



Connecting on **The Road to Home**

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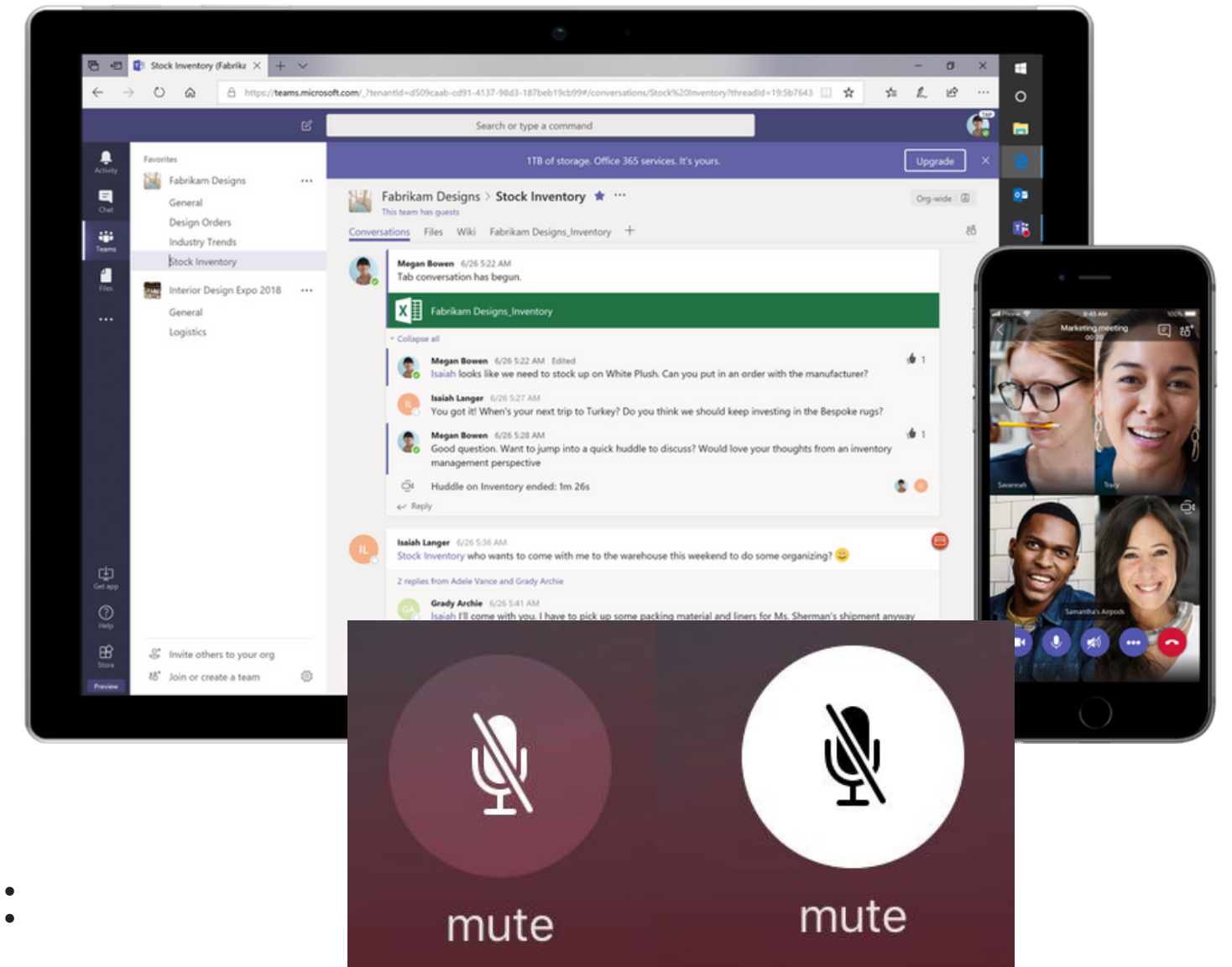


Housekeeping Reminders

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<https://homelessness.hawaii.gov/monthly-webinars/>



November 13-21, 2021

National Hunger & Homelessness Awareness Week



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Presentation and updates on the Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) initiative.



