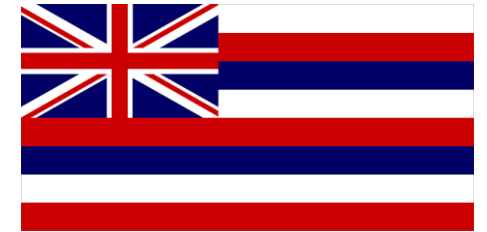




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Hawaii – State Administrated Program
Under the State Department of Human Services



APRIL 2021 – NEW TANF PROGRAM OFFICE





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FEDERAL – TEMPORARY ASSISTANCE FOR NEEDY FAMILIES (TANF)

Eligible recipient households whose members are all U.S. citizens

STATE MOE – TEMPORARY ASSISTANCE FOR OTHER NEEDY FAMILIES (TAONF)

Eligible recipient households where there is at least one member that is a non-U.S. citizen or
Compact of Free Association (COFA) migrant

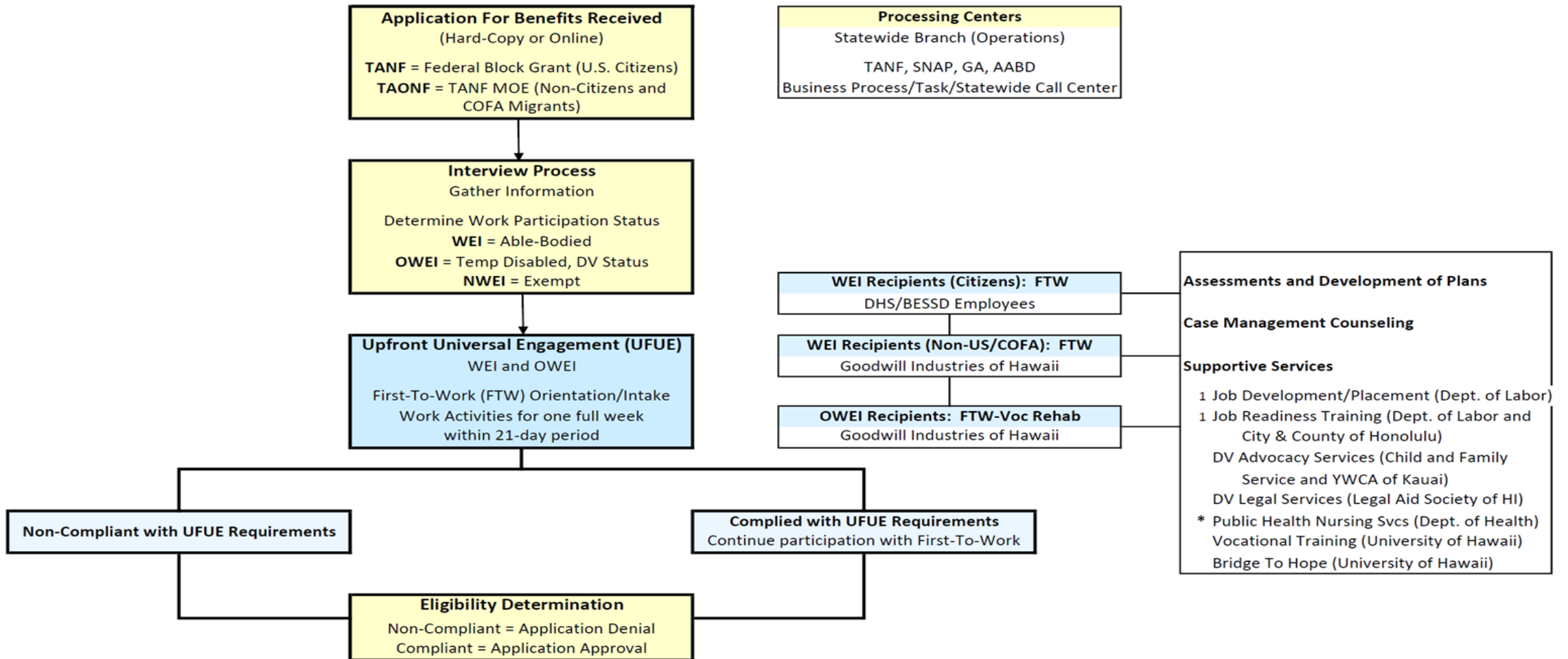
- ❖ Hawaii State Constitution, Article IX, Section 3, established TAONF
- ❖ Continue to provide financial assistance to families that had been eligible under AFDC
- ❖ Eligibility and Work Participation Policies apply to both TANF and TAONF recipient households



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Hawaii TANF Program

State Administered under the Department of Human Services (DHS), Benefit, Employment and Support Services Division (BESSD)





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TWO-GENERATIONAL APPROACH:

- **Staff Training**
 - Domestic Violence (Child and Family Services, YWCA of Kauai)
 - Motivational Interviewing (University of Hawaii, School of Social Work)
 - Financial Literacy (University of Hawaii, Center of Disability Studies)
 - Vocational Rehabilitation Training (University of Hawaii, Center on Disability Studies)
 - Coaching for Success (PCG)
- **Projects**
 - Integration of Public Health Nursing Services to address childhood development and health and well-being of families (Department of Health)
 - Employment services for non-custodial parents (Child Support Enforcement Agency)
 - Development of a new and comprehensive assessment tool (Hawaii Assessment Personal Appraisal or HAPA)



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EXPANSION OF SUPPORTIVE SERVICES:

- **Housing assistance payments**
 - Act 237, SLH 2022 (HB2233)
 - Payments up to \$500 per month for TANF/TAONF recipients actively engaged in the work program
 - Projected start date early 2023
- **Exit and Employment Retention Bonus Program**
 - Act 128, SLH 2018 (HB2204)
 - Eligible for a bonus at TANF Exit, and retain full-time employment for 3, 6, 12, and 24 months following exit
 - Previous bonus program ended in 2012 – success rate at 83% of families who received at least one bonus payment did not receive TANF after exit (17% returned to receive TANF)
 - Projected start date early 2023



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Hawaii, Onward and Upward

CONTINUE TO COLLABORATE WITH OTHER AGENCIES

- Department of Health – Expand the Public Health Nursing Services
- Child Support Enforcement Agency – Increase Participation

IMPLEMENT NEW SUPPORTIVE SERVICES

- Housing Assistance
- Exit and Employment Retention Bonus Program

INCREASE MONTHLY BENEFIT AMOUNTS

- State Minimum Wage Will Increase to \$18.00 per Hour in January 2028
- Cost Analysis