

**KAUA'I COMMUNITY  
DRUG RESPONSE PLAN  
2004 – 2009**



**PROGRESS REPORT  
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## Background

In early 2003, the late Mayor Bryan Baptiste fulfilled a campaign promise to launch a war against substance abuse on Kauaʻi. He asked representatives of communities and organizations to serve on four committees to tackle the drug problem. The four committees are drug prevention, enforcement, treatment, and community integration to assist those leaving treatment or incarceration.

The goal was to create a comprehensive, coordinated and sustained island-wide approach to stop the use of drugs in the community, in particular crystal methamphetamine (“ice”). The use of ice was destroying families, ruining lives, increasing crime, reducing work productivity and leading to a variety of other social and health problems.

In October 2003, in partnership with the County, Kauaʻi Planning & Action Alliance (KPAA) secured corporate and private foundation funding to develop a drug plan and began to facilitate the work of the committees. Based on the input from the committees, KPAA wrote the *Kauaʻi Community Drug Response Plan 2004-2009*, which was adopted in May 2004 by the Mayor and the County Council.



## Implementation of the Kauaʻi Drug Response Plan

In 2004, implementation of the drug response plan began. Government agencies, nonprofits and faith-based organizations have all taken an active role in carrying out the plan’s activities. Seven committees, composed of representatives of agencies, organizations, churches and community members, continue to meet to coordinate and oversee implementation of the Drug Plan. These include the Drug Prevention Coalition, three sub-committees of this group (West Kauaʻi Drug Prevention Coalition, Central District Drug Prevention Coalition, and the East Kauaʻi Drug Prevention & Education Team), the Treatment/Integration Committee and Enforcement Committee. The Drug Action Team, which comprises representatives from each of the three committees, meets to assure coordination of all elements of the plan. Committees are chaired by a community member; meetings of each group are held generally once a month.

Three years of funding from a federal grant from the U.S. Department of Justice’s Community Oriented Policing Services, secured through the assistance of Senator Daniel Inouye and administered by the Hawaiʻi Community Foundation, that provided support to several programs carrying out drug plan activities, concluded in mid-2007. This, along with funding from the state and other public and private sources, provided valuable support in developing new anti-drug programs on the island. However, for FY08 county and state funds were not available.

Drug summits were held in 2004, 2005 and 2007 to report on progress made in the County's fight against substance abuse. The accomplishments were reported, along with the challenges encountered in trying to reduce the availability of drugs, encourage prevention programs so that children and adults would not become abusers, and offer treatment and support programs for those needing assistance. It was noted that important steps had been taken, but it was recognized there was much more to be done to make the community both drug resilient and drug resistant. Adequate funding to support these efforts continued to be a pressing need.

During the period covered by this report, Theresa Koki served as Anti-Drug Coordinator, working through the Office of the Mayor. In addition to participating on the committees and managing the operations of her office, Theresa serves on statewide committees to coordinate activities at the county level and with those across the state.

Through June 30, 2008, Kaua'i Planning & Action Alliance continued to facilitate the work of the Drug Action Team and each committee, working with the committee chairs to determine the work plan of the group and maintain communications within and between committees.

This report offers a brief summary of the dedicated efforts of the many Kaua'i individuals, organizations and agencies that have been working hard over the past seventeen months to stop substance abuse on our island. This is a fight that cannot be solved quickly; it will require continued effort and vigilance. However, over the past four years a solid foundation has been laid and initial results are very promising.



## **Drug Prevention**

In crafting the prevention element of the Drug Plan, it was determined that a focus on the unique challenges of each area of the island (West, Central and East, coinciding with the three public school complexes) was needed, as the risk factors for youth varied by area. Goals were established for each complex based on identified risk factors. Three groups were formed – West Side, Central and East Side – and they have been meeting to address their specific needs. The priority goals and objectives for Years 1 and 2 of the Drug Plan for each area are outlined below, along with the accomplishments to date.

### ***West Kaua'i Drug Prevention Coalition (WKDPC)***

- 1. Reduce alcohol and drug use of people of all ages by increasing community awareness, preventing underage access, enforcing laws, and mobilizing the community.**

**Objective:** Investigate for possible implementation the following tested, effective strategies: Community Trials Intervention to Reduce High-Risk Drinking; Communities Mobilizing for Change on Alcohol.