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Presentation on the B.E.S.T. Reintegration Program for inmates who are returning to the community.

General Updates

Emergency Rental Assistance (ERA) still available in all four counties

- For more information, go to: <https://homelessness.hawaii.gov/eviction-moratorium-resources> for information about rental assistance programs statewide, legal assistance, and information about mediation services.
- The site includes links to webinar presentations by the Mediation Center of the Pacific, Legal Aid Society of Hawaii, and Office of Consumer Protection, as well as links to other helpful resources in each county.

COVID-19 Updates

- Remain vigilant in regard to testing and vaccination efforts.
- For more information – including information about Isolation/Quarantine resources on Oahu – please visit <https://homelessness.hawaii.gov/COVID>.

Upcoming National Webinars of Interest

- SAMHSA webinar on "Providing Affirming Services to LGBTQ+ Youth Experiencing Homelessness" on December 9th, 8:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m. HST. For more information, visit the Homeless and Housing Resource Center (HHRC) at <https://hhrctraining.org/events-webinars>.
- HUD Exchange webinar series on planning for HOME-ARP funds. For more information, visit: <https://www.hudexchange.info/news/home-arp-webinar-series>.

Part I



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VALOR

Preventing Violence Against Law Enforcement
and Ensuring Officer Resilience and Survivability

BUREAU OF JUSTICE ASSISTANCE

CIT Honolulu Overview

Crisis Intervention Team
Law Enforcement Training

By Kumi Macdonald, Executive Director, NAMI Hawaii



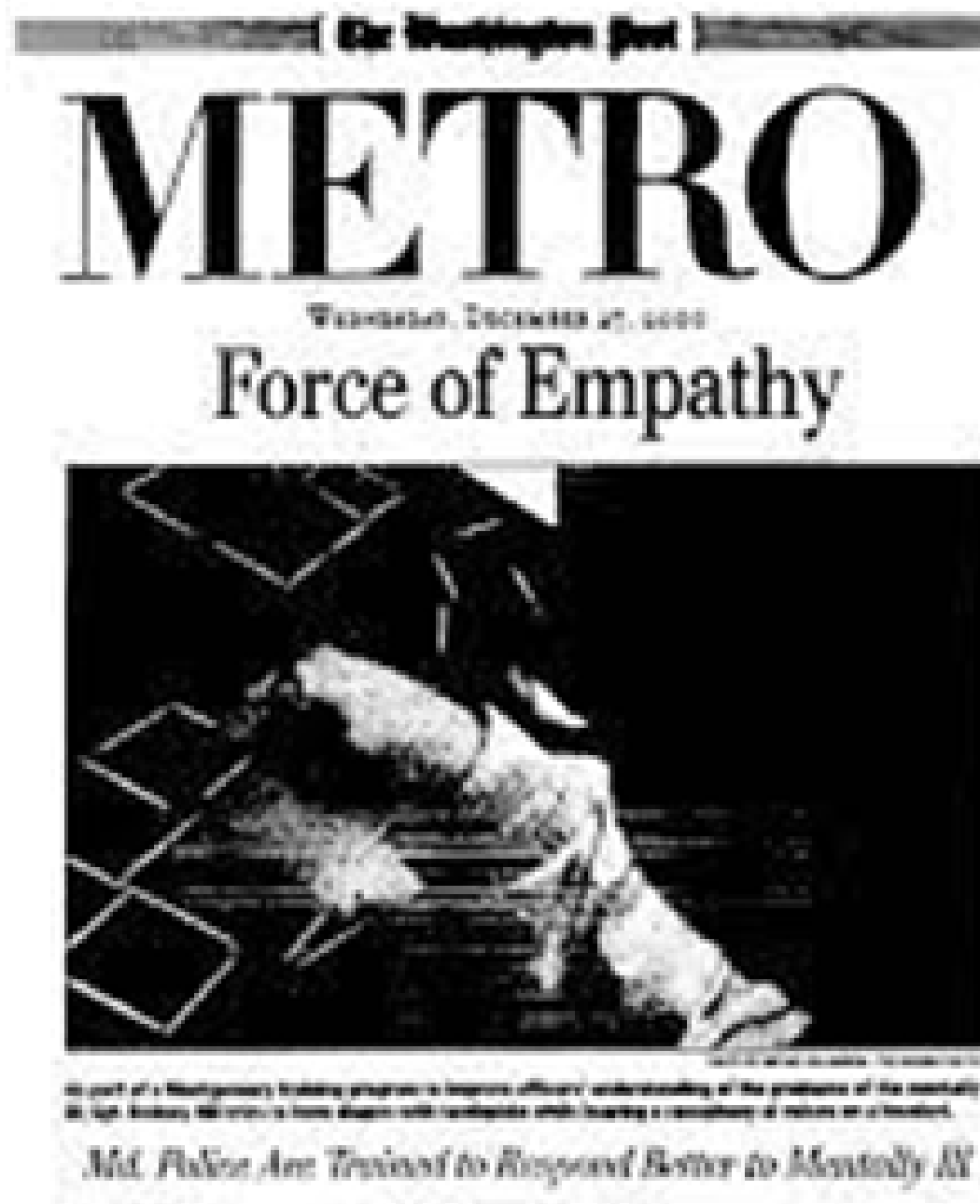
What is CIT?

