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AT HILO

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UH HILO STUDENT BASIC NEEDS GOAL

To make the food security and other basic needs of UH Hilo students a priority through holistic, consistent and accessible support services which will increase their perpetual self-sufficiency and academic success.

CAMPUS PILLARS

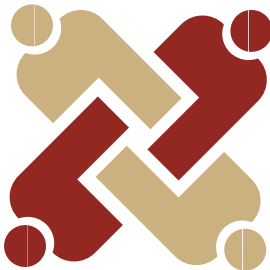
CULTURE OF CARE

Enhancing awareness and sharing resources and responsibility for addressing student basic needs insecurity across the UH Hilo campus.



PARTNERSHIPS

Partnerships to help expand upon the work that has been established in the area of student basic needs security.



SUSTAINABILITY

Sustainability which includes ongoing assessments as a way of making data-informed decisions about student basic needs priorities and programming at UH Hilo.



CURRENT PROGRAMS

STAFFING

Adjust or increase on-campus basic needs support staffing.

- Create Volunteer Opportunities Sign Up to help and support UH Hilo Student Basic Needs Initiatives.
- Secure funding for student employee support staff for Hale Lako and Transportation.
- Provide student intern opportunities or opportunities for Bonner students who want to fulfill internship hours or have project interest in the area of Student Basic Needs.

OUTREACH TO STUDENTS

Communications and programming (e.g. webinars) directed students to resources and services that will support basic needs security.

- Outreach to unit leads in DSA that include Kipuka (Peer Mentors), FYE - Orientation, Campus Center (UHHSA, SAC, RISO), Residence Life (Resident Assistants), Health and Wellness-(H&W Student Leads) and Athletes to collaborate and partner with student leaders, peer mentors and student organizations.

EDUCATION FOR FACULTY AND STAFF

Providing faculty and staff with educational opportunities (professional development) to better understand basic needs insecurity and how best to connect students to basic needs Resources.

- Through the strategic goals of Ka'i i ka Wekiu KIME, creating and providing professional development opportunities for Faculty and Staff is a priority.
- Review past, current Training/Professional Development to create new training/professional opportunities.
- Create informational material such as brochures, posters, including revamping website content and use of social media.

EMERGENCY AID

Increase availability of emergency financial aid from a variety of sources.

MEASURING IMPACT

Measuring the efficacy of basic needs programming.

INSTITUTIONAL POLICY

Changes to university policy that serve to address upstream determinants of basic needs insecurity (e.g. tuition cost, financial aid, etc.).

PARTNERSHIPS

Creating partnerships on campus and with others outside of the University.

- UH Hilo's College of Agriculture program provides fresh produce to Hale Lako on a weekly basis.
- Food Basket Hawaii, provides monthly USDA food items for our food pantry, Hale Lako. New volunteer, community service opportunities for our students and campus community are in the planning phases.
- Campus Center currently oversees student leaders involved in UHHSA (University of Hawaii, Hilo, Student Association), is a funding resource for supplies/equipment in Hale Lako to start. Further conversations, to involve other student leaders within Campus Center are yet to be determined.
- Student Activities Council, funding is provided for food items in Hale Lako
- College of Agriculture and Pre-Vet Club, assistance with sorting and relocating donated items to Hale Lako

PRIORITIES & BEST PRACTICES

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BEST PRACTICES	DESCRIPTION
Direct Service	Implementation of provisioning programs that will directly support student basic needs security.
Staffing	Adjust or increase on-campus basic needs support staffing.
Outreach to Students	Communications and programming (e.g. webinars) directed students to resources and services that will support basic needs security.
Education for Faculty and Staff	Providing faculty and staff with educational opportunities (professional development) to better understand basic needs insecurity and how best to connect students to basic needs resources.
Partnerships	Creating partnerships on campus and with others outside of the University.
Emergency Aid	Increase availability of emergency financial aid from a variety of sources.
Measuring Impact	Measuring the efficacy of basic needs programming.
Institutional Policy	Changes to university policy that serve to address upstream determinants of basic needs insecurity (e.g. tuition cost, financial aid, etc.).

