

SUMMARY

The Office of Community Services (OCS) assists Hawaii's low-income, immigrant and refugee populations to overcome and eliminate workforce barriers to economic self-sufficiency via an array of community-based programs and services. Collaborating with both government agencies and the private sector while contracting for much-needed human services with twenty-two non-profit partners, OCS continues to maximize efficient and effective use of available resources by implementing a comprehensive and holistic approach to meet the diverse needs of the community.

OCS remains committed to maintaining and improving health and human services to the economically disadvantaged persons of our State by seeking out and obtaining additional and new funding awards from government agencies and the private sector.

Administered program funds for State Fiscal Year 2002 included:

State Funds	\$ 6,214,968
Federal Funds	<u>4,828,909</u>
Total Program Funds	<u>\$11,043,877</u>



WHO WE ARE

The State Office of Community Services (OCS), administratively attached to the Department of Labor and Industrial Relations, is mandated to provide human service programs for Hawaii's economically disadvantaged, immigrants and refugees. Created by the Hawaii State Legislature through Act 305, and signed into law by the Governor on June 25, 1985, OCS was codified in Chapter 371K, Hawaii Revised Statutes.

The primary functions of OCS are to:

1. facilitate and enhance the development, coordination, administration and delivery of effective programs to those in need and
2. provide advice and guidance to the executive branch, non-profit and private sector human service agencies, and the legislature.

OCS evolved in 1985 from the merger of four programs:

1. the Hawaii Office of Economic Opportunity established by the Governor's Office in the mid '60s to manage Federal funds;
2. the Progressive Neighborhood Program established in the early '70s to operate demonstration projects for the economically disadvantaged;
3. the Refugee Resettlement Program which provided services to the refugees as part of the State Program Development Services Section, Public Welfare Division of the Department of Social Services and Housing; and
4. the State Immigration Services Center which provided planning, coordination, and funding for immigrant services.



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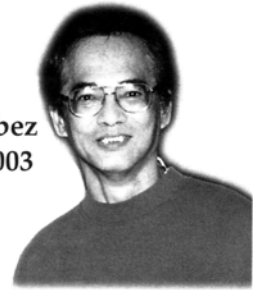
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OCS primarily contracts and administers program services on behalf of the State and Federal governments. The Office is responsible for allocating funds via a competitive purchase of services process unless the funding source authority directs award to a specific organization(s). Contracts are primarily granted to private, 501(c)3, non-profit agencies.

Our small but experienced staff consists of an executive director, a special assistant to the executive director, two senior planners, three program specialists, one rural cooperative coordinator, an accountant, an account clerk, two full-time and one half-time clerical.

Zack Labez
1950 - 2003



Zack and a Million

Last January twelfth, two thousand and three
The world lost a bit of its sparkle that day.

A man slight in stature,
Enormous in heart,
Motivated an entire State
To take part.

He posted a challenge
To set the goals high,
Organized, encouraged
Executive, House and Senate to try...

Reach into their pockets
Cook chili, sell shirts
Raise food and money
For people who hurt.

His theme, be creative, work hard
His effort, his energy, pure and real,
Fed men, women and children
Over a million meals.

His secret was passion
For the hungry he cared.
We pay tribute to Zack
And the life he has shared.

Sheri Rolf
HFB Food Drive Committee Chair

Zachary Labez was the extraordinary man who led Hawaii's State employees during Annual Food Drive. At every drive he encouraged his fellow employees to give generously to the Hawaii Foodbank.

As a result of Zack's tireless efforts, the State has consistently brought in the most poundage and monetary donations during Annual Food Drive.

As this year's State employees' contact, my greatest disappointment is that I will not be able to work with Zack. I have no doubt that I would have learned many valuable lessons from his years of experience and true Aloha Spirit.

Lori Kaya
Editor

WHAT WE DO



OUR VISION

To eliminate the causes and conditions of poverty for economically disadvantaged persons, immigrants, and refugees in the State of Hawaii.

OUR MISSION

1. To facilitate and enhance the development, delivery, and coordination of effective programs for economically disadvantaged persons, immigrants and refugees that allows this target population to achieve and maintain economic independence;
2. To improve the efficiency and effectiveness of executive branch operations on behalf of those in need; and
3. To improve the responsiveness to the needs of our target population through partnerships in the private and public sectors.

OUR PURPOSE

To unite various public and private agencies and human service programs *“to facilitate and enhance the development, coordination, administration and delivery of effective programs to those in need and to provide advice and guidance to the executive branch, non-profit and private sector human service agencies, and the legislature.”*

OUR GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

- Establish Statewide goals and objectives relating to economically disadvantaged persons, immigrants and refugees;
- Conduct research studies via the state and county government departments or agencies responsible for providing employment, social welfare, education, health, and related services concerning the needs of economically disadvantaged persons, immigrants, and refugees throughout the State;

- Review legislation pertaining to programs within the purview of the office and appropriations made for services to the economically disadvantaged, immigrants, and refugees, recommend revisions and additions, and report to the governor regarding such legislation;
- Evaluate the availability, adequacy, and accessibility of all services for target clientele within the State;
- Assist and coordinate the efforts of all public and private agencies providing services that affect the economically disadvantaged, immigrants, and refugees, and report such facts and OCS' recommendations to the governor and to the state legislature;
- Maintain contacts with local, state, and federal officials and public/private agencies concerned with the planning for the economically disadvantaged, immigrants, and refugees; and
- Encourage and foster local action on behalf of the economically disadvantaged, immigrants, and refugees.

OUR EXISTING PROGRAMS AND SERVICES

In FY 2002, OCS administered over \$11M in Federal and State funds by contracting primarily with approximately twenty-two private, non-profit agencies to provide comprehensive health and human services to meet the diverse needs of the community.

State programs included: Employment Core Services for Low-Income Persons and Immigrants; Employment Creation for Low-Income Persons, Immigrants and Refugees; Child Care Services for Head Start Parents; Transportation Services for Low-Income Persons; Food Collection and Distribution Services for Low-Income Persons; Legal Services for Low-Income Persons and Immigrants; State Hawaii Food Bank Drive; and Youth Services for Immigrants.

Federal programs included: Cash, Medical and Administration for Refugees; Community Food and Nutrition Program; Community Services Block Grant; Employment Core Services for Refugees; Ready-to-Learn Drive; Senior Farmers' Market Nutrition Program; The Emergency Food Assistance Program; USDA Rural Business Enterprise Program, and Weatherization Assistance Program.



