



UNIVERSITY *of* HAWAII
KAPI'OLANI COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Ke Kulanui Kaiāulu 'o Kapi'olani

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KAPI'OLANI COMMUNITY COLLEGE STUDENT BASIC NEEDS GOAL

To prioritize the basic needs of our students through holistic, consistent, and accessible support services to increase self-sufficiency and academic success.

CAMPUS PILLARS

CULTURE OF CARE

The Kapi'olani CC Strategic Plan (2023-2029) aligns with creating a culture of care as emphasized in all three of our Nā Alahele (Strategic Directions). A Thriving and Sustainable Campus Culture for all students, faculty, staff, and administrators "highlights the importance of healthy school and work environments to ensure a thriving, vibrant, and sustainable community." The hana ho'okō (objectives) that coincide include providing or connecting students to basic needs support and developing processes and policies to assess resource needs campus-wide. Student Success is a campus priority, and the pahuhopu (goal) is to enhance engagement by "cultivating a sense of belonging, motivation, and pride in our institution." Lastly, Workforce Needs of Hawai'i and Beyond will help us reimagine and expand partnerships that support our community in providing "relevant and impactful educational experiences." Our approaches will guide the reciprocal nature of the 'upena (net), where the students are at the piko (center).



INTEGRATION & PARTNERSHIPS

The ki'i nuunui (big picture) of the Kapi'olani CC Strategic Plan (2023-2029) is kuleana to Native Hawaiians and Hawai'i, which aligns with Hawai'i Papa O Ke Ao, the University of Hawai'i Strategic Plan (2023-2029), and our College mission. Kuleana serves as the foundation and guide throughout the strategic plan, and the Kapi'olani CC community supports its integration into the entire plan rather than as a separate alahele (direction). The Kapi'olani CC's Basic Needs Committee will utilize the campus departments and units' hana (action plans), which align with campus pahuhope (goals) and hana ho'okō (objectives), to guide our basic needs initiatives and promote the integration of kuleana on our campus. Intentional campus and community partnerships will enhance this integration, supporting the shared vision of building a resilient, trauma-informed, and sustainable community that supports the basic needs and overall well-being of Kapi'olani CC.

LEADERSHIP

Campus leadership is integral to supporting the priorities of the Basic Needs Plan, which includes increasing staffing for basic needs initiatives and supporting campus and community partnerships, encouraging faculty and staff to support student success and a thriving campus through basic needs education, and the value of emergency funding and student campus employment to increase retention and graduation. This plan encourages campus leadership to support the time, space, and resources needed to achieve these priorities.

CURRENT PROGRAMS

ALANI CHILDREN'S CENTER

Alani Children's Center provides early childhood care and education for children of the campus community and also serves as a laboratory for the early childhood teacher training programs, service learning, and related programs in the University of Hawai'i (UH) system. The program is operated in collaboration with the Early Childhood Education department at Honolulu Community College. As a laboratory site for training early childhood teachers, the program is informed by research-based, best practices and guided by instructional faculty with expertise and experience in high-quality early childhood pedagogy and programming. The center is staffed by mentor teachers who work closely with faculty to provide quality education and care to the children and families of the center.

HINET

A partnership between Kapi'olani CC and the State of Hawai'i Department of Human Services to deliver assistance and support for college and workforce training. The SNAP Employment and Training program is a federally funded program that is designed to help remove barriers and provide students with access to education and skills training opportunities so they can earn a living wage and achieve financial independence. Students who qualify for the HINET Program may be eligible to receive assistance with books and mandatory fees, Service Learning, Workforce Training, educational advising, Academic Coaching and Personal Support, and other support services.

'OHANA PRODUCE PLUS FOOD DISTRIBUTIONS

A partnership with the Hawai'i Foodbank and Waikīkī Community Center to provide primarily fresh produce to those in need within our community.

KA'AU PROGRAM FOR STUDENT MENTAL HEALTH AND WELLNESS

The Ka'au Program for Student Mental Health & Wellness is an on-campus program that provides free, short-term, and confidential mental health and wellness services to registered Kapi'olani CC students. The program also provides education and outreach services to the campus community. The mission of the program is to help students feel better and do better in school and in life by improving their mental, emotional and spiritual health. And, to help the campus community learn how to support resilience and well-being.

LAMA LIBRARY LAPTOP AND HOTSPOT LOANS

The Lama Library provides 7-day hotspot loans and 28-day laptop loans.

LAMAKŪ LEARNING CENTER

The Lamakū Learning Center is located on the second floor of the Lama Library. It includes the following spaces and services: Study Hub for free math and writing tutoring, 'Ohana Space, Ho'ā Academic Peer, Coaches, Meditation Space, Engagement Space, and Speech Lab.

