# HALE 'opio kaua'i inc.



dedicated to improving quality of life, enhancing a sense of belonging, increasing self-awareness, and strengthening 'Ohana by providing youth residential and community programs for education, prevention, diversion, and treatment

> Annual Report June 30, 2013

#### Dear Friends,

This year has been "back to the future" for Hale 'Opio. We're using the core skills honed for our nearly forty years working with youth and families on Kaua'i to generate options to propel youth into a promising future.

Our First Jobs Academy develops work readiness and independent living skills with current and former foster youth and other disconnected youth while training employers as their "business mentors". Seventy –eight youth were trained, thirty-eight have jobs and twenty-two have been employed over six months. Paired with our Independent Living Skills Treatment program, youth challenged by a life of trauma are attaining a healthier self-sufficiency.

Hale 'Opio was invited to be part of the Hawaii Youth Opportunities Initiative, a Jim Casey Foundation and Hawaii Community Foundation funding collaborative, spearheaded statewide by Epic Ohana, Inc., helping youth leaving foster care become successful adults. Hale 'Opio is also helping the state create their program providing voluntary care for foster youth up to the age of 21, and to better inform foster youth about court processes and resources in cooperation with Teen Day, a Family Court Oahu initiative empowering young people.

Hale 'Opio's Hawaiian art and cultural program, Ke Kahua O Ka Malamalama, continues teaching youth the healthy sustainable lifestyle, history, protocols and practices of our island home. With kupuna, 67 youth are learning stewardship, conservation, and community leadership, while interpreting these experiences with traditional and digital media. The mosaic to the right, its interpretive sign on page 6, and the wood carving on the cover of this report are results of their work.

In partnership with Waimea Canyon Middle School, and continuing Hale 'Opio's work directly in schools with high-risk youth, 325 individuals, including 90 families, attended an evening of food, fun, and sharing to create and implement a three year plan strengthening connections between youth, families, and community to improve education outcomes.

Hale 'Opio's evidence-based teen pregnancy prevention programs and work with foster youth led to participation in a federal Foster Youth Institute, in partnership with the Hawaii Department of Human Services and the Hawaii Youth Services Network. Hawaii is one of five states to pilot an evidence-based, trauma-informed pregnancy prevention program adapted for foster youth to be inserted into all federally funded independent living programs.

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Our twenty diversion, prevention, education and treatment programs positively impacted nearly 600 youth and families. Mother-Daughter Circle was added to the service array to develop their bonds, communication, and respect as girls transition to being young women. Kaua'i Teen Court diverted 92% of the 178 youth referred from the courts. And, as a member of the Leadership Team of Keiki to Career Kaua'i, Hale 'Opio is working in this community wide, public-private long-range effort to align all Kaua'i's resources, assuring every child is "ready to learn and ready for life".

Hale 'Opio is humbled by these opportunities to serve Kaua'i and Hawai'i, and committed to the deep connections and partnerships that make the work creative, beneficial, and inspiring.

Thank you for your stewardship and aloha,

Lavene Bishop

LaVerne Bishop Executive Director



### FINANCIAL POSITION, FYE JUNE 30, 2013

Changes in Net Assets, Unrestricted:	<u>2013</u>	<u>2012</u>
Revenue and Support:	4	4
Services contracts-primarily with state government agencies	\$ 726,102	\$ 827,370
Contributions and grants	107,347	295,669
Rents	83,062	79,962
Interest and other	6,445	3,199
Total revenue and support	922,956	1,206,200
Expenses:		
Program:		
Education	137,918	115,020
Prevention and empowerment	117,603	124,602
Diversion	56,920	84,788
Residential	<u>381,658</u>	419,248
Total program services	694,099	743,658
Support Services:		
General and administrative	304,148	306,417
Fundraising	18,843	19,734
Total support services	322,991	326,151
Total expenses	1,017,090	1,069,809
Change in net assets	(94,134)	136,391
Net Assets:		
Beginning of year	1,438,950	1,302,559
Net released from restriction	-	-
End of year	\$ 1,344,816	\$ 1,438,950
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Financial Information as of June 30, 2013 and 2012
Figures are excerpted from our audited financial statements.

A complete copy of the audited financial statement is Available by writing or calling Hale Opio Kauai, Inc. "This class really changed my ways and my attitude. I hope my friends will also understand when I explain. I am so glad that I have changed." Student, Positive Action, Kapa'a Middle School.