Accomplishments/Progress:

- Co-sponsored creation of a DVD, in partnership with Recovery Works Inc., to be shown at Waimea Theater. The message would provide audiences exposure to the message that underage drinking is not an acceptable norm.
- Programs that are tested and provide effective strategies will be considered in the future as more funding becomes available for community programs.
- Boys & Girls Club continues to offer prevention activities for youth.

**2. Help youth and parents/guardians strengthen family bonds by creating opportunities for teens to contribute to the family, improve communications, and resist peer pressure.**

**Objective:** Investigate for possible implementation the following tested, effective strategies: NICASA Parent Project; Creating Lasting Connections (CLC)-for parents of 11 to 15 year olds; Guiding Good Choices-for parents of 8 to 13 year olds; Parents Who Care (PWC); Strengthening Hawai'i's Families Program. Also provide for opportunities for families and youth to participate in community events that are drug free.

Accomplishments/Progress:

- Supported the efforts of Positive Parenting held at Waimea Canyon School. Two sessions were conducted at the school to provide opportunities for families to participate in this best practice.

**3. Promote youth social development by creating opportunities to bond with an individual who promotes healthy beliefs and clear standards.**

**Objective:** Investigate for possible implementation the following tested, effective strategies: Smart Leaders, Guiding Good Choices, Positive Action and Mentoring.

Accomplishments/Progress:

- The WKDPC provided support to the Boy's and Girl's Clubhouse in Waimea, which offered, among other activities, the best practice program "Smart Leaders".
- Nana's House is beginning a youth club to supplement their active family club. This will provide the youth with many opportunities to interact with adults other than their family members and to participate in community events.

Additional Accomplishments:

- Participated in the update of the island wide drug plan.
- Nana's house hosted the Family Country Fair in Waimea.
- The WKDPC applied for federal funding through the Substance Abuse Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA), and should learn sometime in late August if they were successful.

- The West Kauaʻi Drug Prevention Coalition members continue to provide substance abuse information to the community they serve. The support and involvement of everyone in the community who provides guidance to youth and families on how to stay drug free is appreciated.

### ***East Kauaʻi Drug Prevention & Education Team (EKDPET)***

- 1. Help youth and parents/guardians strengthen family bonds by creating opportunities for teens to contribute to the family, improve communications, and resist peer pressure.**

**Objective:** Investigate for possible implementation the following tested, effective strategies: Guiding Good Choices, Creating Lasting Connections, Strengthening Hawaiʻi's Families, and Houston Parent-Child Development

**Accomplishments/Progress:**

The following classes and events were completed:

- Three Parent Project Classes with Choosing Success/Choosing Life (for teens).
- Two Loving Solutions Classes.
- One Motherread Class with Story Exploring for the children of parents attending.
- Family Summit/Celebrating Families held in February 2008 with over 1,000 people attending. The event included:
  - 50 service booths
  - Lt. Governor as Keynote speaker
  - 12 + volunteer groups and 350+ volunteers
  - Almost 1000 meals served to participants.
- EKDPET supported.....
  - Youth camps by Alu LIKE.
  - Community outreach by Hale Hoʻomalū.
  - Service referrals to appropriate agencies throughout the year.
  - Big Brothers/Big Sisters program at Kapaʻa Elementary School where Kapaʻa High School students become the "Bigs" for elementary school "Littles".
  - Family Fun Night.
  - Assorted events in each of the EKDPET partner organizations.

- 2. Promote early intervention literacy programs for the lowest achieving elementary school students.**

**Objective:** Investigate the following tested, effective strategies for possible implementation: First Steps to Success, Preparing for School Success, Reading Recovery, Peer Assisting Learning Strategies, Baltimore Maryland Masters Learning/Good Behavior Game, Children of Divorce Program

Accomplishments/Progress:

- One Motherread Class was held with Story Exploring for children of participating parents.
- Supported and promoted tutor training and after school tutoring programs.
- Built transitions from Preschool to K-5 or 6<sup>th</sup> grade, elementary to middle school, middle school to high school and on to higher learning/training and/or work.
- Started Achieve 3000 training, an online program for children to practice age and level-appropriate academics to improve reading and writing skills.

