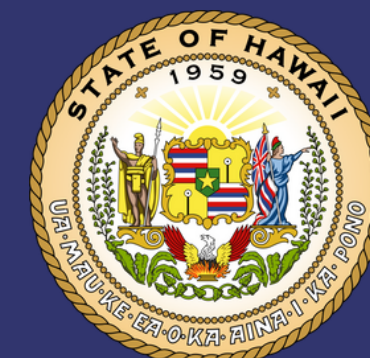




Connecting on **The Road to Home**

APRIL 25, 2022 - 12:00 P.M. TO 1:00 P.M. HST

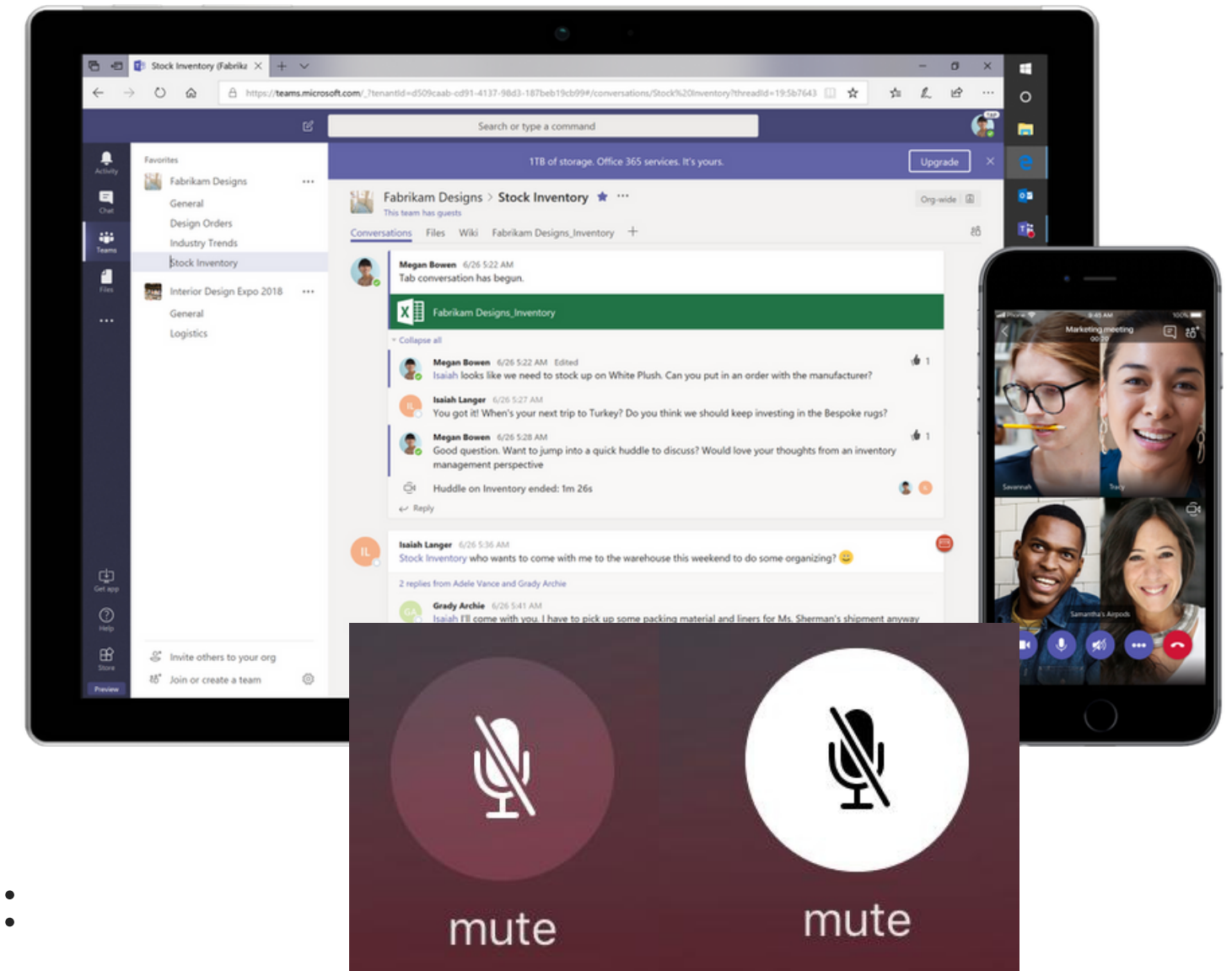


Housekeeping Reminders

**Please Mute Your Microphone.
Enter Questions in the Chat Box
or Raise Your Hand.**

A recording of this webinar and copies of the presentation materials will be available online at:

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



April 2022

Local Strategies to Address Affordable Housing & Homelessness



Trish La Chica, Executive Director
Honolulu Mayor's Office of Housing & Homelessness

Trish La Chica, Executive Director of the City Office of Housing, will provide an update of the City's work to address both affordable housing and homelessness