Crisis Intervention Teams (CITs) are local initiatives designed to improve the way law enforcement and the community respond to people experiencing mental health crises.

They are built on strong partnerships between law enforcement, mental health provider agencies, and individuals and families affected by mental illness.



What is CIT?



- Memphis Model started in 1988
- Started by NAMI Memphis
- Founders Dr. Dupont & Major Sam Cochran
- 2700 programs in the U.S.

What is CIT?



PARTNERSHIP

Steering Committee Leads:

Honolulu Police Department and Law Enforcement, Hawaii Health and Harm Reduction and NAMI Hawaii

Partners:

- Dept. of Health, ADAD, Queen's Medical Center, Adventist Health Castle, VA, Vet Center, Hawaii Vet2Vet, Mental Health America of Hawaii, ADAD, IHS, Ohana Health Plan, Autism Foundation, Hina Mauka, Mayor's office on Homelessness, Judges, other community partners.

CIT is About...

CIT is about *systems* and *infrastructure of services*

CIT is about *relationships*

CIT is about *community engagement*

CIT is about *partnerships*

CIT is about *advocacy*

CIT is about *leadership*

CIT is about *compassion*

CIT is about *you*



Benefits of CIT



- **Give police officers more tools to do their job safely and effectively.** Research shows that CIT is associated with improved officer attitude and knowledge about mental illness. In Memphis, for example, CIT resulted in an 80% reduction of officer injuries during mental health crisis calls.
- **Keep law enforcement's focus on crime.** Some communities have found that CIT has reduced the time officers spend responding to a mental health call. This puts officers back into the community more quickly.
- **Produce cost savings to the community.**

Benefits of CIT



- People can request a CIT officer in a mental health crisis
- Bring community leaders together
- Help keep people with mental illness out of jail and *in* treatment
- Reduce arrests of people with mental illness while simultaneously increasing the likelihood that individuals will receive mental health services

CIT Honolulu



2017 Dr. Alicia Rodriguez awarded BJA Valor Grant

2018 BJA Valor

- Holds Strategic Intercept Mapping workday
- First 40 hour CIT Training to HPD Officers
- Train the Trainers with 20 trained in Honolulu



2019

- Honolulu CIT Trainers hold two more 40 hour CIT Trainings to HPD Officers

CIT Honolulu



2020

- CIT Seminars 16 hour training to 110 Law Enforcement

2021

- 40 hour CIT training resumes
- Major Mike Lambert is awarded \$96,000 grant for CIT in 2022-23