**3. Promote mentoring, community service, social competence training, and family activities to build youths' sense of personal responsibility for self and community.**

**Objective:** Investigate for possible implementation the following tested, effective strategies: Across Ages, Smart Leaders, Reconnecting Youth and Guiding Good Choices.

Accomplishments/Progress:

- While there were challenges in starting the desired mentoring programs at the middle and high schools, some connections were made with other agencies, such as Big Brothers/Big Sisters program, Kamehameha Schools and through participation in a statewide mentoring gathering to gain new ideas. Kahuna Valley has supported Team Challenge, another mentoring program in the community.
- KEO is providing six-week life skills training at Kapa'a Middle School.
- KEO completed a life skills training of facilitators in June 2008.
- KEO offered an after school program at each middle school that included tutoring, life skills, team building activities and mentoring.
- Boys & Girls Club continues to offer prevention activities for youth.

Additional Accomplishments:

- The EKDPET meets regularly and has requested a multi-year SAMHSA grant; they will hear in August if they were successful. Job descriptions and roles and procedures for hiring and releasing staff support have been established.
- The lead/core team has been looking for ways to create sustainability within the community other than grant-based. The systems approach for obtaining business partners is a large focus and community based.
- On the team are people from a variety of organizations willing to work with the other two district areas to clearly understand the scope and causes of the drug problem. The perspectives enable the group to identify what is worthy of their effort.

***Central District Drug Prevention Coalition***

**1. Support broad-based, interfaith, interracial activities for youth to increase youth and family attachment to the community.**

**Objective:** Develop a Central Kauaʻi Planning Committee and implement youth activities.

**Accomplishments/Progress:**

- After meeting somewhat infrequently in the first half of 2007, the Central District Drug Prevention Coalition (CDDPC) began meeting again in late 2007 to prepare its input into the drug response plan update. The group reviewed issues related to substance abuse in the Central district and developed related strategies. This has brought new focus and energy to the group. A new committee chair was selected and the group is moving forward in its implementation of its new goals and strategies.

**2. Reduce alcohol and drug use of people of all ages by increasing community awareness, preventing underage access, enforcing laws, and mobilizing the community.**

**Objective 2A:** Investigate the following tested, effective programs for possible implementation: Casa Start and Stop Teenage Addiction to Alcohol.

**Accomplishments/Progress:**

- No action was taken on the programs cited in the objective.

**Objective 2B:** Investigate the following additional strategies for implementation: Retailers - Continue to enforce Liquor Control Commission regulations; Educate adults about laws related to underage drinking, including host laws; Change laws – bring back Stop & Talk program; Increase law enforcement numbers; and Develop Youth Coalition in Central area.

**Accomplishments/Progress:**

- No action was taken on this objective.

**3. Enhance students' self-esteem, feelings of self-efficacy, ability to make decisions, and ability to resist peer and media pressure to increase their commitment to school.**

**Objective:** Investigate the following tested, effective programs for possible implementation: Across Ages, Smart Leaders, Reconnecting Youth and Guiding Good Choices.

**Accomplishments/Progress:**

- Guiding Good Choices programs were offered.
- Boys & Girls Club offered the Smart Leaders program.
- Big Brothers/Big Sisters was established and offered a Lunch Buddies program at Wilcox Elementary, pairing students with adult mentors at lunch time. County employees served as "Bigs".
- Leadership Kauaʻi developed a career mentoring program for at-risk youth, in partnership with the Workforce Investment Board.
- Hale ʻŌpio started an Alateen program for youth dealing with alcoholism within the family.

