

**REPORT TO THE TWENTY-FIFTH HAWAII STATE
LEGISLATURE 2009**

**IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF
ACT 213, PART 7, SECTION 200
SESSION LAWS OF HAWAII (SLH) 2007**

**DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES
Benefit, Employment, and Support Services Division
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**REPORT ON ACT 213, PART 7, SECTION 200, RELATING TO THE STATE
BUDGET, SESSION LAWS OF HAWAII 2007**

ACT 213, PART 7, SECTION 200, SLH 2007, requires the Department of Human Services (DHS) to prepare a report to include but not be limited to: 1) the names of the contracted providers selected to provide the above services; 2) amounts expended to each contracted provider; 3) the number of individuals served under each contract; and 4) measures of the benefits achieved under each contract.

Service Provided:	Positive youth development services and outreach to alienated low-income at-risk youth in the Kalihi, Waipahu, Ewa Beach, and Waianae Coast regions of Oahu by implementing a replicable in-community prevention and rehabilitation model that utilizes group therapy.
Name of Provider:	Adult Friends for Youth
Amount Expended:	\$224,875
Number of Individuals Served:	77
Measure of Benefits Achieved:	The program enrolled 77 high risk youth, ages 11-21 in the Kalihi, Waipahu, Ewa Beach, and Waianae Coast regions of Oahu. Of those youth enrolled, 49 attended the 128 group therapy at least 75% of the time. 87% will graduate or be promoted to a higher grade level at the end of the school year and 70% have increased their school attendance to a minimum 90% rate over the school year.

Service Provided:	Services provided in neighborhood places that promote safe and nurturing environments, culturally sensitive parenting and family development programs and support groups, and family crisis counseling to protect children who are being abused or neglected or at risk of such abuse or neglect on Oahu in Waimanalo, Central Kalihi, and Waianae; on Hawaii in Puna and Kona; on Maui in Wailuku; and on Kaua`i. Services proposed may include expansion of existing services that already provide such services.
Name of Provider:	Blueprint for Change
Amount Expended:	\$389,239
Number of Individuals Served:	219
Measure of Benefits Achieved:	The program was able to service a total number of 219 families to provide diversion services from requiring child protective services through DHS CPS. Of these families the program was able to successfully divert 18 families.

Service Provided:	Program that offers one-to-one mentoring after school and on weekends by matching caring volunteers to children and youth, largely from single parent households in Honolulu, who are considered at risk and need positive adult role models.
Name of Provider:	Big Brothers Big Sisters
Amount Expended:	\$233,167
Number of Individuals Served:	463
Measure of Benefits Achieved:	The program enrolled 463 youth into one-to-one mentoring in both site-based and community-based settings. The program is currently on-going so none of the youth have yet to complete the program. The program has not seen any youth drop out. 78% of the youth participating in the program report having more positive feelings about school because of the mentoring relationship. 81% of participants reported having a better understanding of how bad choices can have a negative effect on their future as a result of the mentoring relationship.

Service Provided:	Program that offers positive youth development services in the County of Hawaii to 3rd and 4th graders especially under-achievers and their families with structured extracurricular civic learning activities in an after-school setting.
Name of Provider:	Hawaii County Economic Opportunity Council
Amount Expended:	\$257,553
Number of Individuals Served:	112 students
Measure of Benefits Achieved:	In a period of six months, the program serviced 112 students from Kapiolani, Keaau, Kalaniana'ole, Laupahoehoe, Naalehu, and Keonepolo Elementary Schools. 84% of the students developed or improved their study skills since enrolling into the program, while 87% of the students developed or increased their confidence and self-efficacy in school success. Of the total, 81% of the students had a parent or other adult family member involved in school-related activities. In the 2 nd quarter, the program arranged a field trip to the 'Imiloa Astronomy Center which 38 students and 10 parents attended during the spring recess. The students learned about astronomy, history of space technology development, and the Hawaiian culture as it relates to astronomy.

Service Provided:	Positive youth development programs including life skills training, mediation skills, and tutoring assistance in the after-school hours from 1:40 to 6:00 pm for students in grades 6 through 8 in Kapaa Middle, Chiefess Kamakahahei Middle, and Waimea Canyon schools on Kauai.
Name of Provider:	Boys and Girls Club of Hawaii (Kauai)
Amount Expended:	\$270,000
Number of Individuals Served:	481
Measure of Benefits Achieved:	The program enrolled 481 youth from Kapa'a Middle, Chiefess Kamakahahei Middle and Waimea Canyon schools on Kauai into positive youth development services. 79% of the youth were able to complete the program. 73% of the youth who completed the program reported feeling more confident they can and will do well in school. 36% reported gaining new refusal skills, while only 4% of the youth reported attaining new job related skills.