2022

- Plans to hold four 40-hour CIT Training
- Train of Trainers in Spring

TO DATE

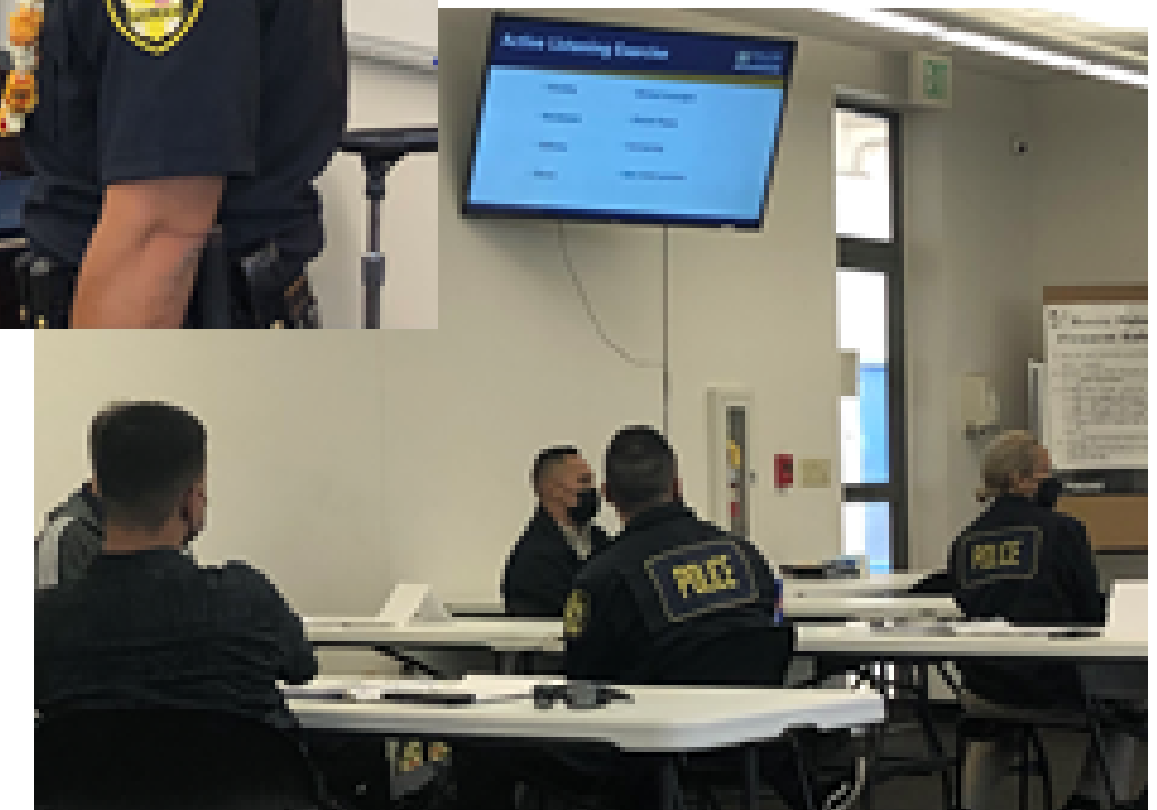
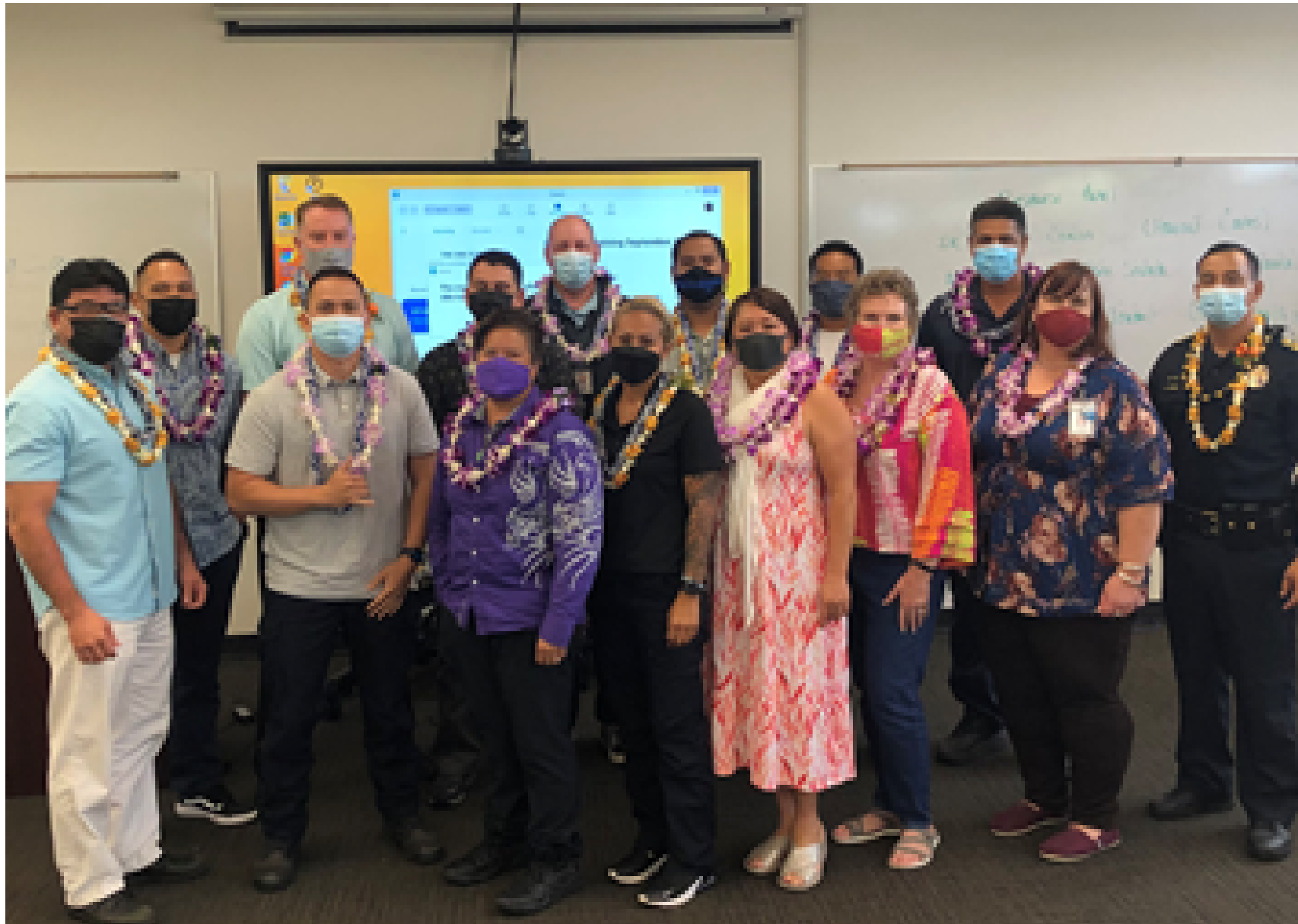
- 61 CIT Certified Officers with HPD and 110 CIT Seminar Trained