## ***Kaua'i Drug Prevention Coalition (KDPC) - Island-Wide Goals***

### **Accomplishments/Progress:**

- The structure of the Kaua'i Drug Prevention Coalition remained the same during this period.
- Kaua'i Planning & Action Alliance (KPAA) continued to provide support.
- Monthly island-wide meetings of the KDPC were conducted with a community chairperson and a co-chairperson presiding. The purpose of the meetings was to coordinate and monitor prevention activities island-wide and to see that the drug response plan was implemented.
- Each of the smaller geographic sub-committee - namely, West Kaua'i, Central Kaua'i and East Kaua'i - organized themselves, worked on implementation of their identified goals and strategies and were asked to send a representative to the island-wide committee meetings.
- The chair and co-chair of the KDPC represented the prevention efforts at the monthly Drug Action Team meetings.
- Participation in the different aspects of the KDPC changes from meeting to meeting, however, through the efforts of a committed core of individuals, progress has been made in implementing many different activities with positive outcomes.
- Many individuals not able to attend the monthly meetings have asked to remain on a mailing list so they received notices and minutes of meetings to enable them to stay updated on the activities of the KDPC.
- As opportunities arise, individuals are invited to participate in any of the four committees to contribute to the work of the KDPC.



## **Treatment**

- 1. Coordinate communications and services with planned on-island treatment facilities and promote additional facilities.**

**Objective 1A:** Support the development of an adult residential treatment (13-33 beds).

### **Accomplishments/Progress:**

- U-Turn for Christ, located on the grounds of Calvary Chapel, continues to operate as a 2-month residential Biblical discipleship-based treatment restoration (Phase I) program to help those addicted to drugs and alcohol and other habitual destructive behaviors. They also provide 6-month follow-up (Phase II) transitional housing.

**Objective 1B:** Support the development of an adolescent residential treatment (12 beds) and therapeutic living facility (7 beds).



Accomplishments/Progress:

- Due to strong community opposition and questions raised by the Office of Hawaiian Affairs (OHA), the facility planned in Hanapepe has been tabled. It will be determined if efforts will be made to identify another site.

**Objective 1C:** Support the development of two adult therapeutic living facilities (male-4 beds, female-4 beds).

Accomplishments/Progress:

- Hina Mauka's community outreach worker continued to work on securing funding and a site for a therapeutic living program.
- Hope, Help and Healing is seeking a facility to establish a therapeutic living program.

**Objective 1D:** Support the development of an adult clean and sober home (5 beds).

Accomplishments/Progress:

- See information on Ke Ala Hoku's Clean and Sober homes in the Community Integration section.
- See information on Hope, Help and Healing's Clean and Sober homes in the Community Integration section.

**2. Provide financial assistance to individuals to cover incidental costs of off-island residential treatment.**

**Objective:** Develop criteria and process for distributing federal funds.

Accomplishments/Progress:

- Hina Mauka received federal funding through the Hawai'i Community Foundation for this purpose. That funding has come to an end. However, approximately 40 people were assisted by this funding source.

**3. Develop a substance abuse help line to provide referrals and information to individuals and families in need.**

**Objective:** Establish a 24/7 substance abuse help line that is coordinated with key community resources.

Accomplishments/Progress:

- Funds and equipment for this program were sought, but could not be secured. This goal is currently tabled.

#### **4. Educate the community on the causes and treatment of substance addiction.**

**Objective:** Provide community education on the east, west, and north shore of Kauaʻi. Hold interesting and informative presentations over a one year period.

- Presentations to the community are given upon request. For example, the Anti-Drug Coordinator is frequently asked to speak to high school students.
- Substance abuse expert Gary Shimabukuro has spoken to community groups on several occasions on the latest trends in drug use and how to detect drug use, notably at the East Family Summit in February 2008.
- Hope, Help and Healing has initiated a one-hour youth prevention program “Been There, Done That”.
- Women in Need has started classes for men and women, and will start an economic empowerment training program in September.
- Hina Mauka will be hosting a monthly television program to help educate the community, and they are developing an alumni association.
- Baby Safe is offering new perinatal support services.
- In May and August 2007, Kauaʻi Planning & Action Alliance organized three free “Ice Epidemic Update” workshops for service providers, taught by Nancy Phillion of the Department of Health.
- Leadership Kauaʻi offered the free presentation “Got Drugs?” to the community in February 2008.

#### **5. Provide professional training opportunities for substance abuse counselors, mental health professionals and social workers.**

**Objective:** Provide training once a quarter for a 12-month period.

**Accomplishments/Progress:**

- Child and Family Service has organized occasional training sessions and made them available to service providers. For example, a two-day tobacco cessation training for providers was held in March.
- Off-island training opportunities are promoted to members of the Treatment/Integration Committee and other committees as appropriate.
- Kauaʻi Community College offers a certification program for substance abuse counselors to help meet the growing needs for CSACs.