"I am very thankful that you took time out of your life to help me sort out my issues through Kaua'i Teen Court. You may not realize that thanks to you I am able to attend college on time. My family and I are super grateful. It is people like you that make this world a better place."

"I was born into a family with a wonderful sister, an anger-managed brother, abusive father, and great mother. My father was mostly the problem in our life. He stole money from our piggy banks, stole money from the envelop for bills or our fundraisers and he would go and buy drugs. We eventually lost our house and had to live down the beach. The three of us went to school with all holes in our clothes. My mom had three jobs, busting it to take care of us, so she hardly had any time to spend with us. It all happened so fast. After living down the beach for about six years my mom got sick and almost died. She had to be sent to Queens in Honolulu. It was a hard time for us kids while me and my brother cried our hearts out my sister had to stay strong to take care of us but sometime at night I would hear her cry herself to sleep and pray "god please don't take my mom away I can't do this on my own and don't have the strength not even for another day. I tell my little brother and sister its going to be alright but I'm not even sure myself. Give me the strength of 10 men to stay strong to protect the life of my little ones." The school principle made sure we had food and later we moved into my auntie's house who took care of my mom, who was still sick. She divorced by dad and we're having a better life. Now that I have went to this class and finished it I now know you can accomplish anything you put your mind to. You don't have to put down yourself when others tease or disrespect you or even make you feel unwanted and your opinions on yourself is worth more that what others think of you. I thought this class helped a lot and people could really use these classes in school to help their troubles in life because they might have drug addict parents or they might have a lot of negative thoughts they need to get rid of." Student, Life Skills, Kapa'a High School

"I think this class will 'make a difference.' Student, Making a Difference, abstinence-only Teen Pregnancy Prevention, Lihue B&GC

#### SATISFACTION SURVEY RESPONSES 2012-2013

#### **HIGHLIGHTS**

"My choice of abstaining is greater, because I've learned more about the risks. I am more aware." Student, Girls Street Smarts, Lihue Boys and Girls Club

"I recommend First Jobs because it is a very financially educational class. Most of the stuff we learned in this class you do not learn in school unless you go to college specifically for the topic. The stuff we learn is learning how to write a check, how to write a deposit paper, the smarter ways to save a job, a lot of words and what they mean, assets from liabilities. The class is two days a week, pretty doable and the skills you learn in this class is really not for nothing. In the real world you need to know this stuff to be successful. Also the bonus is you get paid after completing the whole class if you did good and did everything you had to." Student, First Jobs Academy, Lihue

"I would recommend First Jobs because the class is helpful and not only teaches skills needed to get a job and keep a job but also skills that will be useful in other areas of adult life (that you don't learn in school). I especially appreciated learning about budgets, money management, what to say and do in a job interview, and how to look for and apply for a job. The most helpful things we did for me were learning how to pay for your needs and wants on a budget, making our own resume, and doing a practice job interview. If you are unsure of your ability to live independently and get and keep a job, or you're a young adult who is struggling to earn independence and be self-sufficient and you still have a lot to learn (like I was) then this is a great class for you." Student, First Jobs Academy, Lihue

"Since joining the program, I noticed that I am more patient. I have communicated more clearly. I am following through with consequences and setting expectations more clearly. I feel better about the parenting job that I am doing and feel more open and closer to my daughters." *Mother, Mother Daughter Circle, Lihue* 

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Nāwiliwili, in the moku'aina of Puna, was an important center to the Hawaiian people. The heart of their subsistence-based culture was cultivation of kalo that sculpted this landscape. The area's five ahupua'a, Kipu, Haiku, Niumalu, Nāwiliwili and Kalapakī carefully managed the land with the five streams. The Hule'ia, Pū'ali, Papalinahoa, Nāwiliwili and Koena'awa nui. Along with 'Alekoko and other fishponds, the stewards of Nāwiliwili Bay created a rich and abundant life. The peaks of Kalanipu'u, Keopaweo, Hokūnui, Hokūlei and Hā'upu, were used in celestial navigation training.

This mural depicts a balanced practice of sustainable values applied in a lifestyle that recognizes the interconnectedness of all life. Created with the help of many youth from the community, the mosaic honors and acknowledges the culture and the history of this area.

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#### PREVENTION PROGRAMS RESULTS