SAMPLE SCHEDULE



MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
M1 & M2 Systems and Research: Welcome, Training, CIT Overview	M9 Mental Health Basics: Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder	Site Visits	M17 Managing Encounters: Scenario-Based Skills Training / Verbal De-escalation	M19 Managing Encounters: Scenario-Based Skills Training / Verbal De-escalation
M3 & M4 Mental Health Basics: Mood and Psychotic Disorders	M10 Mental Health Basics: Psychopharmacology			M21 Law Enforcement: Liability and Other Issues
	M11 Mental Health Basics: Substance-Related and Addictive Disorders			M22 Law Enforcement: Policies & Procedures
	Administrative Tasks: Questions & Answers			
Administrative Tasks: Lunch				
M5 Mental Health Basics: Personality Disorders	M12 Community Support: Culture & Mental Health	Family and Peer Perspectives Panel & Officer Wellness	M18 Managing Encounters: Scenario-Based Skills Training / De-escalation Strategies	M23 Community Support: Local Resources
M6 Mental Health Basics: Neurodevelopmental & Neurocognitive Disorders	M13 Mental Health Basics: Suicide			M15 Community Support: Veterans
M7 Mental Health Basics: Disorders in Children, Youth, & Adolescents		M16 Community Support: Homeless		
M8 Mental Health Basics: Disruptive, Impulse- Control, & Conduct Disorders		M14 Mental Health Basics: Assessment, Commitment, and Legal Considerations		
Administrative Tasks: Questions & Dismiss	Administrative Tasks: Questions, Mental Health Post- Course Evaluation & Dismiss	Administrative Tasks: Questions & Dismiss	Administrative Tasks: Questions & Dismiss	

September 2021 Training



Wrap-Up

Questions?