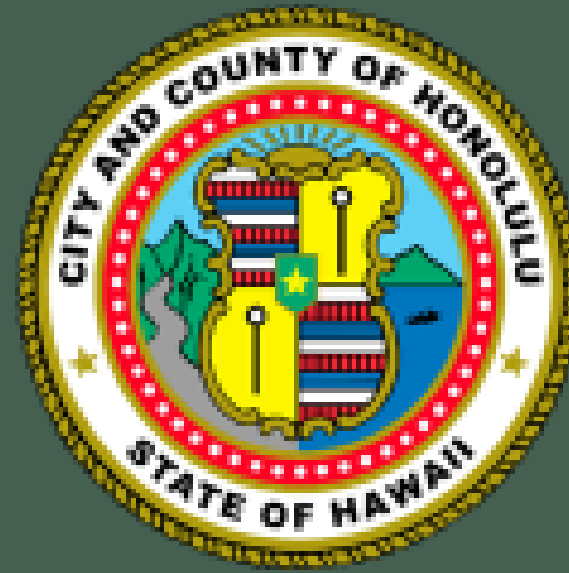
Daintry Bartoldus , Executive Administrator
Hawaii State Council on Developmental Disabilities

Daintry Bartoldus and Che Silvert will discuss the Hawaii State Council on Developmental Disabilities' advocacy efforts in the current legislative session.



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OFFICE OF HOUSING

TRISH LA CHICA, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
PRESENTATION – Governor's Coordinator on
Housing Webinar

Mayor's Office of Housing (HOU)

www.honolulu.gov/housing

- Established in 2011
- Affordable housing, senior housing, special needs housing, and homelessness
- Collaborates with county, state, nonprofit, and federal agencies

1

Oversee the development, preparation, and implementation of plans and programs

2

Oversee and coordinate city policies, activities, and functions

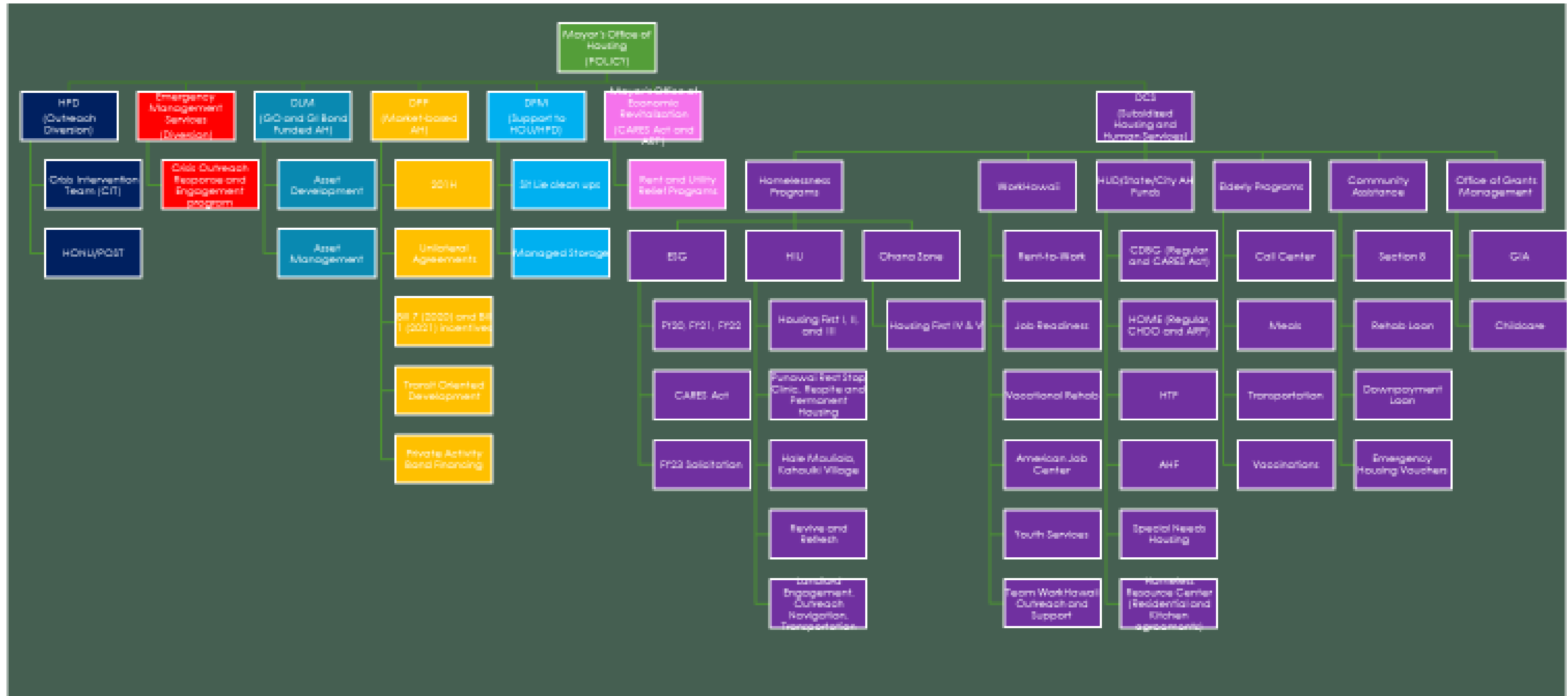
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Coordinate with state, federal, and housing organizations