Celebrating opening day,
August 28, 2002



Dean Masuno, Pacific
Gateway Center staff,
talks with Senator Daniel
Inouye and Representative
Neil Abercrombie



LOW-INCOME FAMILIES AND INDIVIDUALS

As of April 1, 2001, census figures listed for Hawaii a total population of 1,211,537, of which 10.7% lived at or below the federal poverty guidelines. Based on the U.S. Census Bureau 2000 data, 126,154 individuals statewide were living at or below the poverty level (City & County of Honolulu – 83,937, Hawaii County – 22,821, Maui County – 13,252, Kalawao County – 59, and Kauai County – 6,085).

Comparatively, according to the U.S. Census 2000 (as of 1999), nationwide 12.4% out of a total population of 281,421,906 were living at or below the federal poverty guideline. The separate 2002 U.S. Department of Health and Human Services federal poverty guideline level for Hawaii was \$20,820 for a family of four. The percent of people living in Hawaii without health insurance in FY 2001 was 9.5%.

The U.S. Census 2000 reports 153,008 households with 295,767 children under age 18 living in Hawaii. About 34.3% (98,873) of these children live in low-income families. The term low-income used here also includes those under age 18 that are near poverty (below 50% of poverty) and up to or below 200% of the federal poverty guidelines. The population under age 18 and near poverty was 6% (17,266). Children living below or at the federal poverty guidelines consists of 14.1% (40,542). Another 8.6% (5,564) of teens between the ages of 16-19 do not work or fail to attend school.

The National Center for Children in Poverty states that many parents in low-income Hawaii families are employed. Data indicates that 53% (24,323) of low-income families include at least one parent working full-time year round. Another 31% (14,308) of low-income families has parent(s) employed either part-time or part-year. Only 17% (7,698) of low-income families had no employed parents. The study also showed that low-income families in Hawaii are

more apt to be headed by a single parent. Tabulated results indicated that 52% (24,207) of low-income families are headed by a single parent versus 22% (22,395) of families living above the federal poverty guideline are headed by a single parent.

The U.S. Census 2000 results showed poverty rates declined for families led by single mothers. Nevertheless, more than one-third of families led by single mothers still live below the poverty level. In 2001, generally the poverty rates for households led by single mothers improved throughout most of the country. Here in Hawaii, it remained about the same. In FY 2001, Hawaii's tax threshold equaled 62% (\$11,300) of the poverty guideline.

The Hawaii poverty population represents three general categories: (1) the homeless with the least limited resources, (2) recipients of public assistance who qualify by way of a means test, and (3) those ineligible persons falling below the federal poverty guideline that fail to qualify and receive public assistance.

OCS-funded programs (excluding Hawaii Food Bank and The Emergency Food Assistance Program) targeted for low-income persons served 64,048 persons statewide in FY 2002.

IMMIGRANTS AND REFUGEES

The U.S. Census 2000 estimated for year 2002 a Hawaii foreign-born population of approximately 251,933, a 15.8% increase from the year 2000 tally of 212,229 immigrants or 17.5% of the state's overall population. Of these 212,229 foreign-born, 127,532 are now naturalized citizens. Between 1990 to March 2000, 72,394 foreign-born entered Hawaii. The immigrant and refugee population was distributed throughout the State as follows: City & County of Honolulu – 168,246, Hawaii County – 15,208, Maui County – 21,171, Kalawao County – 30, and Kauai County – 7,574.

According to the Federation for American Immigration Reform (FAIR), Hawaii has received more than 200 refugees during FY 96-01 for permanent resettlement (19 in FY 01). This is an average of about 40 refugees per year.



Making jam at Hawaii County Economic Opportunity Council's (HCEOC) Honokaa Kitchen



Designing and printing professional labels

Immigrants and refugees face multiple transitional problems requiring a wide range of services, including employment, social services, food, equitable access to the legal system, health care and insurance, child care, taxes, adequate housing, transportation, English language proficiency and acculturation skills. English language and acculturation skills remain the two dominant barriers to self-sufficiency for these populations.

OCS-funded programs provided services to 1,666 immigrants and 80 refugees in FY 2002. The number of immigrants that achieved movement toward self-sufficiency by attaining jobs was 549 (285 part-time and 264 full-time).



HCEOC's Rainbow Falls Connection sells local products on-line and at its gift shop above, many made by budding Employment Creation Program entrepreneurs.



An evening Fast Trac Business Class at Maui Economic Opportunity, Inc.

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WHAT WE ACCOMPLISHED IN FY 2002



ADMINISTERED STATE PURCHASE OF SERVICES FUNDS

Together with our partners, the following services were provided:

- employment core services to 1,505 low-income persons and 797 immigrants;
- employment creation services to 216 low-income persons, immigrants, and refugees;
- extended-day Head Start child care for 244 children and 210 low-income parents;
- transportation to basic services for 10,227 individuals (989 low-income rural workers, 6,033 elderly, 1,763 disabled, and 1,442 school children and youth) in Counties of Hawaii and Maui with limited or without public mass transportation;
- equitable access to civil legal services for 8,743 low-income persons and 590 immigrants;
- support services to 388 at-risk-youth in the Honolulu school district; and
- 8,532,826 pounds of food distributed statewide to the poor.

ADMINISTERED SEVERAL FEDERALLY FUNDED PROGRAMS

Together with our partners, the following services were provided:

- employment core services to 80 refugees;
- cost saving energy assistance to 459 low-income persons;
- 2,257,432 pounds of emergency food from the U.S. Department of Agriculture distributed to Hawaii's community action agencies and local food banks fed an estimated 177,788 needy persons;

- gardening and dietary education that lead to improved nutritional intake of 153 economically disadvantaged persons;
- cash assistance to 30 refugees; and
- Community Services Block Grant programs to 38,660 low-income persons.

ADMINISTERED STATE GRANT-IN-AID FUNDS THAT:

- focused exclusively on the legal needs and rights of approximately 800 children statewide;
- established a horticulture training program for 10 low-income persons on Kauai;
- supplemented operational funds to purchase gas and oil for transportation services in Maui and Hawaii counties;
- provided transportation services to 40 non-medical emergency clients; and
- improved the quality of life via employment training for 38 economically disadvantaged persons and individuals with disabilities.

OTHER PROGRAMS:

- Administered a \$1M statewide emergency purchase of food grant in response to September 11, 2001 crisis.
- Administered a five-year Molokai fishpond demonstration project to restore Hawaiian fishponds and develop viable fishpond economic enterprises.
- Facilitated 3 community-wide planning meetings to create a Ka'u community-based economic development plan.
- Resubmitted a grant proposal application with the Kauai Food Bank that secured an additional \$378,000 in federal grant funds. Continued the second year of the Senior Farmers' Market Nutrition Program which distributed locally grown produce that helped improve the diet of 1,286 low-income senior citizens in Kauai County.
- Assumed transfer of the administration of the state-funded contract with the Hawaii Disability Rights Center in the amount of \$199,500.



