Topic Committee produced an informational page that included specific housing information for Maui County and was distributed to 158 participants and 22 candidates who attended the Legislative Forum.
- DD Division and the Council have been working on assuring that every individual served by DD Division has a current emergency preparedness plan with all items listed in their emergency plan included in their emergency preparedness kit. The Division and Council will be coordinating resources to address ongoing emergency preparedness training for individuals receiving services from the Division. Emergency preparedness is also being addressed by SAAC through the Feeling Safe, Being Safe Training which is a train the trainer program. See more information under the Self-Advocacy and Self-Determination Goal. Council staff and five self-advocates participated in emergency

preparedness drills in Ewa Beach and educated the community about the needs of individual with disabilities during emergency situations.

- Transportation remained an important issue on Oahu, as well as on the Neighbor Islands. Transportation plans for Oahu and the Neighbor Islands have been reviewed, and the Council has been involved with the Citizens for a Fair ADA Ride on Oahu, Kauai County Transportation, and Maui County Economic Opportunity Paratransit Authority to address accessible and affordable transportation for persons with disabilities.
  
- In the area of Community Supports, the Council supported and advocated for legislative measures relating to: 1) caregiving (designation and notification of a caregiver, discharge plans for patients); 2) behavior support committee; 3) ABLE (Achieving a Better Life Experience) savings program; 4) Background Checks; 5) open captioning at movie theaters; 6) mandatory insurance coverage for autism spectrum disorders; 7) licensing for behavior analysts; 8) Aging and Disability Resource Centers; 9) alternate methodology for a basic prospective payment system rates for intermediate care facilities for persons with ID; 10) billing for adult day health services; 11) beach access; and 12) awareness and safety of pedestrians who are blind and visually impaired.

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## EDUCATION

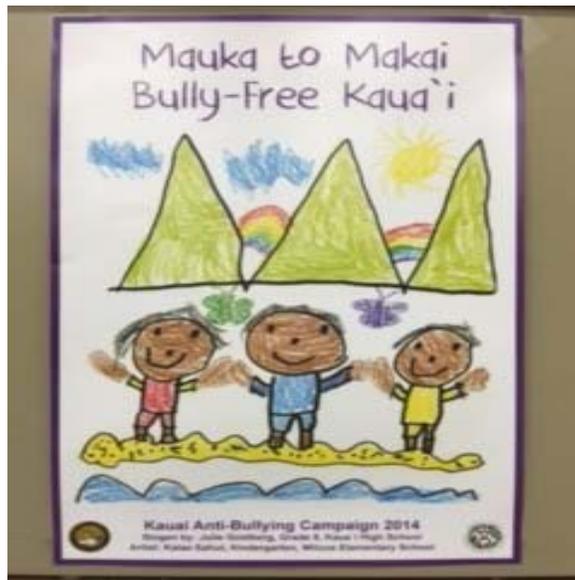
**Goal 1. Students with intellectual and developmental disabilities have quality education outcomes, including vocational and life skills training.**

**Goal 2. People with intellectual and developmental disabilities will have supports to obtain and sustain their chosen life goal to prepare students at all educational levels for the transition from high school to adult life including employment, self-employment, and/or post-secondary education and training.**

- The Council continued to be a co-partner for events related to education and transition from middle to high school, and from high school to adult life (post-secondary education and training, employment, and self-employment). The Maui Big MAC (Moving Across Community) Transition event was held on February 18, 2015, with the Department of Education (DOE), County Parks and Recreation, Community Children’s Councils, etc. Resource manuals were distributed to 110 participants of the event. The SPIN (Special Parent Information Network) Conference, “Operation SPIN” was held on Saturday, May 2, 2015, at the University of Hawai‘i Campus Center Ballroom. The conference was attended by 447 parents, family members, students, professionals, and vendors.
- The Tri-Agency Map to Employment for Students with DD Transitioning from High School represents the efforts of the Inter-Agency Work group comprised of DOE, DOH (DD Division and DD Council) and Human Services (DVR Services) and the Center on Disability Studies to collaborate to increase and improve post-high school opportunities for students with disabilities. This “Map” was intended to provide a student with developmental disabilities a visual aid that would assist students and their families to plan for a successful transition from high school to employment, and to a simple introduction to facilitate discussion and meetings between the agencies, student and family. Eight hundred fifty maps were distributed to DVR for dissemination in schools, and during various events and meetings (Employment Awareness Month, Day at the Capitol, Malama Da Mind).
- As a member of the Coalition for Students with Disabilities, the Council participates in ongoing meetings with the DOE Deputy Superintendent and staff to address DOE’s Annual Performance Report/State Systemic Improvement Plan, WestEd Report recommendations, restraints and seclusion legislation and policies, special education staffing, transition coordinators, transportation, school based behavior health, etc.
- The Kauai DD Committee, in collaborative partnership with the Council, Kauai’s Senator and State Representatives, DOH Children with Special Health Needs Program-Kauai, DOE Complex Area Superintendent of Schools, Special Education/Special Services, and Mokihana-School Based Behavior Health has been at the forefront in initiating anti-bullying activities to address bullying in schools on Kauai. Islandwide anti-bullying slogan and logo contests yielded 110 slogan entries and 733 logo entries. “Mauka to Makai Bully Free Kauai” became the winning slogan and the winning logo illustrates green mountains, blue sky, ocean, rainbow and three young children connecting their hands together. Together the slogan and logo has been distributed throughout Kauai to increase community awareness that Kauai does not tolerate bullying in schools and in the