**Additional Accomplishments:**

- In July 2008, Hope, Help and Healing is scheduled to start a low intensity outpatient treatment program and has already begun taking referrals.
- Other programs, such as Hina Mauka, continue to offer outpatient services.
- Hina Mauka developed an intensive outpatient program for clients wait-listed for residential treatment, those leaving residential treatment and for criminal justice clients.

- The Mokihana Program, through the Department of Health Kauai Family Guidance Center, provides a social worker and psychologist in all public schools in partnership with the Department of Education. Substance abuse outpatient care is provided through Parents & Children Together (PACT) therapists.



## Community Integration

1. **Develop “store-fronts” or one-stop shops where ex-drug users can make a transition to a drug-free life in their own communities.**

**Objective 1A:** To support the successful development of the Aloha Church Storefront in Lihue.

**Accomplishments/Progress:**

- Crossroads continues to operate through the Aloha Church, providing support, food, clothes and help with job searches for those leaving prison or treatment.

**Objective 1B:** To secure funding, and support the successful development of the storefronts to serve Westside and Eastside communities.

**Accomplishments/Progress:**

- This objective has been tabled for the time being, as support services are offered through venues other than storefronts. See Goals 2 and 3 below.

2. **Identify and train “navigators” who will work with ex-drug users leaving treatment and/or incarceration until they are solidly integrated into the community.**

**Objective:** Identify and train five volunteer navigators per storefront to assist paid staff in providing information and support to clients over a two to five year period.

**Accomplishments/Progress:**

- Ke Ala Hoku has trained navigators who work with residents of the clean and sober homes.
- Crossroads has trained navigators to assist those leaving prison.

3. **Identify and work with community-based and faith-based organizations to provide community integration support services.**

**Objective:** Identify and train six churches (Year 1) and 12 churches (Year 2) to provide support services to ex-drug offenders.

Ke Ala Hoku Accomplishments/Progress:

- Ke Ala Hoku began in 2005 as a Kaula'i Association United Church of Christ ministry. The goal of the ministry was to assist those re-entering the community following incarceration or returning from substance abuse treatment on or off the island of Kaula'i. Ke Ala Hoku's mission is to end the cycle of relapse and recidivism by providing safe and nurturing environments.
- Ke Ala Hoku has had up to 10 different housing units in various locations around the island since July 2006. As of the publication of this report, over 100 individuals have been assisted or have had the opportunity to be served with Ke Ala Hoku funding and housing. This has included small intact families and single parents with their children when appropriate.
- Currently, Ke Ala Hoku is housing 20 individuals (15 men and 5 women). Further, Ke Ala Hoku has assisted 3 families with rental security deposits for their own units to reunify with family members.
- As Ke Ala Hoku continues in its third year, they have created their own incorporation and have applied for 501(c)(3) nonprofit status.

Hope, Help and Healing Kaula'i (HHHK) Accomplishments/Progress

- A clean and sober home for women has been established in a large home on the Aloha Church property. The minimum stay is 6 months and residents must be employed.
- As mentioned previously, HHHK has been exploring the creation of a therapeutic living facility.

Women in Need

- A new clean and sober home is scheduled to open in July 2008.
- Domestic violence programs for men and women are being offered.

Additional Progress:

- Kaula'i Island Ministries continues to provide integration services and support to prisoners at KCCC.

**4. Work with Kaula'i Community Correctional Center to help ex-offenders develop exit plans that will ensure their successful community integration and support families in the process.**

**Objective:** Assist 40-50 KCCC inmates in developing exit plans prior to their release each year.

Achievements/Progress:

- CARE Hawaii, Inc. continues to do drug assessments with their clients in KCCC, provides referrals to residential treatment facility as needed, connects with the client's family to enhance transition to residential treatment, and continues working with the client to complete treatment and re-integrate to community.

- Good Beginnings is offering the Supporting Keiki of Incarcerated Parents (SKIP) to prisoners at KCCC to teach parenting skills and maintain parental bonds with their children.