Part II

Being Empowered & Safe Together (B.E.S.T)

Reintegration program for
inmates who are returning to
the community.

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Community Services Director, MEO





Reentry and Homelessness

Director of community services- Cassi Yamashita



Community Service Programs

■ Housing Programs:

- Rental Assistance Program (RAP)
- Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Rent/Mortgage Assistance Program ** COVID-19 Relief Funding
- Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP)
 - Energy Credit
 - Emergency Crisis Intervention
- Weatherization Assistance Program (WAP)

■ Reentry Programs:

- Being Empowered and Safe Together (BEST) Reentry Program
- Emergency Reentry Shelter Project
- CSBG Cares Act Rental and Training Program ** COVID-19 Relief Funding



Community Service Program cont.

- Employment Programs:

- Employment Services for Low Income Persons or Legal Permanent Residents
- Senior Community Service Employment Program (SCSEP)
- National Farmworker Jobs Program (NFJP)

- Other Population Specific Programs:

- Planning and Coordinating Council, Senior Coordinator (P&CC)
- Maui Independent Living Center (MILC)
- Enlace Hispano

Reentry Findings/ Statistics National

"95% of state and federal inmates will eventually be released."

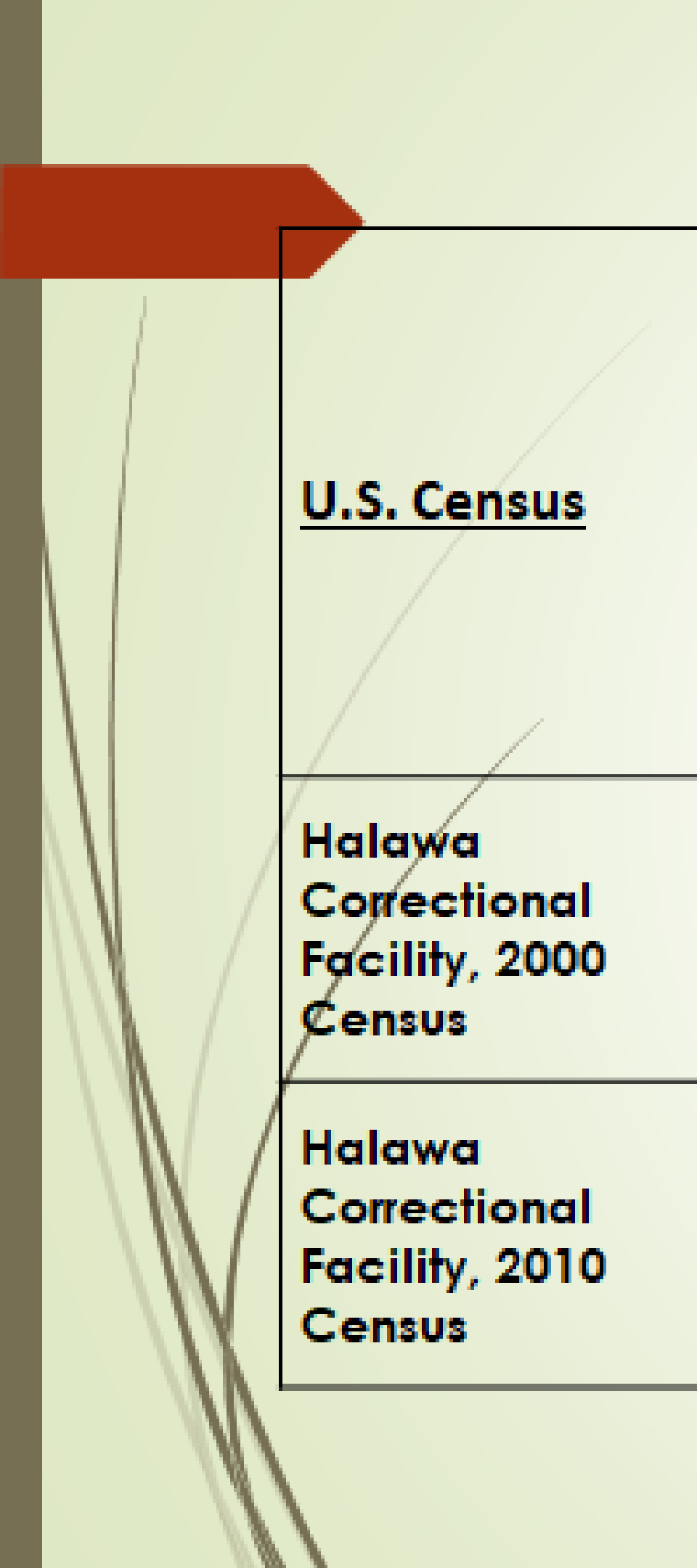
More than 10% of those coming in and out of prisons and jails are homeless in the months preceding and following their incarceration (Council of State Governments, 2016). Being homeless, unstably housed, or living in a high crime neighborhood all heighten an individual's risk of reoffending (Andrews & Bonta, 1995).