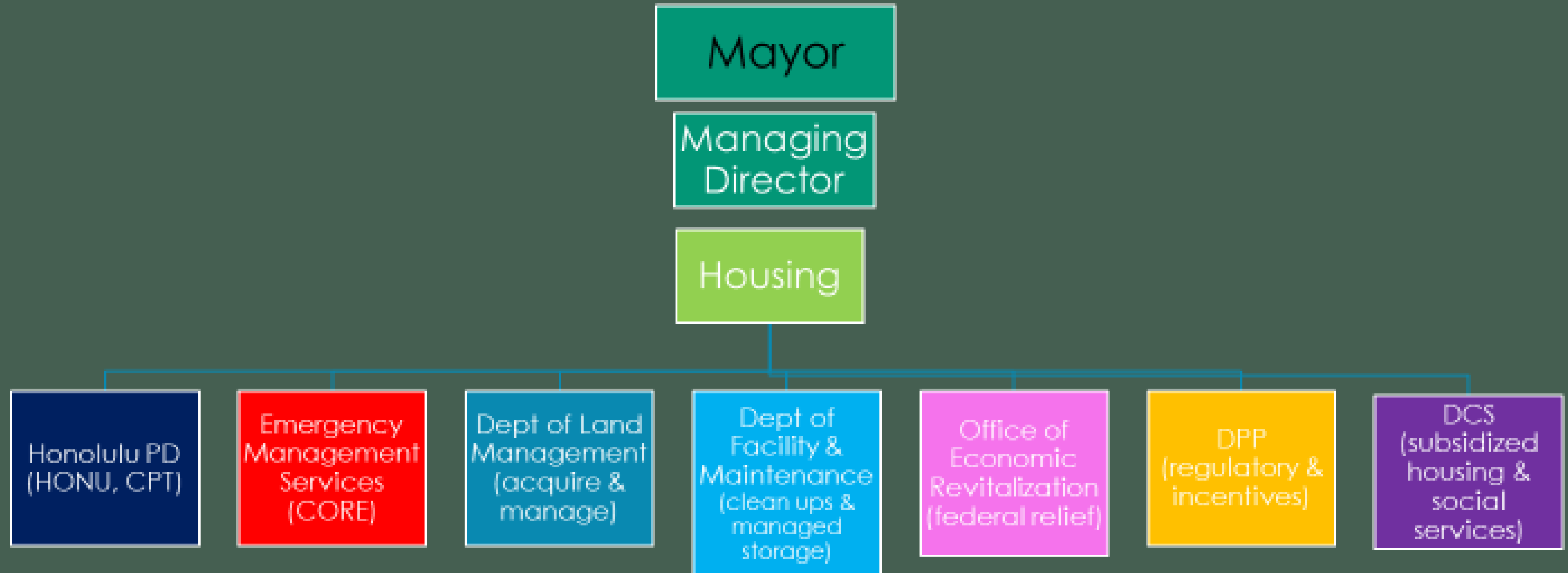
City and County of Honolulu

Housing, Homelessness, and Human Services Programs



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Affordable Housing Working Group (AHWG)

- Charged with developing a Comprehensive Affordable Housing Action Plan to meet the tremendous need for affordable housing in the City and County of Honolulu.
- Collaboration among 12 agencies and department
- Acquisitions, regulations, incentives, community engagement
- Convened by Managing Director's Office and managed by HOU

Mayor's Initiatives

Continuum of City's *Rapid Responses* to Homelessness

City Responses (HPD)

Traditional
Police



HPD Community Outreach Unit Homeless Initiatives

CIT Training

Community
Policing Teams (CIT)

H.E.L.P

HONU



Diverted 911 Calls

CORE



Match City Responses with Situational Needs,
Support HPD With Additional Resources

City Responses (PAT)



1. Chinatown (active)
2. Waipahu (in development)
3. Ewa and Ewa Beach (in development)
4. Waikiki (planned)

Office of Economic Revitalization (OER)

- Website: OneOahu.org
- COVID Housing and Rental and Utility Relief
 - Helped more than 11,000 local families (85% make less than 50% AMI or \$61,000 for a family of four)
 - Expects to invest \$124 Million into rent/utility relief/housing stabilization services for our community
 - 42% of approved applicants identify as Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander
 - 34% Asian
 - 17% White
 - 4% Black
 - 2% American Indian or Alaskan Native

THE CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU

RENTAL & UTILITIES RELIEF PROGRAM

Opens April 5 at noon

RENT ☒

ELECTRIC ☒

SEWER, WATER, & GAS ☒

LANDLORDS MAY APPLY ON BEHALF OF RENTERS WITH THEIR PERMISSION

CAN PAY FOR:

- Rent
- Household Utilities
- Supported for 12 Months

WHO CAN QUALIFY:

- O'ahu Residents
- COVID Income or Job Loss
- Proof of Late Rent or Utilities Bills
- Household Income Limits

DOCUMENTS NEEDED:

- Government Issued ID
- Rent Agreement or Bill
- Household Tax Document
- Recent Pay Stubs
- Unemployment Insurance Receipt

LEARN MORE AT [ONEOAHU.ORG/RENTHELP](https://oneoahu.org/renthelp)



Homeless Outreach and Navigation for Unsheltered Persons (HONU)

	HAWAII'S PLANTATION VILLAGE (Mar 1, 2021 to Current)	Old Stadium Park (April 1, 2021 to Current)	TOTAL HONU PLACEMENTS 2022
SHELTER	35	2	146
TREATMENT	1	0	6
RELOCATED *mainland/outer island	4	1	9
REUNITED WITH FAMILY	0	5	11
PERMANENT HOUSING	2	0	9
TOTAL SERVED	97	24	355



Crisis, Outreach, Response, and Engagement (CORE)

MISSION

To respond to non-violent, homeless crisis calls from and within the community

VISION

To end the cycle of homelessness in the City and County of Honolulu.

GOAL

To make personal connections with homeless individuals and provide compassionate care and comfort in times of need.

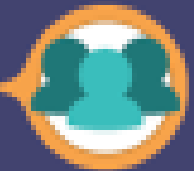


Honolulu Emergency Services Department

Timeline

June 2021

HOU convenes stakeholders to develop program including City, State, and Non-profits



Oct. 2021

CORE launches with 2 staff and 1 rig. CORE engages with first clients



Dec. 2021

CORE's staff increases to 10+ community healthcare workers



Jan. 2022

CORE moves HQ's to Paahi Street in Chinatown



Mar. 2022

CORE expands to 30 staff and expands services to Downtown and Waikiki



By the end of 2022, CORE hopes to expand services to cover 4 districts on Oahu.

CORE

Medical Respite

In process

Contracted Bed

In process

CARES Line
State of Hawaii

Active

HONU

Active

Programs or Shelters

Active

honoluluCORE@honolulu.gov
768-2673 (CORE)



SERVICES

- MEDICAL OUTREACH/CRISIS RESPONSE
- REFERRALS FOR SERVICES
- CLIENT-CENTERED FOLLOW UP

honoluluCORE@honolulu.gov
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- HOUSING ASSISTANCE
- COMMUNITY CONCERNS

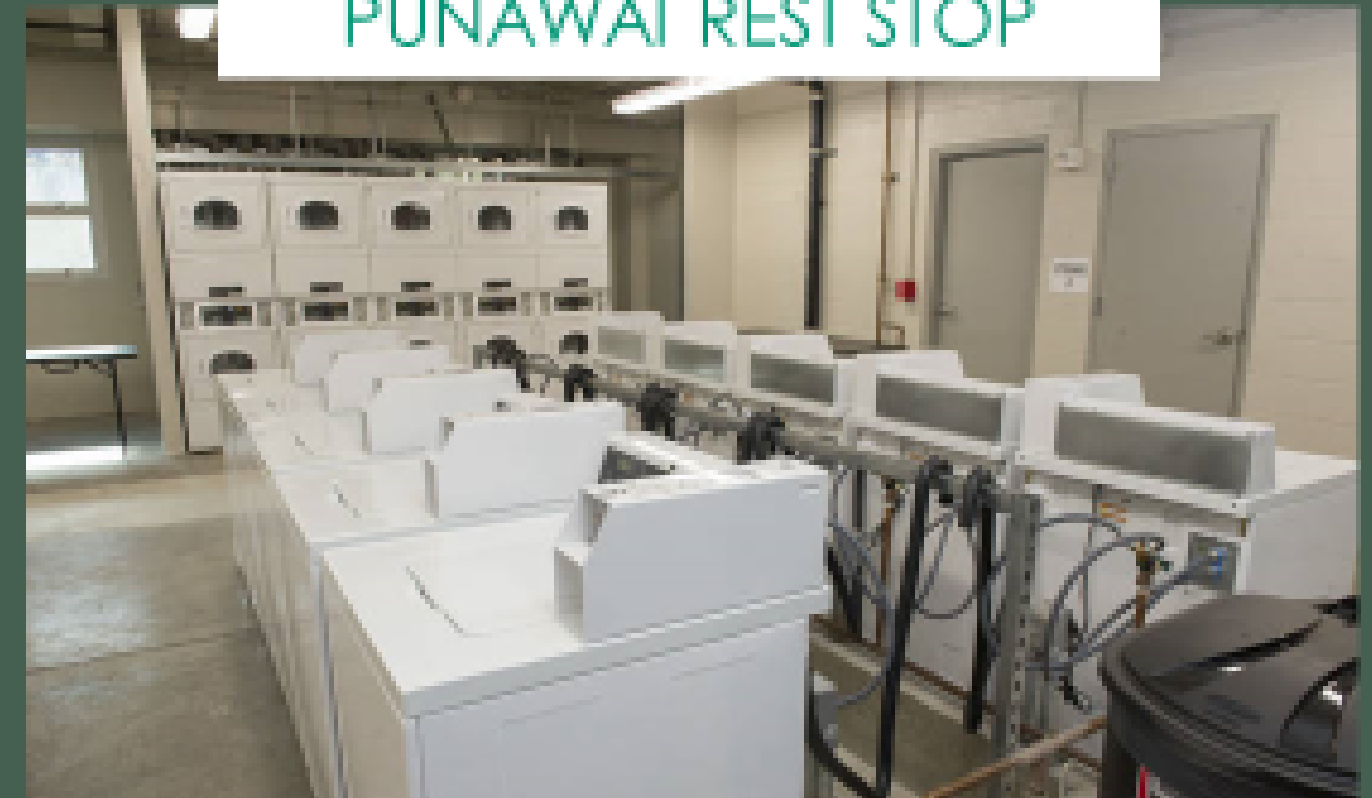
OfficeofHousing@honolulu.gov
808-768-4675



