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TRAININGS ON KAUAI FOR CERTIFIED SUBSTANCE ABUSE COUNSELORS

(Lihu'e, Hawaii, January 31, 2006) – Kaua'i Planning & Action Alliance (KPAA) is offering the third workshop in a series of professional substance abuse training workshops for substance abuse counselors, mental health professionals, social workers and those who would like to become certified substance abuse counselors (CSACs).

“**Ethical Standards for CSACs**” will be presented by Christopher Brown, LCSW, BDC, CSAC, and is scheduled for February 9, 2006. This one-day workshop will be held at the Courtyard Marriott, Waipouli Beach, Kapa'a from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Brown, who is employed by the State Department of Health, Alcohol and Drug Abuse Division, will present this workshop focusing on the twelve principles that comprise the Code of Ethics for Certified Substance Abuse Counselors.

Working in partnership with the County of Kaua'i to implement the *Kaua'i Community Drug Response Plan*, KPAA was awarded funding through the U. S. Department of Justice, Office of Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) Methamphetamine program to implement these training events.

The workshop will satisfy the requirements for 6.5 hours of continuing education credits for substance abuse counselors and other mental health professionals. The cost is \$30.00 and includes continental breakfast, lunch, and training materials. Registration deadline is Monday, February 6.

According to Diane Zachary, President and Chief Executive Officer of KPAA, “Educational opportunities on Kaua'i for professionals in this field will enable them to better meet the needs of recovering substance abusers and have a positive impact on reducing drug use in our community.”

These trainings are a component of KPAA's drug use mitigation goal and community-based efforts to combat the "ice" epidemic and other illegal drugs through prevention, treatment and re-integration programs. This series is a way for professionals in the fields of healthcare, counseling and substance abuse treatment, to enhance their knowledge and have greater success and impact in their role as health care providers.

Information and registration forms for the workshop are posted on KPAA's website at www.kauainetwork.org For questions about the series, please contact the workshop coordinator, Jude Chamberlin, at 635-0061 or call KPAA's Lihue office at 632-2005.

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