## Joint Drug Treatment/Community Integration

In mid-2006, the Treatment and Community Integration Committee began meeting together, as they found their goals were closely aligned and interdependent. In addition to working on the goals in the drug response plan, they chose to create two new goals.

### 1. Expand treatment services within the Kaua`i Community Correctional Center.

**Objective:** Develop and implement all levels of substance abuse treatment for all KCCC inmates needing services.

**Accomplishments/Progress:**

- The Kaua`i Intake Service Center will incorporate this objective in its re-entry plan. They have identified the gaps in service and services that are currently available.

### 2. Provide detoxification services within a continuum of care

**Objective:** Develop drug and alcohol detoxification services

**Accomplishments/Progress:**

- Two facilities continue to provide limited detoxification services, Ke Ala Pono (opiates) and Mahelona Hospital (alcohol).
- When Kaua`i Intake Service Center is able to incorporate the continuum of care into its re-entry plan, they will address this matter in the plan.

**Additional Accomplishment:**

- A matrix was developed that shows the spectrum of services needed to provide a continuum of care for adults related to substance abuse. The matrix helped identify gaps in services, and where there was duplication, to ensure that each provider was filling a needed niche.



## Enforcement

1. **Monitor and Support lobbying efforts that support drug enforcement, support intervention programs, and eliminate inconsistencies in the law.**

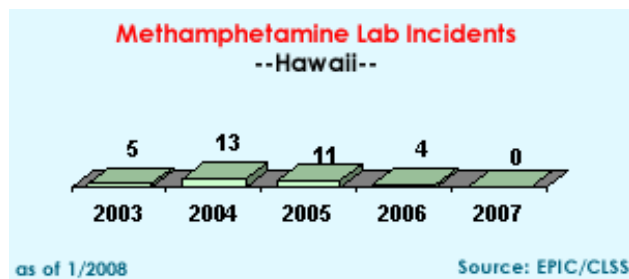
**Objectives:** Monitor four specific issues of concern (Act 161, wiretap laws, walk and talk, and drug paraphernalia) during the future Federal, State and County legislative sessions.

**Accomplishments/ Progress:**

- The legislature in the last session passed several measures clarifying law enforcement-related issues. Laws relating to methamphetamine were strengthened. A review of federal laws introduced last year and this year noted an emphasis on treatment issues, and the need to clarify and strengthen existing laws.
- The committee is unaware of any changes to the wiretap, Act 161, and walk/talk programs.

**Measures of Success:**

- Passage of laws that support drug enforcement efforts in 2004 and 2005.
- Decrease in drugs being seized as a result of greater effort.



2. **Identify and secure funding for law enforcement and support funding for intervention programs.**

**Objective:** Secure funds to support Kaua'i Police Department's drug task force.

**Kaua'i Police Department Accomplishments/ Progress:**

- The Kaua'i Police Department has secured five external funding to support drug enforcement efforts. That funding is a combination of State and Federal grants specifically directed to enforcement (Overtime, Equipment and training).

**Measure of Success:**

Total dollar amount of grants obtained is approximately \$500,000 for the following:

- High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area (HIDTA) grant

- Hawai'i Narcotics Task Force (HNTF) grant
- State Marijuana Eradication Task Force (SMETF) grant (Marijuana)
- Domestic Cannabis Eradication Suppression Program (DCE/SP) (Marijuana)
- Hawai'i Community Foundation (HCF) (Crystal Meth).

*Kaua'i Drug Court Accomplishments/ Progress:*

- Approximately 30 people graduated from this program during the report period. Two teens and 9 adults are scheduled to graduate in early August.
- Clients have been placed in clean and sober homes when appropriate, though more homes are needed.
- The group "Friends of Drug Court" has been formed to assist with fundraising.

*Measure of Success:*

- This continues to be a highly successful program, with only a 2% recidivism rate since the program started two years ago.

**3. Prevent illegal drugs from entering Kaua'i at all points of entry, including harbors, airports, and postal services.**

**Objectives:**

To identify specific points on entry and provide containment measures.