Another MEO success story is Island Ink Tattoo Company in Paia, Maui owned by Tom and Nancy Valerio

- Coordinated the annual state employees food drive that raised a total of \$102,498 and collected 79,814 pounds of food for the needy on Oahu and the neighbor islands.
- Coordinated the annual state employees Ready-to-Learn drive that raised more than \$21,000 and received 80 boxes of donated school supplies for needy school children.
- Coordinated a Voting Rights Community Forum for immigrant and minority service agencies with the U.S. Department of Justice to provide information and increase awareness of federal mandates for bilingual voting assistance.



Doug Allan, Island Sign, benefited from MEO's micro-lending.

SERVICES PROVIDED

STATE GENERAL FUNDS

Employment Core Services for Low-Income Persons

These services prepare and assist unemployed or under-employed low-income persons in obtaining and maintaining gainful employment that increases their self-sufficiency. Required service activities include outreach and intake, individualized assessment and service planning, employment preparation, and job acquisition and maintenance.

Funded Agencies

- Big Island Substance Abuse Council (BISAC)
- Child and Family Service (CFS)
- Goodwill Industries of Hawaii, Inc. (GIH)
- Hawaii County Economic Opportunity Council (HCEOC)
- Honolulu Community Action Program, Inc. (HCAP)
- Ka Lima O Maui (KLOM)
- Kauai Economic Opportunity, Inc. (KEO)
- Maui Economic Opportunity, Inc. (MEO)
- ORI Anuenue Hale, Inc. (ORI)
- Pacific Gateway Center (PGC)
- Winners At Work (WAW)

Table 1. Selected Performance Output/Outcome Measurements
Number of Clients Served by Agency

	BISAC	CFS	GIH(Hilo)	GIH(HNL)	HCEOC	HCAP
Funds Awarded (\$)	117,500	100,000	88,000	125,000	133,000	120,000
Enrolled in Program	84	120	62	139	333	155
Needs Assessment	69	109	62	139	285	155
Completed Training	46	67	31	116	117	82
Job Acquisition						
Part-Time	16	42	16	41	44	34
Full-Time	26	37	3	35	58	33
Job Maintenance						
6 Months	14	41	5	13	70	22
12 Months	5	12	0	7	18	0



ORI Anuenue Hale, Inc., provides a "real world" work environment for the developmentally disabled.

	KLOM	KEO	MEO	ORI	PGC	WAW
Funds Awarded (\$)	91,500	120,000	130,000	200,000	100,000	120,000
Enrolled in Program	114	125	32	102	190	49
Needs Assessment	114	57	31	83	190	49
Completed Training	54	25	13	77	55	32
Job Acquisition						
Part-Time	13	5	8	22	29	22
Full-Time	42	9	6	18	23	9
Job Maintenance						
6 Months	11	2	15	17	25	12
12 Months	2	0	22	9	27	0

Number of Clients Served by County/Statewide

	HAWAII	MAUI	HONOLULU	KAUAI	STATEWIDE
Funds Awarded (\$)	338,500	221,500	765,000	120,000	1,445,000
Enrolled in Program	479	146	755	125	1505
Needs Assessment	416	145	725	57	1343
Completed Training	194	67	429	25	715
Job Acquisition					
Part-Time	76	21	190	5	292
Full-Time	87	48	155	9	299
Job Maintenance					
6 Months	89	26	130	2	247
12 Months	23	24	55	0	102



Job Readiness Training at Pacific Gateway Center



A Winners At Work success! Old Navy hired Raylene Hashimoto as a Sales Associate.



Participant intake by Ka Lima O Maui's Amy Maeda

6 Months	22	9	41	17
12 Months	32	4	27	17

Employment Core Services for Immigrants

Faced with language and cultural barriers and having lost through welfare reform substantial public assistance that supported their efforts to attain self-sufficiency, many immigrants in Hawaii are unable to compete for jobs or earn decent wages especially in a struggling economy and consequently live in poverty.

The purpose of these services is to contract for specialized employment services that address the particular needs of low-income immigrants to obtain and maintain gainful employment, and to provide family support for wage earners. The goal of these services is for low-income immigrants and their families to achieve greater self-sufficiency and to improve their ability to function effectively in their communities. Required service activities include outreach and intake, individualized assessment and service planning, employment preparation, job search, acquisition and maintenance, and family support.

Funded Agencies

- Catholic Charities Community and Immigrant Services (CCCIS)
- Child and Family Service (CFS)
- Hawaii County Economic Opportunity Council (HCEOC)
- Kauai Economic Opportunity, Inc. (KEO)
- Maui Economic Opportunity, Inc. (MEO)
- Pacific Gateway Center (PGC)
- Susannah Wesley Community Center (SWCC)

Selected Performance Output/Outcome Measurements Number of Clients Served by Agency

	CCCIS (HILO)	CCCIS (HNL)	CFS	HCEOC	KEO	MEO
Funds Awarded (\$)	75,000	60,375	120,375	36,500	41,500	55,500
Employment Intake	68	61	156	48	36	54
Assessed Jobs Needs	68	61	156	40	19	18
Workplace Functioning	63	33	91	15	1	61
Job Acquisition						
Part-Time	21	25	65	7	19	34
Full-Time	26	14	24	18	18	40
Job Maintenance						



U.S. citizenship and acculturation classes at Pacific Gateway Center



English Language Training at Catholic Charities Community and Immigrant Services

	PGC	SWCC
Funds Awarded (\$)	120,375	120,375
Employment Intake	236	138
Assessed Jobs Needs	179	138
Workplace Functioning	85	57
Job Acquisition		
Part-Time	71	26
Full-Time	60	31
Job Maintenance		
6 Months	83	41
12 Months	68	3

Number of Clients Served by County/Statewide

	HAWAII	MAUI	HONOLULU	KAUAI	STATEWIDE
Funds Awarded (\$)	111,500	55,500	421,500	41,500	630,000
Employment Intake	116	54	591	36	797
Assessed Jobs Needs	108	18	534	19	679
Workplace Functioning	78	61	266	1	406
Job Acquisition					
Part-Time	28	34	187	19	268
Full-Time	44	40	129	18	231
Job Maintenance					
6 Months	39	22	174	15	250
12 Months	49	7	102	25	183

Employment Creation for Low-Income Persons, Immigrants and Refugees

Many unemployed or low-income persons, immigrants, and refugees have the desire and the talent to become self-employed in their own businesses and require specialized training, resources, and other assistance to develop and realize their full potential. There are also those in this target group who possess the unique skills and capabilities who can benefit from new and innovative enterprises that create employment opportunities in and around their communities.



