

Opportunity Populations Subcommittee Report
Workforce Development Council's Employer Engagement Committee
Thursday, April 14, 2022
1:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.

I. Outreach to Opportunity Populations

a. At-Risk, English Language Learners, and Students with Disabilities in High School

- i. Farrington High School Kinaole Program- Reintroduction in Fall 2021 semester
- ii. Ten students expressed interest in AJC services in Fall 2021 semester.
- iii. None currently enrolled in the AJC Youth Services Program
 1. Students haven't made appointments with parents with the AJC
 2. Six of ten students have found employment through the Kinaole Program
- iv. Kinaole Program staff asks if training or meeting options with families and parents are possible at the high school, like Early College Programs with HCC. Earlier collaboration between Farrington HS and the AJC tried this approach.

b. Micronesian Community

- i. Ohana Baptist Church, City and County of Honolulu, Office of Economic Revitalization, Marshallese Community Organization, We Are Oceania, Consulate General of the Republic of the Marshall Islands
- ii. Follow up post informational meeting

II. Additional Opportunity Populations Needs

a. Aloha United Way's focus on Asset Limited, Income Constrained and Employed (ALICE) population

- i. Nonprofit AUW partners focusing on: Financial Stability and Savings or Increasing Access to Safe and Affordable Housing for ALICE population
- ii. Could the AJC's play an upskilling or dual referral role for eligible job seekers?

b. Barriers to program participation, employment, and additional resources