Service Provided:	Program to assist TANF eligible adults to participate in organic micro-enterprise farming using and producing liquid organic fertilizer made from green waste on farms in Waimanalo and elsewhere on Oahu.
Name of Provider:	Pacific Gateway Center
Amount Expended:	\$0
Number of Individuals Served:	0
Measure of Benefits Achieved:	Contract was fully executed as of 10/2008. Payments have not been requested to date.

Service Provided:	Assist 300 TANF eligible families on Kauai to rise above the poverty line toward self-sufficiency with outreach and other tax preparation assistance to claim the earned income tax credit.
Name of Provider:	Aloha United Way
Amount Expended:	\$47,651
Number of Individuals Served:	309
Measure of Benefits Achieved:	Total Refunds Obtained: \$330,926 Total EITC: \$135,478 Total Child Tax Credit: \$77,778 Tax Preparation Fees Saved: \$46,350

Service Provided:	A one-stop center that assists low-income adults and adults transitioning from TANF/Temporary Assistance to Other Needy Families (TAONF) who lack marketable computer and business skills to become employed or establish their own business by bridging economic development with social services approaches and customizing support to each consumer. This one stop center will offer services to remove barriers for success, e.g. domestic violence, child abuse, neglect prevention and treatment, and early childhood education.
Name of Provider:	Parents and Children Together
Amount Expended:	\$274,376
Number of Individuals Served:	109
Measure of Benefits Achieved:	In a period of seven months, 26 participants gained employment, of which 11 are employed full-time and 15 are employed part-time. The wages vary from \$7.25/hr to \$13.68/hr. Of the total participants, 33% were receiving cash assistance; 29% were receiving public assistance other than cash assistance; and 26% of the participants are not receiving any type of public assistance or subsidy.

Service Provided:	Program to provide for training stipends, equipment, food supplies and tuition for TANF eligible adults enrolled in culinary training and food service preparation program training sites in Hilo and Captain Cook on the Island of Hawaii.
Name of Provider:	Hawaii County Economic Opportunity Council
Amount Expended:	\$52,505
Number of Individuals Served:	10
Measure of Benefits Achieved:	The initial five months, the program developed training curriculum, compiled training materials, and conducted outreach in the communities of Hilo and Kona through local organizations and through various forms of media. In the months of April and May, outreach within the communities continued, recruitment began, potential students were interviewed, and qualifications were determined. As of June, the program received 35 applicants, of which 10 were accepted into the program. All 10 trainees achieved the program objectives and received certificates of completion. Five trainees successfully went on to obtain employment after the program.

Service Provided:	Training program for 38 TANF eligible adults to gain employment and economic self-sufficiency by participating in bio-tech tissue culturing projects for bio-diesel, bio-mass, and other agricultural products in the Hilo and lower and upper Puna districts on the Island of Hawaii.
Name of Provider:	Hawaii County Economic Opportunity Council
Amount Expended:	\$37,383
Number of Individuals Served:	6
Measure of Benefits Achieved:	The initial five months, the program focused on outreach and recruitment activities which included presentations to community organizations and publicity through various local media. Between February and June, the program reported that a total of 40 families applied for services. However, the program temporarily stopped to address necessary programmatic and organizational changes. In July, the program developed a curriculum, training materials were made, and referral sources were contacted to notify that the program was ready to begin and referrals were being accepted. In August, the program received referrals, conducted intakes, and accepted six applicants into the training program.

Service Provided:	Collaborative transitional living programs offered through agencies accredited by the council on accreditation on services for families and children throughout the State to assist TANF eligible youth head of households with dependent children who are runaway, homeless and street youth, and youth at risk of homelessness in all counties to enable these youth to learn skills essential for successful independent living.
Name of Provider:	Hawaii Youth Service Network
Amount Expended:	\$0
Number of Individuals Served:	0
Measure of Benefits Achieved:	Contract has been executed as of 9/2008. No payments have been requested to date.

