

**REPORT TO THE TWENTY-NINTH LEGISLATURE**

**STATE OF HAWAII**

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**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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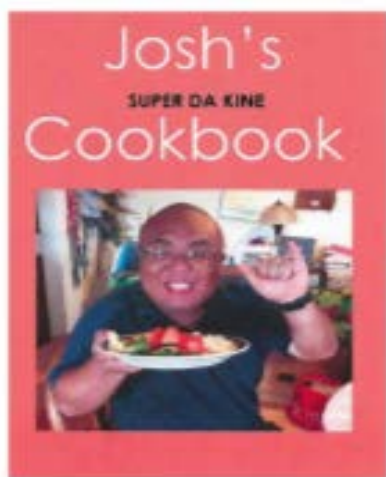


### **Estimated Number of Individuals with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities (IDD) in Hawaii**

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 July 1, 2017, the estimated population for Hawai‘i was 1,427,538. Based on the National Health Interview Survey in 1994 and 1995, the prevalence of IDD 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 21,270.

#### **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, and assistance for a life time.



# Hawaii State Council on Developmental Disabilities

## Mission Statement

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

## Vision Statement

People with intellectual and developmental disabilities 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, play, and pursue their spiritual beliefs, 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.

## Self-Advocacy Network

The State Legislature, through Act 213, Session Laws of Hawaii 2007, appropriated funds to establish and support a statewide self-advocacy network for persons with developmental disabilities (DD). The Hawaii Self-Advocacy Advisory Council (SAAC) is a group of self-advocate leaders with intellectual and DD who are actively engaged in their community to address the concerns and needs of their peers throughout the State. SAAC activities include:

- Establishing leadership skills and activities to maintain SAAC as a non-profit organization.
- Connecting to local communities to provide education, training, and community service.
- Producing field tested advocacy tools, publications, webinars, and videos.
- Participating on task forces, committees, and boards on every island.
- Securing guest speakers and trainers to address topics, such as community participation, employment, healthy living, housing, leadership, personal rights, and self-determination.
- Networking nationally and internationally with self-advocacy organizations.
- Providing education and training to youth in transition.
- Establishing activities and opportunities for self-advocates to have their own businesses such as; consulting, author of how to books, and lunch wagon.



# The Council Areas of Emphasis

## **Community Supports**

- Activities have included enhancing residential placements within communities and avoiding the placement of individuals with DD into institutions.
- Advocated for policy change to allow shared rental assistance with Housing Choice Vouchers to allow people to live with others and who they want to.
- Worked with the City and County transportation coordinators throughout the State to provide user friendly bus stops so individuals with disabilities have an easier time utilizing generic transportation services so they have transportation to go to work.
- Promoted collaboration with other agencies to provide civic engagement trainings for parents and individuals with developmental disabilities.
- We Educated Legislators, City and County Council members, and Mayors on the transportation needs for individuals with disabilities.

## **Public Awareness, Education and Training**

- Created a slogan and public awareness campaign to promote Developmental Disabilities and Disability Employment Awareness months.
- Educated business and community members on what DD is and the abilities of others.
- Encouraging networking to assist individuals with DD to join their organizations to develop unpaid supports.
- Promoted awareness of DD-related issues and concerns with 76 legislators during the 2017 Day at the Capitol Event. Participants were briefed from the Council. There were 449 Self-Advocates from 29 organizations and 31 volunteers from 10 organizations who came together to celebrate the abilities of individuals with DD.
- The Self-advocates also supported their legislators with initiatives that were important to them and their communities such as volunteer day and adopting a park.
- Combining resources with other state and private agencies to disseminate information through their social media and news letters to reach individuals not served.

## **Transition and Employment**

- Collaborated with public and private agencies to work together to transition students with disabilities from DOE into jobs and earning competitive wages such as the Summer Work Youth Employment program. In a collaboration between the Department of Human Services (DHS) and Department of Labor and Industrial Relations which 223 youth with disabilities were placed into competitive employment.
- Assisted 12 self-advocates with getting a job.
- Created a one-page fact sheet on wrap around services between the Department of Health, DHS Division of Vocational Rehabilitation, and Department of Education to promote transition planning starting at the age of 14. This grew into tri-agency meetings with 100 professionals from the mentioned agencies, and resulted in breaking down the silos and collaborating among each other. Other states are now considering mimicking it.
- The Council assisted 10 self-advocates with opening their own ABLE (Achieving a Better Life Experience) bank accounts that will allow them to work and save for their future[s] without worry of losing benefits.

## **Children & Youth & Health**

- Working to initiate universal screening tools across the State to increase early intervention strategies. Early detection and treatment can prevent long term disabilities.
- Working with Assistive Technology Resource Center with providing devices to toddlers to help them with their communication needs rather than purchasing expensive communication devices through Medicaid or other insurance companies.

## **Self-Advocacy & Self-Determination**

- Grown from a dozen members to nearly 200 members Statewide.
- Have set up monthly meetings and train the trainer events.
- Getting self-advocates out of paid supported day health facilities and creating self-supported groups.
- Educated self-advocates on how to get a job.



# The Council

## Offices & Contact Information

### History

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

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## Council Members

The State Council on Developmental Disabilities consists of 28 Governor appointed members that includes persons with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities (I/DD), parents, family members, and representatives from public and private agencies. At least 61% must be a person with I/DD or a family member of a person with I/DD.

We currently have eight vacancies. Five individuals have submitted their names to the Boards and Commissions Office to fill a portion of the vacancies.

1. Bathey Fong Self-Advocate (Oahu)
2. Caroline Cadirao Executive Office on Aging (Old Americans Act)
3. Sol Ray Duncan Self-Advocate (Oahu)
4. Kevin Bardsley-Marcial Non-Profit Organization (Bayada)
5. Barbara Ioli Parent (Oahu)
6. Noella Kong Title V of the Social Security Act-Maternal Child Health
7. Natalie Kama Parent (Maui)
8. Aaron Kemp Self-Advocate (Maui)
9. Renee Manfredi Self-Advocate (Oahu)
10. Carol Young Hawaii Disability Rights Center (Protection & Advocacy Agency)
11. Timothy Renken Self-Advocate (Oahu)
12. Edna Kaahaaina Parent (Oahu)
13. Ricky Shimokawa Department of Education, Individuals with Disabilities Act
14. Christopher Toyama Self-Advocate (Oahu)
15. Dr. Santo Triolo Parent (Maui)
16. Josie Woll Parent (Oahu)
17. Liza Yogi Parent (East Hawaii)
18. Dr. JoAnn Yuen Center on Disability Studies, University of Hawai'i at Manoa  
(University Centers for Excellence)
19. Jacqueline Indreginal Title IX of the Social Security Act – Department of Human Services  
Med-QUEST Division
20. Michele Pestel-Maga Parent (Oahu)
21. vacant Department of Health (Designated State Agency)
22. vacant Department of Human Services, Division of Vocational  
Rehabilitation (Rehabilitation Act)
23. vacant Parent (Kauai)
24. vacant Self-Advocate (Kauai)
25. vacant Self-Advocate (West Hawaii)
26. vacant Self-Advocate (Oahu)
27. vacant Parent (Oahu)
28. vacant Non-governmental agency