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Child and Family Service
immigrant clients referred
to citizenship classes

The purpose is to procure services that (1) assist low-income persons, immigrants, and refugees to become self-employed in their own businesses or (2) create employment opportunities for the target population through new and innovative community-based enterprises that have the potential to be financially self-sustaining. The goal of these services is to increase the self-sufficiency of low-income persons, immigrants, and refugees through self-employment in their businesses or in new employment opportunities.

Funded Agencies

- Hawaii County Economic Opportunity Council (HCEOC)
- Maui Economic Opportunity, Inc. (MEO) Business Development Corporation
- Molokai Community Service Council, Inc. (MCSC)
- Pacific Gateway Center (PGC)

Selected Performance Output/Outcome Measurements Number of Clients Served by Agency

	HCEOC	MEO (KAUAI)	MEO	MCSC*	PGC	TOTAL
Funds Awarded (\$)	100,000	75,000	75,000	12,224	75,000	337,224
Enrolled in Program	33	21	99	0	63	216
Businesses/Loans Assessed	15	112	129	0	24	280
Completed Training	22	19	70	0	27	138
Businesses Started/Expanded	12	18	48	0	14	92
Jobs Created/Maintained	5	27	67	0	10	109

*Contract Start Date 6/1/2002. Total Contract Award for \$87,224.



Apiculture and honey production, part of HCEOC's Employment Creation Program

Child Care Services for Head Start Parents

The federal government provides funding for Head Start child care programs in Hawaii, although not all of these programs are able to provide full-day child care services through federal funding alone. Currently, the number of available full-day programs does not meet the need of many Head Start parents for full-day child care that would allow these parents to work full-time or actively seek employment, training, or educational opportunities.

The purpose is to procure services to extend existing part-day Head Start programs in Hawaii to full-day programs. The goals of these services are to provide: (1) low-income children with quality care that improves their health, safety, learning, development, and family stability; and (2) low-income parents with quality child care to allow them to work full-time towards economic self-sufficiency and to better support and assist their children's education.

Funded Agencies

- Child and Family Service (CFS)
- Hawaii County Economic Opportunity Council (HCEOC)
- Honolulu Community Action Program, Inc. (HCAP)
- Maui Economic Opportunity, Inc. (MEO) on Molokai
- Parents and Children Together (PACT)

Selected Performance Output/Outcome Measurements Number of Clients Served by Agency

	CFS(KAUAI)	HCEOC	MEO	HCAP	PACT	TOTAL
Funds Awarded (\$)	30,000	90,000	35,000	175,000	60,000	390,000
Child Development/Health	18	68	20	97	41	244
Parent Participation	15	74	11	72	38	210
Job Related Activities	14	67	17	108	38	244
Improved Parent Skills	19	54	14	69	38	194
Developed Family Goals	23*	63	20	85	38	206
Progress Towards Goals	16	74	20	77	34	221

*Separated families may result in two agreements.



A happy child gives MEO Head Start Director Lyn McNeff the greatest gift of all.

Transportation Services for Low-Income Persons

The counties of Maui and Hawaii are primarily rural in nature, with many small communities separated geographically by long distances. These services will address the transportation needs of low-income persons, including the working poor, elderly, disabled, children and youth, who live in rural communities and former plantation camps where limited or non-existent transportation restricts their access to basic services, as well as their economic and social independence. Such services are needed by many people who either cannot drive or cannot afford to drive.

The purpose is to contract for transportation services in the counties of Maui and Hawaii where there are limited or no public transportation systems. The goal is to provide low-income persons in rural areas with transportation to service agencies and resource centers to access basic services, including but not limited to education, health care, legal assistance, banks, post offices, markets, social and employment opportunities.

Funded Agencies

- Hawaii County Economic Opportunity Council (HCEOC)
- Maui Economic Opportunity, Inc. (MEO)

Selected Performance Output/Outcome Measurements Number of Clients Served by Agency

	HCEOC	MEO	TOTAL
Funds Awarded (\$)	115,000	230,000	345,000
Low-Income Individuals	N/A	989	989
Number of Passenger Trips	N/A	40,368	40,368
Low-Income Elderly	941	5,092	6,033
Number of Passenger Trips	89,202	116,063	205,265
Low-Income Disabled	292	1,471	1,763
Number of Passenger Trips	34,804	55,861	90,665
Low-Income Head Start/Youth	317	1,125	1,442
Number of Passenger Trips	41,169	131,731	172,900



HCEOC's van makes another trip



Seniors prepare to take the MEO bus home.

Civil Legal Services for Low-Income Persons

The high cost of legal services is beyond the means of low-income persons. Without government provision of legal services, the poor would be unable to obtain the legal advice and representation necessary to protect their legal rights in housing, public assistance, health, consumer transactions, employment, taxes, family matters, and other areas.

The purpose is to contract for civil legal services to protect the basic rights of low-income persons statewide and increase their access to the judicial system. The goal of these services is to protect the civil law rights of economically disadvantaged persons and to provide them equitable access to the judicial system.

Funded Agency

- Legal Aid Society of Hawaii (LASH)

Selected Performance Output/Outcome Measurements
Number of Clients Served by Agency

	LASH
Funds Awarded (\$)	810,000
Persons Who Sought Legal Services	8,743
Family Problems	3,438
Housing Problems	1,555
Public Entitlement	1,457
Consumer Problems	1,133
Federal Tax Credit Returns Prepared	309
Income Tax Credits	182
Employment Problems	114
Health Problems	112
Other Tax Problems	24
Other Related Problems	924

Legal Services for Immigrants

Immigrants in Hawaii are a vulnerable population, especially when confronted with immigrant-related legal matters in an unfamiliar judicial system. Faced with significant language barriers, they are at a serious disadvantage in protecting their rights under the immigration laws and against illegal discrimination. Furthermore, the high cost of legal services is beyond the means of low-income immigrants. Without government



provision of legal services, the immigrant poor would be unable to obtain legal advocacy, advice and representation necessary to protect their rights.

The purpose is to contract for specialized legal services to low-income immigrants on a statewide basis. The goal of these services is to protect the legal rights of immigrants and provide them with access to the legal system.

Funded Agency

- Na Loio

Selected Performance Output/Outcome Measurements
Number of Clients Served by Agency

	NA LOIO
Funds Awarded (\$)	200,000
Persons Who Sought Legal Services	590
Civil Rights Workshops Held	19
Persons Attending Workshops	+1,057
Simple Legal Advice and Consultation	561
Advice and Consultation Cases Resolved	286
Referrals	147
Direct Legal Representation	54
Legal Representation Cases Closed	57

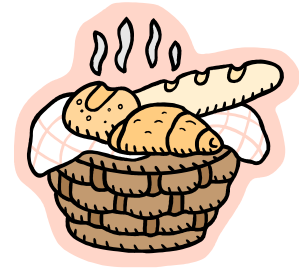
Food Collection and Distribution Services for Low-Income Persons

Due to the growing number of people unable to provide sufficient food for themselves, a statewide need exists to increase efforts to collect, store, and distribute donated food to hungry individuals and families. This service supplements the neighbor island food banks with food shipments from Oahu to ensure that they have adequate resources to meet demand in their communities.