Service Provided:	Program to assist TANF eligible families in the communities of Nanakuli and Hilo and on the Islands of Maui and Kauai to become successful home owners by providing a comprehensive program of outreach, pre-purchase training including financial literacy, home buyer education, debt reduction, credit repair and household budgeting, counseling and access to mortgage lending.
Name of Provider:	Hawaiian Community Assets
Amount Expended:	\$80,388
Number of Individuals Served:	120 families (pre-purchase homebuyer education) 60 youths (youth financial education)
Measure of Benefits Achieved:	The families are currently receiving individualized counseling and are in the process of improving their credits, reducing debts, and financially preparing for home ownership. Since February, the program has been developing their new youth financial program and has been conducting outreach in collaboration with other community agencies.

Service Provided:	Program to expand computer literacy, training, life skills, and tutoring programs during after school hours for disadvantaged youth and in the evenings for TANF eligible adults serving native Hawaiian, Pacific Island, and other ethnic groups living in Palolo Valley housing projects.
Name of Provider:	Mutual Assistance Associations Center
Amount Expended:	\$257,385
Number of Individuals Served:	521
Measure of Benefits Achieved:	The program has been able to achieve the following goals: students have reported an improvement of school grades due to assistance in completing school assignments. They have been able to make friend by having social activities. Computer literacy course has increased familiarity with the use of technology. The program has also provided supervised out-of-school time for their school aged youth.

Service Provided:	Service to expand programs to address alcohol abuse statewide and strengthen public awareness about underage drinking and impaired driving and to target college age drinkers and the County of Hawaii due to the disproportionate rate of drunken driving crashes and fatalities.
Name of Provider:	Coalition for a Drug Free Hawaii
Amount Expended:	\$146,865
Number of Individuals Served:	2,335
Measure of Benefits Achieved:	<p>Program provided: 1) 15 underage drinking awareness presentations to 2,268 individuals with 95% reporting increased knowledge, 91% reporting increased skill acquisition and 98% reporting plan to avoid risky behavior; 2) Strengthening Hawaii Families (SHF) workshops (for July 1 – September 30, 2008). Outreach: There were 2,268 participants at the Awareness presentations. 70 families consisting of 122 family members enrolled in the SFH program. Surveys were sent out to evaluate the outcomes of the SFH program. Of the surveys returned, 67% (21 of 31 family members) reported increased knowledge, 85% (47 of 56 family members) reported positive changes in attitudes and beliefs, and 88% (47 of 56 family members) reported changed behavior, specifically better communication. The October workshop has not been evaluated at the writing of this report.; 3) Outreach to college-age youth to increase awareness about the laws and harmful effects of underage drinking in partnership with MADD and UMADD resulting in initiatives on three college campuses (UH Hilo, UH Manoa, and Kapiolani Community College); 4) partnership activities with HPPUD Hawaii County Coalition; and 5) Statewide media campaign was rolled out during the month of October to increase awareness about the “Use and Lose Law” including two Radio Shout Outs to be aired on Clear Channel radio stations (Hot 93.9, Island 98.5, and Star 101.9), Bus Posters on all Oahu buses, and animated Public Service Announcements to be aired on Oceanic cable television.</p>

Service Provided:	Program to assist at least 40 native Hawaiian TANF eligible families on the Leeward coast to succeed at home ownership by providing classes in home repair, financial literacy and essentials of home ownership, and by providing access to reusable home building materials.
Name of Provider:	Nanakuli Housing Corporation
Amount Expended:	\$160,344
Number of Individuals Served:	32
Measure of Benefits Achieved:	To date they have had 38 families attend orientation. Of that 38 only 32 families have met the eligibility requirements. All 32 families have committed to the self-help home repair program and developed their own project management plans. They have completed 21 different workshops. Of the 32 families, 29 families have completed home assessments. Contractors have donated approximately \$10,000 worth of materials to be used for home repair.

Service Provided:	Assist TANF eligible families to rise above the poverty line toward self-sufficiency with outreach and other assistance to claim the earned income tax credit by providing free tax assistance on Oahu, Molokai, and the Hilo area of the Island of Hawaii utilizing a statewide network of non profit agencies and volunteers.
Name of Provider:	Aloha United Way
Amount Expended:	\$158,140
Number of Individuals Served:	1,513 (excluding Kauai above) at VITA only sites 805 additional at State Tax Office Project 236 additional for Economic Stimulus Payment only filings at a non-VITA site
Measure of Benefits Achieved:	Total Refunds Obtained: \$1,548,926 Total EITC: \$754,318 Total Child Tax Credit: \$267,062 Economic Stimulus Payments only: \$36,300 (these are paper returns filed for those who do not usually have to file a federal return. Tax Preparation Fees Saved: \$226,950