Department of Community Services (DCS)

- Website: Honolulu.gov/dcs
- Oahu Housing Now
- Affordable Housing Fund
- Of the 64 properties in DCS's special needs inventory,
 - 50 provide housing and/or emergency shelter for special needs populations
 - 14 provide affordable housing

PŪNĀWAI REST STOP



IWILEI HOMELESS RESOURCE CENTER



Department of Land Management (DLM)

- Website: Honolulu.gov/dlm
- Maintains city property inventory
- Develops and implements land, property management, conservation, and stewardship plans
- Affordable Housing Projects
 - 9 Completed Projects
 - 2 in Progress
 - 15 Transferred or Acquired Properties
 - 5 Request for Proposals



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Key Strategic Actions

- 1** Developing a **Comprehensive Affordable Housing Action Plan**
- 2** **Meaningful Reform:** changing government, ordinances, rules, financing, city functions & policies
- 3** **Prioritize Community Engagement:** Hear from neighborhoods on how to prioritize investments and help families remain rooted

Mahalo! Questions?



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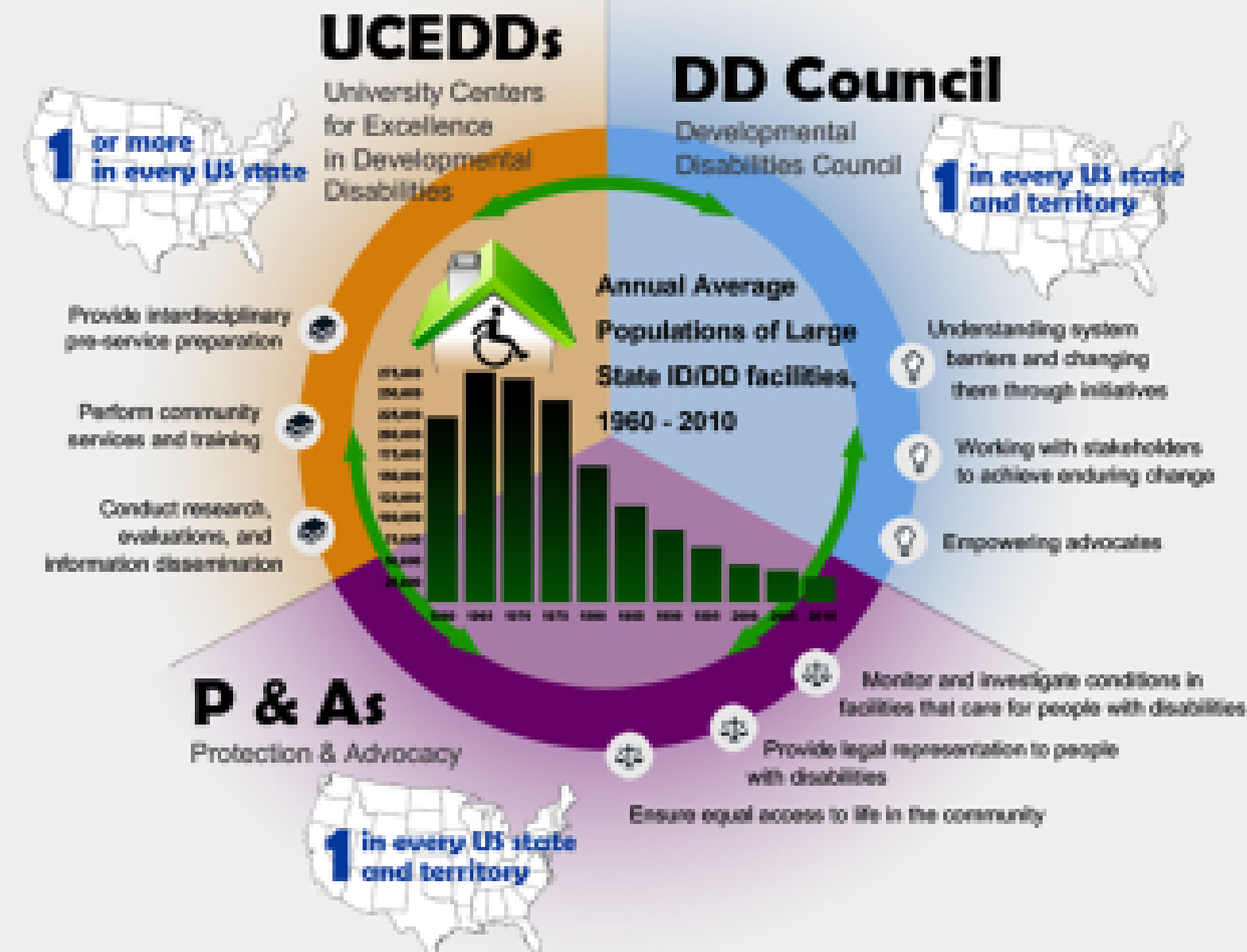
Advocacy, Public Policy, and Activities

