2000s – 2010s EMPOWERING THROUGH EDUCATION

Knowledge is Power. Support is Everything.

From justice-based healing to job readiness, Hale ʻŌpio Kauaʻi advanced youth development with evidence-based programs











- **Represented Hawaiʻi Nationally** – piloted evidence-based sexual health curricula with 4 other states
- **Expanded Skills-Building Programs** – Positive Action, Street Smart, Making Proud Choices
- **Launched First Jobs Academy** with supportive employers and financial literacy through Kahua Waiwai
- **Recognized as a "High Performing" Nonprofit** by Hawaiʻi Community Foundation
- **Selected as Kauaʻi Home for Hawaiʻi Youth Opportunities Initiative (HYOI) –** leadership in Keiki to Career framework for youth success
- **Partner in Connect for Success Hawaiʻi P-20** – improving student performance through data-driven school programs
- **Transitioned Family Homes to Trained Couples** for stability and continuity
- **Youth Engaged in Cultural Projects –** canoe restoration, mosaic murals, and heritage programs
- **Leadership Transitions –** Executive Directors: Mary Lou Barela (ret. 2006), Mary Navarro (2006–2009), LaVerne Bishop (2010–2017), Vonn Ramos (2017–present)

