

Annual Report  
June 30, 2016



**hale 'ōpio kAUAI** inc.

Nurturing Our Youth  
SINCE 1975

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



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Dear Friends,

Again this year Hale `Opio traditions of accountability, innovation and partnership benefited Kaua`i young people.

Attesting to meeting the highest standards in non-profit administration, governance, human resource management, risk prevention, continuous quality improvement, treatment family care, out-patient mental health treatment, emergency shelter services, workforce development and prevention programs, Hale `Opio was re-accredited until 2020 by the national Council on Accreditation (COA). Continuously accredited since 1999, Hale `Opio is the only Kaua`i-origin agency to be nationally accredited.

Recognizing the need for a trained young workforce while assuring employers are sufficiently prepared to mentor the next generation, the First Jobs Academy (FJA) has been adapted to communities on the four main islands. The Geist Foundation at the Hawaii Community Foundation sponsored three days of training with agencies from across the state to facilitate their design thinking on how FJA principals could be translated into meaningful programming for specific populations, resulting in expanded partnerships and even an iteration that trains foster parents in work readiness and independent living skills to impart to the youth in their care!

We completed the third and what we thought to be the final year of Connecting for Success, our partnership with Waimea Canyon Middle School, and were surprised with the offer of another year of support and evaluation within a community of learners to define what works to move kids from "off track" to "on track" in academics, behavior, and attendance in the islands.

Hale `Opio also continued as the fiscal sponsor for Aloha Angels, a group of philanthropists .....which funds classroom supplies for each teacher and after school clubs for elementary schools, island wide. Aloha Angels is also engaging key stakeholders in education improvement partnerships to expand opportunities for Kauai young people.

A search committee of the Board of Directors spent the better part of the year identifying our next Executive Director

Adding Y.E.S! Youth Empowerment and Success! to develop meaningful peer connections among current and former foster youth in a fun and informative environment, in partnership with EPIC `Ohana, Inc. and Family Programs Hawaii. The Hawaii Youth Opportunities Initiative youth HI HOPES board also created "Friends that Care bags", backpacks with essential supplies for youth in foster care and hosted "Better Start Night" at KCC to give foster youth information on attending college and assistance with applying for scholarships;

Continuing, with Kukui Grove Shopping Center sponsorship, coordinating the 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Teen Health Fair, including 13 community organizations focused on teen health and wellness; and

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Arts and Cultural Manager Kat Ho's latest work involving 75 youth learning about the sustainable lifestyle practiced in the Niualu area, home of Alekoko, the largest fresh water fishpond in the islands. 5 foot mosaic mural depicting the phases of the Hawaiian moon was dedicated at the Niualu Peach Park Pavilion .Mahalo to all kupuna and kumu who worked with the youth, to Malama Hule'ia for their restoration work past, present, and future, and to the Kaua'i Rotary Club for upgrading the pavilion to install a large photo mural of the Scan the QR codes on the sign for a link to the video, to our website, and to the story of the mural and our steadfast Queen Lili'uokalani.

Kat Ho also created the new logo on our report cover which is used as a watermark on our new website at [www.haleopio.org](http://www.haleopio.org); stay current with our activities throughout the year.

Hale `Opio advocacy was directed at changing policy at the Board of Education this year, in partnership with our Advisory Board members Nancy Budd, Justin Kollar, and Dr. Dileep Bal. A resulting policy change requires the DOE to provide comprehensive, medically accurate sexual



## FINANCIAL POSITION, FYE JUNE 30, 2016

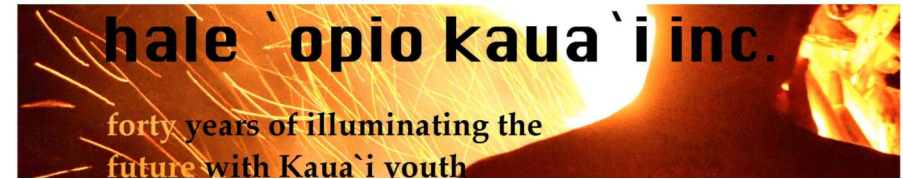
Changes in Net Assets, Unrestricted:	<u>2016</u>	<u>2015</u>
<b>Revenue and Support:</b>		
Services contracts-primarily with state government agencies	\$ 913,772	\$ 957,082
Contributions and grants	368,808	460,774
Rents	78,230	77,436
Interest and other	<u>982</u>	<u>1,846</u>
Total revenue and support	1,361,792	1,497,138
<b>Expenses:</b>		
Program:		
Education	334,145	210,761
Prevention and empowerment	74,003	32,917
Diversion	70,655	95,024
Residential	<u>461,040</u>	<u>438,801</u>
Total program services	939,843	777,503
Support Services:		
General and administrative	224,969	243,323
Fundraising	<u>17,867</u>	<u>19,617</u>
Total support services	<u>242,836</u>	<u>262,940</u>
Total expenses	1,182,679	1,040,443
<b>Change in net assets</b>	184,113	456,695
<b>Net Assets:</b>		
Beginning of year	1,967,999	1,511,304
Net released from restriction	-	-
End of year	<u>\$ 2,152,112</u>	<u>\$ 1,967,999</u>

Financial information as of June 30, 2016 and 2015  
 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.