community. The slogan and logo has taken the Kauai community to the next level of addressing bullying in the community at large. Legislation addressing bullying, cyber bullying and harassment were introduced during the 2015 legislative session. Two thousand posters and 9,000 bumper stickers with the slogan and logo were distributed to all public schools on Kauai in addition to other community events. A Random Act of Kindness contest was held in March 2014 for schools to enter names of students who displayed an act of kindness on others. There were 158 students who were cited for their random acts of kindness. Prizes donated by various stores in the Kukui Grove Shopping Center were given to the students as part of their recognition for modeling gestures of kindness. Banners are being created throughout the Kauai community with the slogan and logo to be used at community events to convey the message that this event is a “bully free zone.”

- The Kauai DD Committee held its annual Legislative Forum on September 11, 2014, at the Kauai Memorial Convention Hall. Hawaii Families as Allies, Kauai Children’s Community Council, DOE, Bayada Home Health Care, Easter Seals, and various other agencies participated in the event. The theme of the event, “Mauka to Makai Bully Free Kauai,” was named after the winning slogan from the slogan contest held during the Summer. There were 175 individuals with IDD, family members, service providers, and advocates that attended the Forum to express their issues and concerns about bullying, employment, transition from school to work, housing, and transportation to Kauai legislators and Kauai County Council candidates.
- In the area of education, the Council supported and advocated for legislative measures relating to bullying, cyber bullying and harassment, and bullying prevention policies.



Anti-Bullying Winning Slogan and Logo  
Mauka to Makai Bully-Free Kauai

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## EMPLOYMENT

**Goal. People with intellectual and developmental disabilities will have supports to obtain and sustain their chosen life goal to prepare students at all educational levels for the transition from high school to adult life including employment, self-employment, and/or post-secondary education and training.**

- Since DD Division received the award in October 2014 from the U.S. Department of Labor Office of Disability Employment Policy for technical assistance from the Employment First State Leadership Mentoring Program (EFSLMP), the Core Leadership Team (DOE, DOH [DD Division, Adult Mental Health Division, and DD Council], DHS [Med-QUEST Division and DVR], Department of Labor [Workforce Development Division], University of Hawaii [Center on Disability Studies] has been involved with the following:
  1. Attended the National Employment's first meeting on Tuesday, December 2, 2014, in Washington, D.C., for core states to attend breakout sessions and work out the details for the technical assistance and training plans.
  2. Drafted training plans regarding the "Capacity Building" for a more coordinated interagency approach toward employing individuals with disabilities, and Vision Quest Policy to "promote partnerships with workforce development in implementing Employment First" amongst Hawaii State agencies.
  3. Participated in technical assistance calls with Hawai'i's designated EFSLMP staff to discuss key subjects and issues to work on.
  4. Planned two target areas for initial training in Hilo and on the Leeward and Windward sides of Oahu. Trainings were focused on educating families within the DD Division system on the possibilities of Supported Employment for their son/daughter, in addition to train DD Division Case Managers, DVR Counselors and Adult Day Health Waiver providers in a number of skill sets specific to providing Supported Employment services.
  5. There were nine events that occurred in May 2015, specific to Employer Outreach in Hilo and on Oahu. A total of 240 people attended these nine sessions. From the series of trainings, the following were activities of the EFSLMP: a) a start-up of an Oahu Business Leadership Network, b) a Partners in Employment Group that is planned for front-line staff (DVR, DD Division, American Job Centers, employment waiver providers), and c) Work Hawaii to talk story about how they will be transitioning people with disabilities to work.
  6. Cohort groups were formed in Hilo and on Oahu consisting of 12 community agencies, with each group meeting six times with Jennifer White (EFSLMP Subject Matter Expert) focusing on expanding employment options for individuals with disabilities.