*Accomplishments/ Progress:*

- The goal of the Kaua'i Police Department through the years has been to identify various points of entry where illegal drugs come in to Kaua'i. There are only two ways that illegal drugs enter Kaua'i and this is through the airports and harbors. There is one major airport on Kaua'i which is the Lihu'e Airport, though there is a commuter airport in Princeville. There are two major harbor ports on Kaua'i, however there are several small ports where boats could dock. It is through these areas that illegal drugs enter the island. The feeder channels would be the various cargo and parcel companies which also have been identified that utilize the aforementioned entry points.



## **County Anti-Drug Programs**

- Healing Our Island Grant Awards: Over \$34,000 was awarded to approximately 18 agencies to provide drug prevention programs. At the ceremony held to distribute the funds, the youth from some of the recipient agencies provided entertainment.
- The County of Kaua'i hosted its third Annual Drug "ICE" Summit: entitled "Ei Ho'o mau Ka 'Ike" ~ *continue the awareness, learning, vision* ~ on March 30, 2007 at the Hilton Kaua'i Beach Villas. The *Kaua'i Community Drug Response Plan* accomplishments were

presented by the Prevention, Intervention, Treatment and Enforcement Groups. Approximately 140 people were in attendance. Break out sessions proved to be successful as each team provided a summary of how it is implementing the Drug Plan Goals and Objectives.

- The County of Kaua'i Anti-Drug Program partnered with the DOE Safe and Drug Free Communities to host its Youth "ICE" Summit for the three Public High Schools on Kaua'i. A total of 317 students participated at this event on April 30, 2007. The Kaua'i Community Correctional Center "Lifetime Stand" Band played music and provided testimony for the students. Break out sessions included testimony from a young mother with HIV because of drug use, vendor booths where students could get help and information, and Jeff Mueller and Marty Dread. Input for school planning initiatives was secured during the working lunch.
- Community Grant Fund Applications were solicited and awarded. Over 15 agencies that work with youth and adults were given "seed" money for programs in the prevention/intervention, enforcement, and treatment areas to continue their important work in the community.
- Speed and Quickness Clinics were held throughout the island. Volleyball, football and soccer clinics were well attended by the youth on Kaua'i from elementary school to high school; even some college students home for the summer participated. The Kaua'i High School coach made the football clinics mandatory for the football team. Among the University of Hawai'i players who served as coaches and mentors for these clinics were Colt Brennan, Davone Bess and Ryan Grice-Mullins. Potential scholarship recipients were interviewed by UH coaches.
- A Parent Project Teen Facilitator and Teen Class "Choosing Success, Choosing Life" training was held at the County of Kaua'i Mo'ikeha Building, Liquor Control Conference Room. "Choosing Success, Choosing Life" is a component of the Parent Project Sr. This training class teaches personal and social responsibility as a character-building program for teens that focuses on: exercising self-discipline, solving problems peacefully, increasing a sense of self-worth, recognizing impact on others, maintaining dignity and respect for themselves and others, setting personal goals and making it happen, and accepting responsibility for their actions. Fifteen new facilitators were trained.
- Hosted Alcohol & Drug Recovery Month Health Fair. Over 250 participants attended the first Anti-Drug Health & Wellness Fair in celebration of National Alcohol and Drug Addiction Recovery month. Over 30 exhibitors shared information with the public.
- Sponsored and assisted with the Women's Country Health Fair Event in Waimea.
- Sponsored the Kaua'i Island Wide Youth Rally at the Convention Hall. Keynote speaker was Darrell Scott of "Rachel's Challenge-Columbine Redemption".