Councils on Developmental
Disabilities



The DD Act directs the DD Network Partners to collectively promote Community Integration.

This toolkit highlights the UCEDDs role and identifies the possibilities for collaboration around this activity.



Today we will
explain to
you...

- The DD Council's overall approach to advocacy
- How advocacy for the DD community intersects with homelessness and housing advocacy
- Why advocacy is important to our work, including advocacy around homelessness and housing
- How we train individuals to advocate on behalf of themselves

What does the
DD Act say?

The Council shall serve as an advocate for individuals with developmental disabilities and conduct or support programs, projects, and activities that carry out the purpose of this subtitle.

What does the
“final rule”
say?

“Advocacy activities” definition:

“[A]ctive support of policies and practices that promote systems change efforts and other activities that further advance self- determination and inclusion in ***all aspects of community living*** (including housing, education, employment, and other aspects) for individuals with developmental disabilities, and their families.”

Action

What can we do?

The DD Act and strategies that support educating policymakers

Specific reference to educating policymakers is found in the following State Plan strategies

- Coalition Development and Citizen Participation
- Informing Policymakers
- Demonstration of new approaches to services and supports

The Council may support and conduct activities to:

- Educate the public about the capabilities, preferences, and needs of individuals with developmental disabilities and their families, including training in self-advocacy, education of policymakers, and citizen leadership skills.
- **Support coalitions that support the policy agenda of the Council**, including training in self-advocacy, education of policymakers, and citizen leadership skills.

Coalition
development
and citizen
participation
- Section 125
(c) (5) (I)

The Council may support and conduct activities to:

- Provide information to policymakers by supporting and conducting studies and analyses, gathering information, and developing and disseminating model policies and procedures, information, approaches, strategies, findings, conclusions, and recommendations.
- Provide the information directly to Federal, State, and local policymakers, including Congress, the Federal executive branch, the Governors, State legislatures, and State agencies, in order to increase the ability of such policymakers to offer opportunities and to enhance or adapt generic services to meet the needs of, or provide specialized services to, individuals with developmental disabilities and their families.

Informing
Policymakers -
Section 125 (c) (5) (J)

The Council may support and conduct time-limited activities to:

- Demonstrate new approaches to serving individuals with developmental disabilities that are part of an overall systems change strategy.
- The strategy may involve the education of policymakers and the public...that contribute to the achievement of the DD Council purpose.

Demonstration
of new
approaches to
services and
supports -
Section 125 (c)(5)(K)

Program Instruction information

Councils are free to advocate a position or viewpoint AS LONG AS:



Full and fair description of the issue to help the policymaker form an independent opinion or conclusion.



Do not present unsupported opinions or facts.



Do not use inflammatory or derogatory terms.