"Under usual circumstances, reentering individuals face 2 times the rate of food insecurity and 10 times the rate of homelessness as compared to the general population. During the COVID-19 pandemic, accessing food and housing has become even more difficult as many welfare offices have closed and other services face overwhelming demand."

Among ex-offenders, those with mental illness have higher than average rates of homelessness and housing insecurity (Aidala et al., 2014; Brown et al., 2013; Council of State Governments, 2006; Fries et al., 2014; , Herbert et al., 2015; Mac-Donald et al., 2015).

Agency Findings

- 42% of the population served in the current BEST program identify as Native Hawaiian.
- 42% of the population served in the current BEST program identify as white or Caucasian.
- 31% of the population served in the reentry programs are currently living in transitional homes
- 7 % were rehoused (returned to prison/jail for reoffending)
- 21% are homeless
- 31% are living in long term housing
- 10 % living situations are unknown



<u>U.S. Census</u>	Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander alone	Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander in combination with other racial groups	Native Hawaiian alone or in combination with other racial groups	More than one race (of any kind)
Halawa Correctional Facility, 2000 Census	24.5%	31.3%	55.8%	40.0%
Halawa Correctional Facility, 2010 Census	43.6%	1.5%	45.1%	2.3%

How are returning citizens susceptible to homelessness?

- Document deficient upon release with little or no means of communication.
- Supports upon release (mental, physical, financial, health, etc.)
- The lack of affordable housing leaves ex-offenders competing for the same limited resources with others who have no criminal history.
- Hawaii Public Housing Authority guidelines around felons, history of substance abuse, sex offenders violent criminal offenses.
- Early pandemic release and furlough program on hold or limited capacity



*** Personal Client Story

What is MEO doing and how will this help prevent future homelessness?

➤ Maui Reentry Hui

➤ SAMHSA Gains Project

➤ Reentry Plan

➤ Employment, mental health, substance abuse, housing, mentorship.

➤ Maui Homeless Alliance

➤ Going Home Hawaii Consortium

What can the County and the community do to better support efforts to address and prevent homelessness?

- Housing inventory
 - affordable housing rental units
 - studios single person living
 - transitional housing
- Change rules-
 - guidelines for reentry clients HPHA- reviewing guidelines some are 3 yrs look back and others are permanent
- Ke Kahua Project 120 units- multi-family units
- Tax credits for landlords for housing chronic homeless or returning citizens

Documents cited:

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- Dewey, C. (2020, April 16). Released early to thwart Covid-19, ex-offenders confront hunger outside. Retrieved from <https://thecounter.org/early-release-hunger-homelessness-covid-19/>
- <https://www.voa.org/homelessness-and-prisoner-reentry>
- <https://www.prisonpolicy.org/profiles/HI.html>

Q & A

Director of Community Services - **Cassi Yamashita**



Stay In Touch

If you have any questions regarding the webinars, or have suggestions for future topics, please contact our office.

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NEXT INSTALLMENT

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MONTH

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