The purpose is to contract for services to increase the collection, storage and distribution of donated food and grocery items to charities and organizations providing food and groceries to the hungry. The goal of these services is to alleviate hunger suffered by the poor.

Funded Agency

- Hawaii Food Bank, Inc. (HFB)



Selected Performance Output/Outcome Measurements

	HFB
Funds Awarded (\$)	125,000
Food Collection	
Donors Contributing Food & Grocery Items	1,480
Pounds Food & Grocery Items Collected	9,954,782
Food Distribution (Pounds)	
Hawaii County	307,559
Maui County	443,088
City & County of Honolulu	7,560,372
Kauai County	221,810
Individuals/Families Receiving Food/Grocery	
Hawaii County	196,764
Maui County	66,082
City & County of Honolulu	350,118
Kauai County	77,095
Organizations Receiving Food/Grocery Items	
Hawaii County	335
Maui County	296
City & County of Honolulu	957
Kauai County	277

Youth Services for Immigrants

Language and cultural barriers place many low-income immigrant youth at high risk for failure in school and juvenile delinquency. Adolescent immigrant youth are particularly vulnerable with developmental and social issues that arise in teen years.

The purpose is to contract for bilingual services for at-risk immigrant youth that will (1) assist low-income immigrant youth in overcoming cultural and language barriers in school, at home, and in their community; (2) improve their understanding of and adaptation to American culture; and (3) prepare older youth for employment. The goal is to increase the self-sufficiency of immigrant families by assisting immigrant youth to function productively in school, at home, and in the community.

Funded Agency

- Pacific Gateway Center (PGC)



Selected Performance Output/Outcome Measurements
Number of Clients Served by Agency

	PGC
Funds Awarded (\$)	56,109
Orientation and Counseling	279
Youth Provided Intake Services	109
Youth Provided Bilingual Services	385
Improved English Language Competency	69
Improved Acculturation	54
Improved Grades	48
Improved Social Skills	16
Involved in Community Service	13
Assisted with Employment Preparation	16
Obtained Employment	7

STATE GRANT-IN-AIDS

Na Keiki Law Center

The Volunteer Legal Services Hawaii (VLSH) Na Keiki Law Center opened its doors in July 1999 and focuses exclusively on the legal needs and rights of children. The program provides (1) direct legal services to children, and to their families on the children's behalf, including representation in judicial and administrative proceedings, advice and counsel, advocacy and mediation; (2) recruit, train, coordinate, mentor, and co-counsel volunteer attorneys for the provision of legal services to children; and (3) intake, assessment, and referral of cases of children with legal needs.

The community is more aware of the resources that the Na Keiki Law Center provides for Hawaii's children. Offices are located in downtown Honolulu, Windward Oahu, Leeward Oahu, Lihue on Kauai, and Hilo and Kona on the Island of Hawaii. This year cases were referred by the Child Protective Services, Office of the Attorney General, Hawaii Kids Watch, Prevent Child Abuse Hawaii, prisons, hospitals, hospices, legislators, Department of Health, Department of Education, schools and various organizations. In FY 2002, VLSH averaged 36 intakes per month.

Funded Agency

- Volunteer Legal Services Hawaii



VLSH staff and supporters
meet with legislators

Selected Performance Output/Outcome Measurements
Number of Clients Served by Agency

	VLSH
Funds Awarded (\$)	300,000
Volunteers Recruited	48
Volunteer Attorneys Assigned to Child Cases	42
Intake Cases Regarding the Legal Rights of Children*	481
Legal Representation and Advocacy Cases**	156
Advice and Counsel Cases**	76
Referral After Legal Assistance**	17
Counsel and Advice**	76
Legal Assistance Mediation**	7
Number of New Child Cases	
Abused and Neglected Children**	88
Violent Households**	22
Runaways**	6
Teen Parents**	3
Adoption**	16
Guardianship**	109
Custody**	135
Paternity**	6
Children Testifying in Court Cases**	4
Immigrant Children Needing Immigration Law Help**	1
Custody Change Outcomes**	63
Adoption Outcomes**	
Foster Care Outcomes**	38

* This translates to approximately to 800 children.

** Honolulu cases only

Transportation Services: Gas and Oil

The goal of Transportation Services is to enable low-income persons, elderly, disabled persons, youth and pre-school children in isolated areas to access agencies and resource centers to improve the well-being of clients in terms of economic and social independence.

The purpose was to purchase and help defray the cost of gasoline. The State of Hawaii, as well as the Counties of Hawaii and Maui, recently experienced a tremendous increase in gas and oil prices. Service provider buses travel in excess of 550,000 miles servicing the target clientele. These funds supplemented the purchase of gas and oil, so that transportation services to target clientele could be continued.

Funded Agencies

- Hawaii County Economic Opportunity Council (HCEOC); \$30,000
- Maui Economic Opportunity, Inc. (MEO); \$30,000

Non-Emergency Medical Transportation Services

The purpose was to provide non-emergency medical transportation services in Central Maui during evening hours from 6:30 p.m. until 10:00 p.m. primarily to serve persons needing dialysis treatment. Outcomes: Non-Emergency Clients Served – 40 persons

Funded Agency

- Maui Economic Opportunity, Inc. (MEO), \$150,000

Employment Training for Low-Income Persons, Immigrants and Persons with Disabilities

The Central Oahu/North Shore area suffers from increasing economic depression, geographic isolation, limited public transportation, greater concentrations of elderly requiring social services, increased drug and gang related violence, and increased community members on public assistance. This area lacks resources for training, human services and social programs.

ORI Anuenue Hale, Inc., currently provides employment training programs in Central Oahu/North Shore for the economically disadvantaged, immigrants and the disabled. However, available state funds are limited and are subject to restrictions and reductions. These funds helped to ensure that the agency continued to offer services to target clientele.



A weary dialysis treatment patient receives specialized transportation assistance

Funded Agency

- ORI Anuenue Hale, Inc. (ORI)

Selected Performance Output/Outcome Measurements
Number of Clients Served by Agency

	ORI
Funds Awarded (\$)	200,000
Enrolled in Program	38
Needs Assessment	38
Completed Training	37
Job Acquisition	20

Horticulture Training Program

Kauai Economic Opportunity, Incorporated, coordinated with the University of Hawaii Extension Service - Kauai Community College, and local businesses to provide educational, technical and hands-on training in horticultural practices in an effort to start-up an innovative, alternative employment creation and training program.