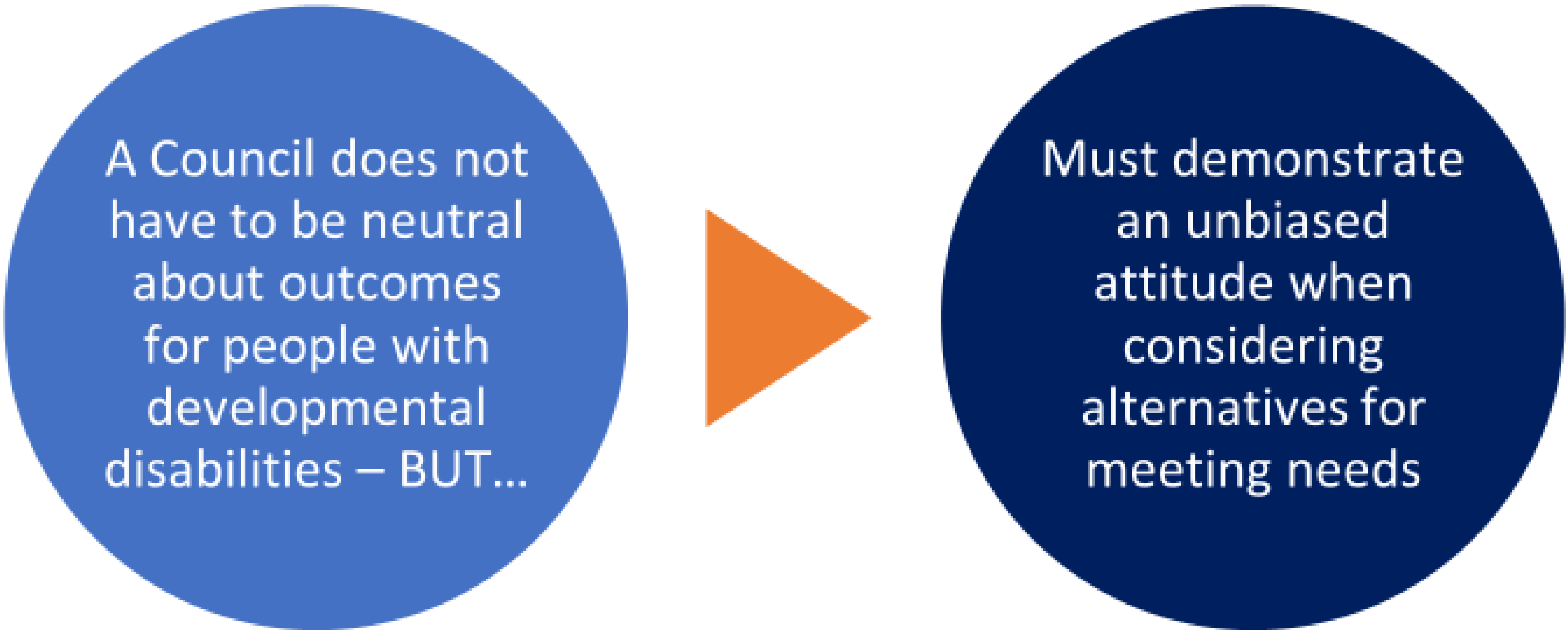


Avoid conclusions based on emotions or feelings rather than objective factual conclusions.

Councils can advise legislators and others on the adoption of legislation
AS LONG AS

Approach is balanced

Discussion includes the
advantages and disadvantages
and comparisons to other
proposals under consideration
is included.



A Council does not
have to be neutral
about outcomes
for people with
developmental
disabilities – BUT...

Must demonstrate
an unbiased
attitude when
considering
alternatives for
meeting needs

Advocating a position



Areas of caution

Allowed and not allowed

Not allowed, and allowed

HHS Grant Recipients CANNOT lobby

In general, recipients of federal funds *are not allowed* to use federal funding to lobby federal, state, or local officials or their staff to receive additional funding or influence legislation such as:

- Spending federal funds to influence an officer or employee of any agency or Congressional member/staff regarding federal awards;
- Using grants funds provided to influence an election, contribute to a partisan organization, or influence enactment or modification of any pending federal or state legislation; or
- Expending federal funds to influence federal, state, or local officials or legislation.

Councils may engage in:

- Technical or factual presentations on topics related to the performance of a grant in response to a documented request made by the member of congress or legislative body.
- Nonpartisan analysis, study, or research reports and examinations and discussions of broad social, economic, and information provided upon request by a legislator for technical advice and assistance, as defined by the Internal Revenue Code.
- ***Any activity specifically authorized by statute to be undertaken with funds from the federal award.***

Leading the way

- DD Councils provide valuable information to policy makers at all levels of government in their advocacy role on behalf of people with DD and their families. It is left to the DD Councils to determine how to work to inform policymakers, but they must follow state and federal laws.
- DD Council employees may and should describe the good work that councils. Educate and inform!
- Members of Councils should only speak on behalf of the Council when authorized to do so consistent with its policies. When authorized to speak on behalf of the Council, members must represent the Council's interest and not their own.



Questions,
comments?





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General Updates

April 2022

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Local Continuum of Care (CoC) Updates



This week, the Hawaii Legislature will continue to negotiate bills in conference committee – this is when the House and Senate meet to resolve differences between House and Senate drafts. Key bills relating to Ohana Zones, Housing Voucher Discrimination, and funding are still alive and in conference.



Weekly joint advocacy meetings for statewide homeless providers and stakeholders continue to be held every Friday at noon. For more information or to be added to these meetings, e-mail cheryl.a.bellisario@hawaii.gov.



Check out new video interviews with local landlords speaking about the importance of housing vouchers, and ways to engage landlords to assist individuals experiencing houselessness. The new videos are available online at: <https://homelessness.hawaii.gov/advocacy/>.