7. In addition, there were efforts this year on Hawai'i becoming a chapter of Association of People Supporting Employment First (APSE). There are currently six individual APSE members in Hawai'i. Hawai'i is currently a probation chapter. EFSLMP Concurrent Resolution was initially developed focusing on Employment First. The Core EFSLMP Leadership Team continued to meet with Linda Rolfe (EFSLMP Consultant) on a legislative concurrent resolution about the interagency efforts to employ people with disabilities. In addition, there were efforts from EFSLMP on strategies to get an Employment First Resolution adopted by the Hawai'i State Legislature.
- The Council coordinated efforts with DVR for Disability Employment Awareness Month in preparing and submitting a Proclamation in Recognition of Disability Employment Awareness Month for October 2014. The Proclamation followed the theme "Expect. Employ. Empower." and was signed by the Governor and Lt. Governor on September 13, 2014. The Proclamation was distributed statewide and posted in the lobby entrance in the Chamber level of the State Capitol along with 38 pictures and personal stories of individuals with disabilities who are employed. Additionally, 175 posters on Oahu, 75 posters on Kauai, 75 on Maui, and 150 on Hawai'i Island were distributed to public, private, and community members supporting the campaign for disability employment.
  - Kauai DD Committee Legislative Forum, "Employment, Making it Work," was held on September 17, 2015. There were 150 participants that included individuals with IDD, family members, County and State officials, public and private agencies, and service providers. Discussions were generated among participants on how to increase employment opportunities for persons with IDD.
  - On Hawai'i Island the Council collaborated with Workplace Connections and Workforce Solutions on a job fair held at Auntie Sally's on October 30, 2014. Over 600 job seekers received employment and transitional support information from representatives of many businesses and agencies including Workplace Connections and Workforce Solutions, Sears, Target, Home Depot, Hilo Hawaiian Hotel, Wal-Mart, the Army and the Marines, Hawaii Community College, Full Life of Hilo, Bayada, and numerous other businesses.
  - A Sunrise Forum titled "Investing in Diverse Abilities" was held on Tuesday, March 24, 2015, from 7:30-9:30 a.m. at the Hilo Hawaiian Hotel. Sixty attendees comprised of East Hawai'i business leaders, Hawai'i Business Leadership Network members, and Workforce Solutions membership, listened as keynote speaker C.J. Shipley, manager of Hard Rock Café on Oahu, shared his inclusionary practices that have helped his business increase its productivity and profits due to his hiring eleven individuals with disabilities with nine currently employed.
  - Employment related measures supported and advocated by the Council included: 1) tax credits provided to employers who hire a person with a disability, and 2) establishment of a Medicaid Buy-In program to enable person with disabilities to maintain their Medicaid benefits while employed.



Eddie with Senator Ron Kouchi and Representatives James Tokioka and Derek Kawakami as he received an award for being an outstanding employee at Dani's Restaurant on Kauai.

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## HEALTH

**Goal. People with intellectual and developmental disabilities will have access to physical and mental health and medical and dental care, providing opportunities to ensure and maintain their quality of life and ability to provide their own care.**

- The contract for the Hawai'i Donated Dental Services Program continued to be administered by the Council and implemented by the National Foundation of Dentistry for the Handicapped for the period July 1, 2014-June 30, 2015. Since the project began in January 2002, 405 individuals who are elderly, have a disability or are medically compromised received comprehensive dental services at a value of completed treatment of \$1,740,558.

Highlights of the Donated Dental Services Program:

1. Fifty-nine individuals received dental services worth \$161,693.
  2. Each individual treated (with the exception of the nine individuals receiving ongoing, maintenance services received an average of \$2,982 worth of dental services treatment.
  3. Volunteer dentists donated \$6.60 worth of care for every dollar spent supporting contributed services.
  4. Sixty-eight applications were received (five from developmental disabilities) and 77 individuals were waiting to be referred to a volunteer dentist as of June 30, 2015. These individuals include those that applied this fiscal year, as well as some who have applied previously and have not been referred yet.
  5. One hundred dentists volunteer to participate in the program; 58 are general dentists and 42 are specialists.
  6. Included with the \$161,693 in value of care donated, \$15,043 was in laboratory services by volunteer labs. Twenty-nine volunteer labs in Hawaii are part of the Dental Lifeline Network to help with supplies and equipment.
- Health related measures supported and advocated by the Council included:
    1. Restoration of basic adult dental benefits.
    2. Dental hygienists to apply dental sealants.
    3. Dental health.
    4. Mandatory health insurance for orthodontic treatment for orofacial anomalies.
    5. A review and analysis of oral health initiatives currently underway.

