Collaborative Efforts with the University of Hawai`i Community Colleges: Community College Career Training (C3T) Program

> Presented by Hawai`i Department of Human Services Benefit, Employment and Support Services Division Employment and Training Program Office

## First-To-Work (FTW) Program

- TANF Work Program
- Monthly average caseload = 9,568
- Monthly average WEIs = 6,593
- Less than 5% were in educational activities
- Approximately 51% were employed
  - 34% reported  $30\pm$  hrs/week
  - 66% reported < 30 hrs/week
- Employability of TANF Families



## Collaboration Between Agencies

- University of Hawai`i Community Colleges (UHCC)
- State Dept of Labor and Industrial Relations Workforce Development Division (DLIR/WDD)
  - UHCC Contractor
  - One-Stop Centers

#### PARTNER AGENCIES

- State Department of Human Services Benefit, Employment and Support Services Division (DHS/BESSD)
  - TANF
  - SNAP
- City and County of Honolulu Department of Community Services
  - Oahu Work Links (OWL) Centers



## University of Hawai`i Community Colleges (UHCC)

- \$24.6 million grant U.S. Department of Labor Employment and Training Administration
- Development of education, training, and academic/career coaching
- Statewide **post-secondary** and **vocational training**
- Employer-driven courses

# Community College Career Training (C3T) Program

#### • Working-aged individuals in need of:

- 1. Basic educational skills
- 2. Certified training
- 3. College degrees
- Target Populations:
  - 1. Unemployed
  - 2. Under-employed (PT wanting FT employment)
  - 3. Dislocated workers
  - 4. *Disadvantaged individuals* (lower income backgrounds)



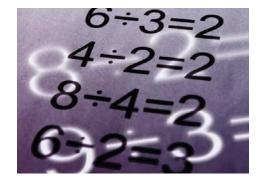
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## UHCC - C3T Program

### • Career pathways – Industries in

- 1. Agriculture
- 2. Energy
- 3. Healthcare
- Vocational training
- Necessary basic skills
  - reading, writing and math
  - contextualized method



## **UHCC - C3T Program**

• Student Support Services

- academic coaching
- early intervention services



• iCAN (Individualized Career Achievement Network for non-credit students)

• Just-In-Time (for credit students)

### 7 Community Colleges Statewide

- Leeward Community College (West Oahu)
- Honolulu Community College
- Kapiolani Community College (East Honolulu)
- Windward Community College (North Oahu)
- Kauai Community College
- UH Maui College
- Hawai`i Community College

## **UHCC - C3T Program**

- Overview of education-related work activities – The Deficit Reduction Act of 2005
- Overview of the **First-To-Work (FTW) Program**
- Application of educational activities and study sessions
- Develop programs like "Building Blocks"
- Communication between FTW case managers and student coaches

## Agriculture

### **Purpose:**

• Ensure economic viability of food production in Hawai`i

### **Goals:**

- Technical and in-field instruction
- Improve production efficiency
- Marketing strategies

### **Sample Programs:**

- 1. Farmer Incubator Program
- 2. Sustainable Agriculture
- 3. Aquaponics
- 4. Food Safety Programs



## Energy

### **Purpose:**

• Address needs – more businesses and trained employees

#### **Goals:**

- Hawai`i Clean Energy Initiative (HCEI)
- Attain 70% clean energy by 2030

## Courses / Programs to address:

- 1. Sustainability
- 2. Renewable Energy
- 3. Energy Efficiency





### **Purpose:**

• Address need for specialty healthcare workers

### **Goals:**

- Provide healthcare training, certificates and degree programs statewide
- Increase healthcare personnel

## First-To-Work (FTW) Program

- Median Wage \$9.99/hr (unsubsidized employment)
  Top 5 occupations:
  - 1. Food and Beverage Preparation
  - 2. Sales Occupations
  - 3. Personal Service
  - 4. Domestic Service Occupations
  - 5. Clerical

- Wage progression and career development

# Hawai`i Self-Sufficiency Standard Department of Business Economic Development and Tourism (DECDT)

(DBEDT)

Family Composition

Wage

Single-Parent + 1 preschooler

**\$24.57 / hour** 

Single-Parent + 1 preschooler + school-aged

**\$29.75 / hour** 

Two-Parents + 1 preschooler + school-aged

**\$32.91 / hour** 

## Hawai`i's Goals with C3T Program

- Increase number of work eligible individuals **pursuing education**
- Increase number of **employed TANF families**
- Increase number of families exiting TANF <u>with</u> employment
- **Decrease** number of families reapplying for TANF

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