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The National Alliance to End Homelessness recently released their 'Pressure Points' resource series, intended to highlight key, continuously evolving strategies and practices for ending homelessness. To learn more, visit:

<https://endhomelessness.org/resource/pressure-points/>



The Council of State Governments will be hosting webinars later this week on 'Connections to Behavioral Health & Support Services through Reentry' (April 26th) and 'Building Effective Partnerships with CoCs to Increase Housing Options for People Leaving Prisons and Jails (April 27th)

- To learn more and register, visit:

<https://housingmatters.urban.org/events>

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The Oahu CoC (Partners in Care) is now partnering with the City & County of Honolulu to accept referrals for its Emergency Housing Voucher (EHV) program. For more information, visit

<https://www.partnersincareoahu.org/emergency-housing-vouchers> or e-mail ehv@partnersincareoahu.org.



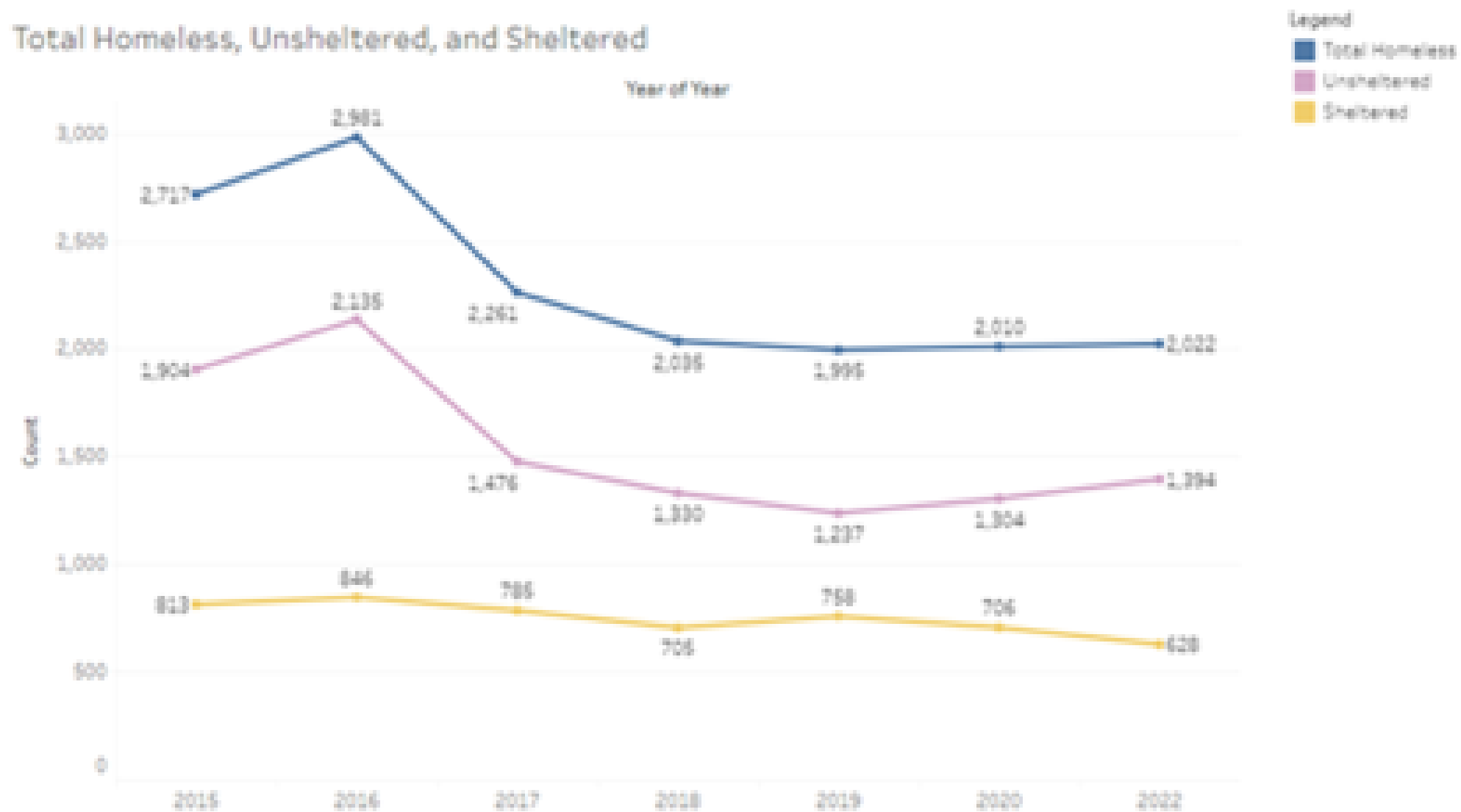
Bridging the Gap recently released the Point in Time (PIT) count data for Hawaii island, Maui, and Kauai.

The 2022 report and dashboards can be found online at:

<https://www.btghawaii.org/reports/housing-inventory-counts-point-in-time>

Project Type:
 Island:
 Region:

Total Homeless, Unsheltered, and Sheltered



Bridging The Gap Hawaii

Success Story:

An example of community partnerships in action.

A call from the Sheriffs and Department of Public Safety to seek help.

HONU provides a place for temporary respite and triage.

Emergency shelter and navigation to longer-term housing and stability.



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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