Funded Agency

- Kauai Economic Opportunity, Inc. (KEO)

Selected Performance Output/Outcome Measurements
Number of Clients Served by Agency

	KEO
Funds Awarded (\$)	166,635
Enrolled in Program	10
Completed Horticulture Training	8
Job Acquisition	5



Representative Ezra Kanoho congratulates Kauai Economic Opportunity's graduating horticultural class



Harrian E. Carvalho proudly shows her certificate of achievement earned via KEO's Horticulture Training Program

OTHER STATE FUNDS

Statewide Emergency Purchase of Food

OCS administered the \$1M State of Hawaii Emergency Food Grant in response to the September 11, 2001 crisis. This extraordinary grant empowered many agencies to reach further into the communities they serve and to meet the needs of families and individuals who are in need of food. During this crisis period, agencies mustered volunteer and staff resources to provide mass-distribution events to stricken populations. In the future, this experience will ultimately translate to a more vital and responsive community-wide emergency food management and distribution effort. Another added benefit of the mass-distribution program is that a number of agencies have now committed to scheduling mass-distribution events on a regular on-going basis. Through this and various programs, agencies were able to meet the food needs of their communities, those they normally serve, and those newly impacted by the setbacks of September 11th.

Hawaii County spent \$160,000 to feed 5,873 hungry persons. It cost Maui County \$190,000 to purchase 69,702 pounds of food to serve 10,814 individuals. Kauai County expended \$95,000 to buy 71,804 pounds of food for 8,283 residents. The City and County of Honolulu spent the remaining \$555,000 on 187,422 pounds of distributed food, 257,000 pounds of stored food to be distributed at a later date when needed, and 24,000 storage and shipment boxes.

FEDERAL FUNDS

Community Services Block Grant

The Community Services Block Grant (CSBG) Program funds a vast array of programs aimed at ameliorating the causes and conditions of poverty, revitalizing low-income communities, and empowering economically disadvantaged individuals and families to attain full self-sufficiency. Program objectives include helping individuals and families secure, maintain and retain meaningful employment; obtain an adequate education; better utilize available income; secure and maintain safe housing; receive emergency assistance via loans, grants or alternative means; enhance participation in community affairs; and removing barriers that prevent individuals and families from attaining their goal of self-sufficiency.

Funded Agencies

- Hawaii County Economic Opportunity Council (HCEOC)
- Honolulu Community Action Program, Inc. (HCAP)
- Kauai Economic Opportunity, Inc. (KEO)
- Maui Economic Opportunity, Inc. (MEO)

Selected Performance Output/Outcome Measurements Number of Clients Served by Agency

	HCEOC	HCAP	KEO	MEO	TOTAL
Funds Awarded (\$)	665,007	2,406,788	197,416	446,747	3,815,958
Low-Income Persons Enrolled	4,171	5,516	2,149	19,892	31,728
Youth & Children Enrolled	2,133	2,633	250	1,916	6,932
Families Enrolled	1,937	7,531	3,121	3,026	15,615
Low-Income Persons Outcomes	1,473	1,755	693	8,079	12,000
Youth & Children Outcomes	1,436	2,446	141	1,553	5,576
Families Achieving Outcomes	1,913	7,494	2,448	1,859	13,714
Job Acquisition	125	699	58	254	1,011

Community Food and Nutrition Program (CFNP)

The purpose of CFNP is to: (1) improve nutritional intake of low-income families and individuals; (2) develop affordable models for homegrown farming and pesticide-free gardening; and (3) teach nutrition, farming systems and pesticide-free gardening techniques. Aquaculture farming by residents and community groups represented one positive alternative to providing a healthy lifestyle.

Funded Agency

- Honolulu Community Action Program, Inc. (HCAP)

	HCAP
Funds Awarded (\$)	13,040
Individual Outreach	330
Case Management/Assessment	153
Nutritional Gardening Education	118
Aquaculture Farming Orientation	50
Commitments to Start/Operate Farm	10
Nutrition Gardening/Consumption Awareness	153
Positive Dietary Modifications	153



HCAP distributed aquaculture and pesticide-free gardening information to 330 individuals



Eleven workshops demonstrated utilizing produce from the gardens and aquacultural ponds.

Employment Core Services for Refugees

Refugees represent a vulnerable population that have abruptly lost traditional family, community, and cultural support, and that struggle with language and cultural barriers in seeking basic services and employment.

The purpose is to contract for specialized employment core services and English language training that address the particular needs of newly-arrived and at-risk refugees; prepare and assist them to settle in the community; obtain and maintain gainful employment. The goal is to increase the self-sufficiency of newly-arrived and at-risk refugees by assisting them with access to basic needs, stabilization, employment and acquisition of basic English competency.

Funded Agencies

- Catholic Charities Community and Immigrant Services (CCCIS)
- Child and Family Service (CFS)
- Pacific Gateway Center (PGC)

Selected Performance Output/Outcome Measurements Number of Clients Served by Agency

	CCCIS	CFS	PGC	TOTAL
Funds Awarded (\$)	25,000	25,000	50,000	100,000
Employment or ESL Intake	11	19	50	80
Assessed Job or ESL Needs	15	15	49	79
Increased Workplace or ESL Skills	20	11	42	73
Job Acquisition				
Part-Time	3	NA	7	10
Full-Time	2	NA	31	33
Job Maintenance				
6 Months	9	NA	34	43
12 Months	6	NA	33	39



PGC helps trafficking victims to receive new work authorization cards and T-Visa approval letters

Cash, Medical and Administration for Refugees

Refugees are eligible to receive cash and medical assistance and social services benefits beginning the first month they enter the United States. Asylees are eligible for these same services beginning on the date that they are granted asylum. The eligibility period for refugee cash assistance and medical assistance continues from the time a refugee enters the United States for up to eight months. For refugee social services, the eligibility period is five years. OCS administers funds from the Department of Health and Human Services' Office of Refugee Resettlement to the State Department of Human Services to provide these services.

Funded Agency

- Department of Human Services (DHS)

Selected Performance Output/Outcome Measurements
Number of Clients Served by Agency

	DHS
Funds Awarded (\$)	88,560
Cash Assistance	30
Medical Assistance	0

The Emergency Food Assistance Program

The Emergency Food Assistance Program (TEFAP) provides nutrition assistance to economically disadvantaged persons through the distribution of United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) commodities. Under TEFAP, USDA supplies commodities to Hawaii for distribution primarily through the local food banks (LFB) and Community Action Agencies (CAA). OCS receives funds from USDA to administer TEFAP. Recipient organizations may use the food to serve prepared meals or distribute it to households for their use. Available foods vary depending on market conditions. Typically, canned fruits and vegetables, canned meats, peanut butter, and rice are available.