- Kaua'i Aloha Youth Camp was held October 3-6, 2007 .
- Sponsored RecoveryWorks Video regarding teenage addiction to be shown to our local students.
- The County of Kaua'i Mayor's Office, Community Response Specialist & Anti-Drug Coordinator, Department of Liquor Control, Police, Fire, along with the Department of Education, Kaua'i Keiki Injury Prevention and other community partners completed another successful "Shattered Dreams" program at Waimea High.
- Received approval of a \$1,524,000 grant from Department of Human Services (DHS) Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF).
- Partnered with Parks and Recreation Department and Waimea High School to craft picnic tables for the children who attend the homework club at Pa'anau Housing .
- Launched the Big Brothers/Big Sisters Program at Kahuna Valley (sponsors of Mentor 'Ohana) with Kamahameha Schools, Kaua'i Team Challenge and other community partners followed by the kick-off at Kapa'a Elementary School/Kapa'a High School.
- Partnered with Leadership Kaua'i alumni and the Hawai'i National Guard Counter Drug Support Program to host the Got Drugs II Seminar on February 6, 2008 at the Convention Hall with 129 individuals in attendance (individuals, families and vendors). Thirteen vendors provided the public with prevention/intervention, treatment/ integration and enforcement information and resources.
- Island-wide Parent Project/Teen Project classes were offered.
- Recruited members to represent Kaua'i on the Hawai'i Partnership to Preventing Underage Drinking (HPPUD) Kaua'i Coalition. Lieutenant Colonel Tamah-Lani S. K. Noh, HIANG, Acting Counter Drug Coordinator, Liaison to the Lieutenant Governor's Drug Control Plan and Hawai'i Counter Drug Support Program hosted the meeting.
- Hosted a Town Hall Meeting about underage drinking at the Convention Hall.
- Big Brothers/Big Sisters Lunch Buddies Program was launched at Wilcox Elementary School.



## Drug Plan Coordination and Implementation

### 1. Identify and secure sustainable funding for drug programs.

**Objective 1A:** Secure a consistent source of long-term funding for drug programs within two years.

**Accomplishments/Progress:**

- The Drug Action Team has discussed various options for sustainable funding for all drug programs and has developed several ideas that will be pursued in the drug response plan update.

**Objective 1B:** Seek funding from new and existing government and private sources.

**Accomplishments/Progress:**

- Programs continue to pursue all opportunities for funding from public, corporate and private sources to support anti-drug programs.
- Partnerships with local businesses have been established to secure needed resources.

### 2. Adopt a management system to coordinate implementation of the plan over the next two years, including measuring outcomes.

**Objective:** Obtain commitments to put this management system in place by May 2004.

**Accomplishments/Progress:**

- The Drug Action Team continues to be the central coordinating body monitoring the work of all committees. Anti-Drug Coordinator Theresa Koki chairs the Drug Action Team.
- Kaula'i Planning & Action Alliance wrapped up its five years of assistance to this group on June 30. The Anti-Drug Office will take a more active role in working with committee chairs to craft the committee work plans and provide minutes of committee meetings.

### 3. Develop and make available information on drug-related community resources to help individuals and families.

**Objective 3A:** Create a printed, comprehensive drug-related community resource guide.

**Accomplishments/Progress:**

- This goal has been modified, as it was determined that a printed resource guide might soon be out of date. Therefore substance abuse resource information is on the

County's website ([www.kauai.gov](http://www.kauai.gov); go the Office of the Mayor then Anti-Drug Coordinator). A student intern has recently updated this online information.

**Objective 3B:** Develop and maintain a website with comprehensive drug-related community resources.

**Accomplishments/Progress:**

- See Objective 3A above.

**4. Coordinate messages to the public to heighten awareness of the goals, activities and outcomes of the *Kaua`i Community Drug Response Plan*.**

**Objective:** Develop cohesive messages to articulate the various solutions to address the drug problem on Kaua`i, upcoming events, and opportunities for citizen involvement.

**Accomplishments/Progress:**

- While the need for funding to support this goal has been supported by the Drug Action Team, no funds have yet been designated for this purpose.



## Summary

Agencies and organizations continued to provide excellent services in the past year in support of anti-drug efforts on Kaua`i, though it was an ongoing challenge to secure the level of funding needed.

It is recognized that gaps in services still exist; providers are trying to be creative in how to fill these gaps. The war on "ice" is far from over and new abuse concerns have emerged, notably the abuse of pharmaceuticals by youth. Continued focus, attention and adequate resources are critically important if we are to be successful in mitigating the substance abuse problem.

The late Mayor Baptiste left a legacy of supporting families and combating drugs. To build on the work already done, this must continue to be an emphasis for the new Mayor, the administration, as well as the congressional delegation, the island's state legislators, the County Council, nonprofit organizations, churches and many dedicated community members. We cannot become complacent. Our community deserves no less.