



Save the Date! Save the Date!

**November 6, 2009
Honolulu Community College
Building 2
Honolulu, Hawai'i**

Homegrown Harm Reduction Conference *Pūpūkahi I Holomua* "United to Move Forward"

The fabric of Hawai'i is threatened by a host of interrelated social problems including mental health, drug misuse, communicable diseases, poverty, homelessness, and the over-reliance on incarceration. Youth, women, Native Hawaiians, and sexual minorities are impacted in unique ways.

To address these tough social issues, a collaboration of service providers, community organizations, and concerned citizens will convene to discuss ways of developing more holistic and effective interventions in the context of harm reduction practice.

A Hawai'i oriented one-day interactive conference is planned for November 6, 2009 in Honolulu to discuss best practices, evidence-based programs, and cutting edge ideas to tackle these issues in culturally-appropriate and more effective ways. The program will tap into the expertise of practitioners in Hawai'i who cultivate a non-judgmental, inclusive and incrementalist approach.

Conference Content Areas:

- Criminal Justice/Re-integration
- Housing/Homelessness
- Sex work
- Mental and Physical Health
- Harm Reduction Policy and Practice
- Substance Use
- Cultural Competency
- Domestic Violence, Elder Care Issues
- Youth Related Issues

Harm reduction is a philosophy and set of strategies for working with individuals engaged in potentially harmful behaviors. The main objective is to reduce the potential dangers and health risks associated with such behaviors, even for those who are not willing or able to completely stop. Harm reduction uses a non-judgmental, holistic and individualized approach to support incremental change and increase the health and well-being of individuals and communities.

Preliminary sponsors and participants include:

AIDS Education Project • AIDS Community Care Team • CHAMP Clinic • CHOW Project • Community Alliance on Prisons
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Van Program • Waikīkī Health Center Youth Outreach (YO!)

We are looking for:

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