Funded Agency

- Office of Community Services



Seniors received local grown produce

Selected Performance Output/Outcome Measurements

	LFB/CAA
Funds Awarded (\$)	139,000
Cases Food Distributed	88,939
Food Value (\$)	1,366,966
Pounds Food Distributed	2,257,432
Estimated Persons Served	177,788

Seniors Farmers' Market Nutrition Program (SFMNP)

The purposes of the Senior Farmers' Market Nutrition Program are to: (1) provide resources in the form of fresh, nutritious, unprepared, locally grown fruits, vegetables, and herbs from community supported agriculture programs to low-income seniors, (2) increase the domestic consumption of local agricultural commodities and (3) develop or aid in the development of new and additional farmers' markets, roadside stands, and community support agriculture programs.

Funded Agency

- Kauai Food Bank (KFB)

Selected Performance Output/Outcome Measurements
Number of Clients Served by Agency

	KFB
Funds Awarded (\$)	378,000
Eligible Seniors Provided Produce	1,286
Pounds of Produce Distributed	306,000
Farming Workshops	5
Farms Started or Increased in Size	6
Educational Brochures Distributed	1,500
New Partnerships	9



Tutus Kaimihaauao and Germo strongly support the SFMNP during a monitoring visit

Weatherization Assistance Program

The Department of Energy allocates funds for improving the energy efficiency of low-income dwellings that incorporate available advanced housing industry technologies and testing protocol. The energy conservation savings resulting from state and local agency efforts help our country reduce our dependency on foreign oil and decreases the cost of energy for needy families while improving their health and safety.

Here in Hawaii, program funds are utilized to: (1) educate and encourage low-income individuals and families, elderly (age 60 years and older), and handicapped individuals to conserve energy; and (2) provide for the installation of energy saving devices (hot water heater blankets, hot water heater timers, and solar water heater systems) to aid those who are least able to afford utility costs.

Funded Agencies

- Hawaii County Economic Opportunity Council (HCEOC)
- Honolulu Community Action Program, Inc. (HCAP)
- Kauai Economic Opportunity, Inc. (KEO)
- Maui Economic Opportunity, Inc. (MEO)

Selected Performance Output/Outcome Measurements Number of Clients Served or Units Installed by Agency

	HCEOC	HCAP	KEO	MEO	TOTAL
Funds Awarded (\$)	43,051	45,520	42,877	59,135	190,583
Weatherized Units	29	29	14	29	101
Total Persons Assisted	122	134	53	150	459
Elderly Assisted	4	3	1	15	23
Handicapped Assisted	9	4	0	15	28
Hot Water Heater Jackets	15	15	10	15	55
How Water Heater Timers	8	8	8	8	32
Solar Water Heater Systems	6	11	4	13	34



MEO's Fred Baisa assists Mr. And Ms. Valle apply for a solar water heater system



Kauai Economic Opportunity, Inc. helped income qualified persons reduce their electrical bill

Special Project Highlight: Moloka'i Aquaculture Training Project (MATP)

The Office of Community Services completed its five-year MATP. Funding for this project was generously provided by the Environmental Protection Agency (\$1,400,000), Office of Hawaiian Affairs (\$50,000), United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) – Rural Business Enterprise Grant (\$75,000), UH-CTAHR (\$250,000), Queen Liliuokalani Children's Center (\$47,000), Alu Like, Inc. (\$80,000), and OCS (\$300,000). Federal funds still exist for construction of a finfish hatchery at Keawanui, Moloka'i.

Mahalo To Our Partners

*'Ike aku, 'ike mai, kokua aku
Ho'okahi ka 'ilau like ana.
kokua mai; pela iho la ka
nohona 'ohana.*

Wield the paddles together.
Work together.
Recognize and be recognized, help
and be helped; such is family life.

Family life requires an exchange of
mutual help and recognition.

Alu Like, Incorporated
AmeriCorps Corporation for National Service
Bank of Hawaii – Community Reinvestment Act and Community Development
County of Maui
D & J Ocean Farm
Department of Agriculture – Aquaculture Development Program
Department of Hawaiian Home Lands
Department of Health – Clean Water Branch
Department of Labor and Industrial Relations
Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR) – Aquatic Resources Division
DLNR – Land Division
DLNR – Historic Preservation Division
Environmental Planning
Environmental Protection Agency
Farber and Associates
Hawaii Community Foundation
Hikiola Cooperative
Hui O Kuapa
Hui Laulima Cooperative
International Archaeological Research Institute, Incorporated
Kamehameha Schools Bishop Estate
Ke Aupuni Lokahi
Ke Kua'aina Hanauna Hou
Malama O Moomomi
Maui Economic Opportunity, Incorporated
Moloka'i Community Service Council, Incorporated
Moloka'i Cooling Plant Cooperative
Moloka'i Ice House Cooperative
Moloka'i Livestock

Cooperative
Moloka'i Sea Farms
Oceanic Institute – Center for Applied Aquaculture
Office of Hawaiian Affairs
Office of Planning – Coastal Zone Management Program
The Pacific American Foundation
Palaaau Prawns
Puu O Hoku Ranch
Queen Lili'uokalani Children's Center
Ready to Learn
Society for Moloka'i Archaeology
State Foundation on Culture and the Arts
United States Army Corps of Engineers
United States Department of Agriculture – Rural Development
University of Hawaii – Center for Oral History
UH - Cooperative Extension Service
UH – Native Hawaiian Leadership Training Program
UH – Sea Grant Program
Office of the Honorable Senator Inouye

Accomplishments

Got *Pono* (social justice)? Restoring the fishponds – It's a *kakou* (all inclusive) thing! Through a simplified permit process, fishpond owners and operators have circumnavigated beyond the myriad of regulations. Rock-by-rock they began the painstaking process of restoration. *Honouliwai* fish trap, *Kahinopohaku* and *Ualapue* fishponds have been restored. *Ualapue* and *Puko'o* fishponds remained in use. The Kamehameha Schools Bishop Estate received the lease for Keawanui, a private fishpond, using the permit templates developed as part of this program. Four former program trainees also applied for a lease for *Panahaha* fishpond using the streamlined permit process. From this program, a team of young adults learned ancient rock wall building techniques, identified permit requirements, collected and monitored water quality parameters, cultivated *limu*, cultured fish in net pens, seed ornamental live rock for the aquarium industry, acquired traditional and modern aquacultural techniques, mapped ponds, received leadership and business training, performed community outreach, publicly spoke at schools and community functions and evolved into fishpond restoration experts. A number of trainees are now gainfully employed, pursuing aquaculture careers or furthering their education.



IT'S A KAKOU THING!