IMPLEMENTATION PLAN

PRIORITY 1: DIRECT SERVICE

SPRING 2024	FALL 2024	SPRING 2025	FALL 2025	SPRING 2026	FALL 2026
Implement a redesigned food insecurity project.	Maintain current food insecurity projects Research means of securing additional resources to further address food insecurity	Assess food insecurity on campus Implement new food insecurity project that compliments existing food insecurity projects	Implement engagement strategies to increase and support food insecurity on-campus Maintain active food insecurity projects	Assess food insecurity on campus Hold discussion on food insecurity projects and realign as needed	Continue to implement food insecurity strategies
Adequately resource hygiene and toiletry needs proposal.	Maintain current hygiene/ toiletry sourcing Strategize to bring in additional resources that support hygiene/ toiletry	Implement current and new initiatives to support hygiene/ toiletry needs Maintain existing sources	Implement collaborations with community partners to further support basic needs initiatives on campus	Assess hygiene/ toiletry needs on campus	Continue to address hygiene/ toiletry needs on campus
Provide resources to better incorporate SNAP assistance into an existing position (reband position or redescribe into another position)	Increase availability of SNAP assistance through Basic Needs	Collaborate with resources to identify and promote SNAP benefits	Establish connection with local SNAP office for additional support for students	Assess SNAP strategies and realign as needed	Implement strategies that promote SNAP in large events on campus
Adequately resource financial literacy program.	Receive training to educate students on financial literacy	Start offering workshops for financial literacy on campus	Offer financial literacy to larger groups/ student populations	Assess financial literacy among students Implement new strategies as needed	Implement consistent opportunities to strengthen financial literacy on campus

PRIORITY 2: STAFFING

SPRING 2024	FALL 2024	SPRING 2025	FALL 2025	SPRING 2026	FALL 2026
Onboard incoming staff that will provide direct oversight relating to student basic needs at UH Hilo	Onboard a Student Support staff with direct responsibility to Student Basic Needs	Begin early stages of forming collaborative relationships	Execute and evaluate partnerships/ programs		
Identify funding sources for student employee hire. 2 hires at 12-15 hours per week	Research and collaborate on strategies to increase support for Student Basic NeedsSurvey interest in support for basic needs strategies on campus	Evaluate support and identify needs for support staff	Continuous development		
Establish connections on campus for interns and volunteers for Hale Lako	Continue to partner with internship/ volunteer programs for basic needs supportImplement a RISO on campus that advocates for basic needs on campus	Develop RISO centered around basic needs/ wellness.	Continuous growth of student led opportunities		

PRIORITY 3: OUTREACH TO STUDENTS

SPRING 2024	FALL 2024	SPRING 2025	FALL 2025	SPRING 2026	FALL 2026
Maintain and strengthen services currently provided through Hale Lako - basic needs	Use funding for equipment for Hale LakoRelocate Hale Lako to a larger portable over the summer and reorganize/ settle by Fall 2024Offer free fridges from UH Housing Collaboration to students	Collaborate and solicit donation sources for Fall 2025			
Begin the early phases of planning for a web page specific to UH Hilo	Identify and solidify website vibe and work on unpublished site	Roll out web page for basic needs at UH Hilo	Continuous improvement to website and making the website more user friendly	Continuous improvement	
Implement basic needs strategies beyond food insecurity	Collaborate with partners to ensure opportunities for transportation to local stores and marketsEvaluate basic needs strategies among students	Begin brainstorming process to involve more campus wide initiatives for student basic needsBegin outreach and planning in Summer	Implement initiatives and collaborative efforts.	Continue the implementation of initiatives/ collaborative efforts. Assess initiatives and efforts	