## PROGRAM RESULTS 2014-2015



Hale 'Opio's Imua Kakou program, voluntary case management to age 21 for youth exiting foster care at 18, successfully enrolled and is providing supportive case management for all eligible young adults in partnership with Department of Human Services and Family Court.

Connect for Success concluded year two with results indicating students had positive experiences and strong personal connections, meaning they are more likely to fully engage in programming and will experience the largest impact. **70% of students at Waimea Canyon Middle School** said it was completely true that the program "has helped me understand why getting good grades is important" and 90% said it is very important to graduate from high school, yet only 76% said they probably or definitely will – so there is much more work to be done to provide exciting, meaningful coursework, high level professional support services, and opportunities for students to develop positive peer and adult relationships. There were significant improvements in grades, with students attending the 8<sup>th</sup> grade this year able to enroll in electives for the first time!

Hale 'Opio's treatment family home programs provided sanctuary, support and therapy for thirteen youth. Two youth completed their treatment goals and returned home. Two youth completed their treatment including graduating from high school: one is working, living independently and attending KCC; the other is working full-time, living in Hale 'Opio's independent living program and enrolling on full scholarship in KCC January 2016. One youth is continuing treatment with Adult Mental Health; one youth moved to a higher level of care and one youth moved to another island as a permanent placement. Five youth are continuing their progress in treatment.

Kaua'i Teen Court div celebrates **Max Graham** and **Walton Hong** for 18 years of volunteering as KTC judges! KTC diverted **179 youth** who committed first time or minor multiple status offenses and law violations from court. For status offenders: 86% for the same offense and 71% for any offense were not detained (arrested) for one year following program completion. For law violators: 95% for the same offense and 88% for any offense were not detained (arrested) for one year following program completion.

**35 of 36 or 97% of youth** enrolled in **Positive Action** increased pro-social behavior, social competency, and healthy decision-making according to pre- and post-tests.

**38 of 40 or 95 % of youth** enrolled in the competency development **Teen**

## SATISFACTION SURVEY RESPONSES 2014-2015

### Kaua'i Teen Court

"Awesome program! My son learned a lot and always came home excited to tell me what he learned through different avenues [jury duty]."

"Thank you for your help. Nice to have compassionate people who are involved in the well being of the clients."

### First Jobs Academy

"This is a great program and I would very much do this again and would definitely recommend this program to others"

"Teen Court is an very valuable and, I believe necessary option for first time teen offenders. Please keep it going—I would help if possible"



"FJA taught me 'Kulia I ka nu'u' (Strive to the highest peak) and to never give up."

#### First Jobs Academy Outcomes

Of 30 youth in First Jobs Academy in fiscal year 2015. 3 females who attended part or all of a cohort were unable to be contacted.

**6 females** and **5 males** are working;

**4 females** and **3 males** are attending KCC with some part-time work.

**1 female** is working casually and **8 young people** are looking for work, including one receiving adult mental health services. The majority of youth are working in jobs they found, rather than with the Academy's 10 trained employers.

Note: Not all youth sought jobs and not all employers were trained by the Academy.

#### Ke Kahua O Ka Malamalama

**105 youth** participated in cultural studies and stewardship activities, capturing their experiences in various artistic media and attesting they have a stronger appreciation and a greater knowledge of the Hawaiian culture.

## MAHALO for your PARTNERSHIP and GENEROSITY

Congresswoman Tulsi Gabbard  
 Senator and Mrs. Ronald D. Kouchi  
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 The Garden Island Newspaper  
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## MAHALO for your PARTNERSHIP and GENEROSITY

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### Hawaii Youth Opportunities Initiative

The Hawaii Youth Opportunities Initiative (HYOI) helps youth leaving foster care become successful adults. The HYOI HI H.O.P.E.S. Youth Leadership Board is made up of young people ages 14 – 26 who are current or former foster youth who receive training to advocate for change. Their hopes for foster youth include: safe, stable, affordable, and accessible housing; information and access to medical and dental coverage; awareness of their post-secondary education and training options; being provided job skills and supportive employment opportunities; having a reliable lifetime adult and supportive family network, and relationships in the community to help achieve their goals. **24 youth** are enrolled in the HYOI.

### Emergency Shelter Data

**24 youth** were provided emergency shelter services from **2-188 days** with **7 youth** placed multiple times. **Only 4 youth** had a mother or father to return to on discharge.

## NEW LOGO and WEBSITE

Hale `Opio has been working hard to develop a logo that encompasses the work of the organization. We have also been working to redesign our website so that it is more user friendly and provides a better resource to both the public and our consumers. Read below to understand the meaning of our logo and visit our new website at [haleopio.org](http://haleopio.org).



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### Behind our logo:

Kalo is a well recognized, revered plant in Hawaiian culture and identity. It is a symbol of Hale `Opio Kaua`i, Inc.'s logo. The corm outline is inspired by the magnificent and storied Haūpu mountain, standing tall above the Hale `Opio office, and majestically viewed from many vantage points in Kaua`i. Kalo's broad, heart-shaped leaves, called lau, not only provide protection but collect rain water in its piko and directs it outward to nourish its ōha, its keiki and the community it is rooted in. This reaching out, to nurture keiki, is what Hale `Opio has done since 1975 and continues to do so today. We are grateful for all who support this mission by participating in this giving cycle, providing many opportunities to youth; expanding their foundation of growth.

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