Thirty-two persons residing on Moloka'i directly participated in MATP. Buddy Keala, University of Hawaii –College of Tropical Agriculture and Human Resources (UH-CTAHR), and Walter Ritte, OCS Economic Development Project Coordinator, served as the two on-island coordinators for the project's duration. Since 1999, Melody Kahinu continues to operate as the program secretary. Though lasting for only three to five years, these three jobs with sustainable living wages had an immediate impact in an already scarce job market. The remaining twenty-eight young adults were actively recruited and selected for training. All trainees received living allowances.

Effective June 28, 2002, Buddy Keala ended his employment with UH-CTAHR and was working on completing the best management practices guide for Moloka'i fishponds. Walter Ritte will continue as a rural program coordinator at OCS and assist in completing the EPA water data collection. Melody Kahinu remains as the program secretary. Both Walter and Melody plan to further their education at Maui Community College (MCC) on Moloka'i.

Of 28 trainees: *Hoikaika* Youth Opportunity Program hired four; two became teachers; one works as a security guard; one moved to Oahu and is employed by the medical examiner's office; four are employed by the construction industry; one assists to operate the on-island water quality lab; one provides primary child care to his children; one became disabled in an accident; one person passed away; one works at a correctional facility; one moved on to Job Corps training; one is self-employed; one serves as a fireman; two continue to manage a fishpond; four are applying for fishpond lease; one obtained a GED; five are furthering their education at MCC; five relocated off-island; and nine remain in the current program.

Current beneficiaries encompass the entire Moloka'i community, from infants to the elderly (7,404 persons; Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Census 2000 Redistricting Data, [Public Law 94-171] Summary File; figures compiled and calculated by the Hawaii State Department of Business, Economic Development & Tourism, Hawaii State Data Center). Community-based economic development and empowerment creates employment opportunities and stimulates the local economy while maintaining the unique rural lifestyle. Community benefits stem from enhanced economic and social well-being, improved public health and welfare, increased social services and public assistance, healthful environment preservation, cultural resource conservation, and promotion of public safety and education. Job creation benefits not only the people of Moloka'i but the entire State.

Award Winning Project

The Molokai Aquaculture Training Program, known also as Project *Loko I'a*, received kudos and a number of awards.

Environmental Protection Agency Honors Western Environmental Heroes

EPA Region 9 (Pacific Southwest) recognized 31 organizations or individual efforts to protect the environment in its third annual 2001 Pacific Southwest Environmental Awards Ceremony held in San Francisco on November 28, 2001. The awards acknowledge commitment and significant contributions to the environment. Walter Ritte and Joshua Kalua accepted the plaque and award on behalf of Project *Loko I'a* in the Environmental, Community, or Non-Profit Organizations category.

Keep It Hawai'i 2001 Awards

The Hawaii Visitors and Convention Bureau honored businesses, organizations and individuals statewide for their efforts to preserve Hawaiian culture. Of 18 *kahili* awards, two were presented to participants at the 10th-anniversary "Keep It Hawai'i 2001" program that acknowledged this project. Billy Fields, who flew to Moloka'i to lead several program workshops, also received a *kahili* award.

"Guardians of the Pond"

Media/Print: Sam Low, Photos by Richard Alexander Cooke III

Hana Hou! (Hawaiian Airlines' in-flight magazine)

Written by Sam Low and with photographs by Richard Alexander Cooke III, "Guardians of the Pond" featured in the December/January issue portrayed the *Kahinopohaku* Fishpond Restoration Project as a unifying force in the community that inspires its young people while providing training and jobs. The author also explores the personal journey of Walter Ritte, one of the project's supervisors, whose path of cultural rediscovery parallels the larger goals of the fishpond restoration.

"Pacific Adventures: Moloka'i"

Media/Broadcast: Gary Sprinkle & Rex Von Arnswaldt

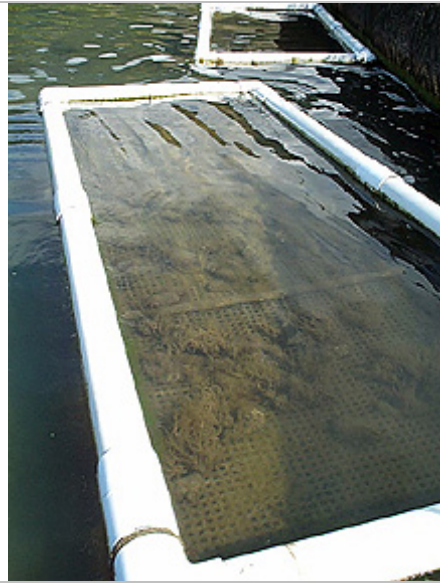
A documentary about modern life on the "*Friendly Island*" and how residents practice and preserve the ancient Hawaiian lifestyle. Moloka'i-ians understand the importance of preserving the land, a philosophy they incorporate into daily life. Sprinkle and Arnswaldt made a special effort to showcase those hard-to-get-to places on Moloka'i that many visitors only dream about but will never see first hand. A portion of the documentary was dedicated to the fishpond restoration effort. In addition, Gary Sprinkle won two awards from the local chapter of the Society of Professional Journalists. Awards were for Best Series Reporting and Best Special News Program. The half-hour special previously won an award for Best Media Broadcast from the Hawaii Visitors and Convention Bureau.

Special: *Billy Fields, Fields Masonry*

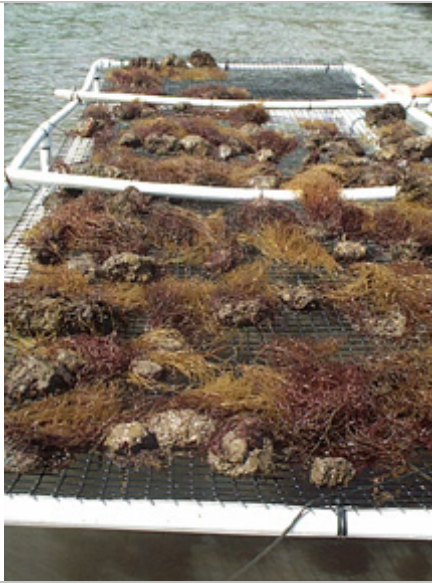
Uhau humu pohaku, Hawaiian dry-stacked rock construction, uses no mortar to hold rocks in place. Instead, a wall's stability relies on stones placed one atop of another so that they lock into place. Billy Fields started as a journeyman mason, but learned this special skill by studying the old walls of historic *heiau*, burial sites and fishponds, and by talking with elderly masonry masters. His protocol always begins work sessions with proper Hawaiian chants and rituals. Fields was invited to the 10-day Smithsonian Institution Folk Life Festival in Washington, D.C., that draws more than a million visitors.



Billy Fields (on right) teaching dry-stacked rock wall construction at *Kulana O'iwi*, Moloka'i



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