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## CHILDREN AND YOUTH (EARLY CHILDHOOD)

**Goal. Children and youth with special health care needs and their families have access to family-centered community-based integrated interventions and supports providing opportunities to ensure quality of life.**

- The Council remained an ex-officio member of the Hawaii Early Intervention Coordinating Council.
- Through the participation of the Chief of the Children with Special Health Needs Branch on the Council's Health and Early Childhood Committee, there was ongoing monitoring of the number of infants and toddlers receiving early intervention and follow-up services.
- Children and Youth related measures supported and advocated by the Council included establishment of a Fetal alcohol coordinator position and a Web-based system for early intervention and coordinator position to improve social-emotional and behavior outcomes for children from birth to age five.

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# SELF-ADVOCACY AND SELF-DETERMINATION

**Goal. Self-advocates have the supports necessary to strengthen the Self Advocacy Advisory Council and establish a statewide Self-Advocacy Network.**

## **Hawai'i Self-Advocacy Advisory Council**

The State Legislature, through Act 213, Session Laws of Hawai'i 2007, appropriated funds to the DD Council to establish and support a statewide self-advocacy network for persons with IDD. The Hawai'i Self-Advocacy Advisory Council (SAAC) was formally established through Act 213. SAAC consists of self-advocates who "lead by example" and teach advocacy so people can have the life they want.

### **Mission**

The Mission of SAAC is to raise awareness and the quality of life for all self-advocates through leadership, education, and full participation in the community.

Highlights of this past year's accomplishments:

- SAAC has been working on building their organization foundation to become a non-profit organization. Two training sessions attended by 66 SAAC members were held that focused on budgets, application process for non-profit status, business skills, and how to run an advocacy agency in order to transition SAAC to become a non-profit organization.
- Leadership training during the year included one-to-one support and mentorship on "How to Run Your Own Individual Service Plan" and "Storytelling Training." Other trainings addressed SIS, teamwork, voting, how to understand the State budget, and accessible transportation.
- SAAC participated in Disability Employment Awareness Month in October 2014, and several members were featured through a photo of themselves with their story about their jobs in the community. The photos were displayed in the lobby area of the Chamber level of the State Capitol. Over 30 SAAC flyers were distributed at a table near the photos.
- The Council's Day at the Capitol event was well attended by SAAC members who hosted a table with a poster board of pictures and photo voice project on "Be a Friend-Stop Bullying." They visited the offices of 52 legislators and gave them each a lei and LOOK candy bar that included the theme of disability awareness month, "Don't DIS an Ability, LOOK at what we can Do!"
- Participation at the annual SPIN Conference on May 2, 2015, involved two SAAC members hosting a table with information and photos about SAAC and its activities.
- Twenty SAAC members participated in the Leadership Institute and four members presented their Photo Voice Project at an hour long panel at the annual Pac Rim Conference in May 2014. The Pac Rim International Conference was attended by four SAAC members.

- The annual Best Buddies Friendship Walk included five SAAC participants and SAAC flyers were distributed sharing information about SAAC with others.
- For Children and Youth Day in October 2014, eight self-advocate volunteers hosted an informational table that provided an activity, “Be a Friend. Stop Bullying” for 350 children. Two hundred seventy-five children signed the “Stop Bullying” poster board, and 20 flyers of “Ways to Show You Care” were given out. The poster board was shared in March 2014 at the Council’s Day at the Capitol event where three SAAC members discussed their “Stop Bullying” campaign with their legislators.
- SAAC members are providing insight and information on the MCMW Work Group regarding the needs of individuals with DD. They helped to develop the residential and non-residential surveys that address qualities of home and community-based settings that promote choice and integration of individuals with disabilities to live in the community, and sharing input of SAAC members to the workgroup. Two self-advocates are representing SAAC on the work group.
- Four self-advocates participated on the HCR 17 Task Force to assist the DD Division in its review of the current definition of DD and make any recommendations on whether to expand the definition of DD. The report was completed and submitted to the Twenty-Eighth Legislature (2015) in December 2014.
- Forty-four public and private organizations, including two from California, are involved with SAAC in its various self-advocacy activities. Networking with other national and international self-advocacy organizations
- During the year, SAAC membership increased from 123 to 138 self-advocates.
- SAAC Chapters have been established on Oahu, Kauai, Maui, Lanai, East Hawai‘i (Hilo), and West Hawai‘i (Kona). SAAC has reached out to the Molokai community for the development of the Molokai chapter. Two individuals have shown interest in sharing the Chair position to help create the new chapter.



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