POHUKAINA FOOD PANTRY & SNACK SHOP

The Pohukaina Food Pantry provides non-perishable food, toiletries, and fresh and frozen food (when available) to Kapi'olani CC students through a partnership with Waikiki Community Center, Hawai'i Foodbank, and the UH Foundation. The pantry is open for weekly shopping, Monday through Wednesday from 11am to 2pm for Kapi'olani CC students, and Thursdays from 2pm to 5pm to the community. The Pohukaina Snack Shop provides \$10 of monthly lunch and snack items to Kapi'olani CC students and is open Monday through Wednesday from 11am to 2pm.

PŌ'ALUA PANCAKES

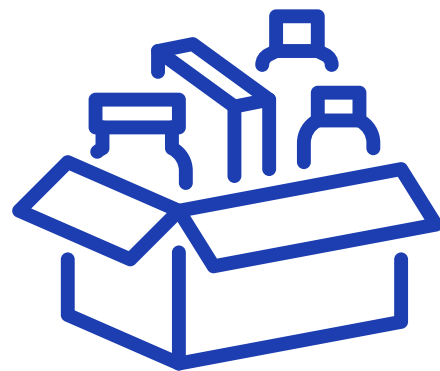
Free pancakes every Tuesday during the Fall 2023 and Spring 2023 semesters served hot off the griddle by volunteer Kapi'olani CC faculty and staff. All students, faculty, and staff are welcome to enjoy.

STUDENT PARENT PROGRAM

The Student Parents Program (SPP) supports student parents at Kapi'olani CC in pursuing their educational, family, and life goals through a family-friendly office space for student parents and their families, career and personal counseling, information sessions, childcare information and resources, financial aid and scholarship information and assistance, community referrals and resources, SPP & community updates, information, and events relevant to student parents and families, social media group, computer and printer use, workshops, presentations, or discussions that aim to help student parents to balance their school, work, and family life.

MĀLA MĀUNUUNU

Māla Māunuunu is a dryland environment of Kapi'olani CC that promotes the succession of Native Hawaiian and Polynesian flora and natural resources. It is home to endemic, indigenous, and endangered flora of Hawai'i, as well as the introduced Polynesian canoe plants that sustained the Hawaiian people for thousands of years and continue to sustain us today. This site has been in cultivation since 2008 by the collective limahana (working hands) of students, faculty, staff, and the community of KCC. Māla Māunuunu provides provisional, educational, and cultural resources through engaging kanaka (people) with Hawai'i's unique flora. This māla serves as a medium for 'āina based learning for a variety of disciplines to better understand Hawaiian culture and language, ecological knowledge, and environmental kinship through traditional farming.



PRIORITIES & BEST PRACTICES

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BEST PRACTICES	DESCRIPTION
Education for Faculty & Staff	Providing faculty and staff with educational opportunities to better understand basic needs insecurity and how best to connect students to basic needs resources.
Staffing	Adjusting or increasing basic needs staffing.
Emergency Aid	Increase availability of emergency financial aid from a variety of sources.
Outreach to Students	The SBN Committee comprises a dedicated team of counselors, advisors, faculty, financial aid representatives and students from across the UH campuses. Monthly updates from the Campus Level Student Basic Needs Committees provides valuable insight containing information on changes to campus programming, resources, strategic plans and latest developments on our online clearinghouse.
Direct Services	Implementation of provisioning programs that will directly support student basic needs security (e.g. food pantry).
Measuring Impact	Measuring the efficacy of basic needs programming.

IMPLEMENTATION PLAN

PRIORITY 1: EDUCATION FOR FACULTY AND STAFF

FALL 2024	SPRING 2025	FALL 2025	SPRING 2026
Create Basic Needs Subcommittee to work with administration to identify and support campus food options based on faculty and staff Wellness Survey results	Create Basic Needs Subcommittee responsible for a structure to provide faculty and staff with educational opportunities/professional development to better understand basic needs insecurity and how best to connect students to basic needs resources	Increase student, faculty, and staff participation in Mental Health & Wellness activities	Launch Basic Needs Certificate
Administer Basic Needs Survey to new students to identify gaps in services		Provide faculty and staff with training for referrals through findhelp.org Launch campus basic needs online resource	
Create Basic Needs Subcommittee responsible for creating a wellness model that supports the campus in becoming trauma and resiliency informed			
Include campus news in Syllabus statement and First-Year Experience workshops to increase student awareness of campus basic needs services	Create Basic Needs Communication/Outreach Subcommittee responsible for identifying online format for delivering campus basic needs information and updating current basic needs materials to increase usage of campus basic needs resources.	Launch campus basic needs online resource	Analyze data collected via findhelp.org
Provide Basic Needs Committee with training for referrals through findhelp.org			
Americorps VISTA responsible for identifying gaps in basic needs communication to share with Basic Needs Communication/Outreach Subcommittee			

PRIORITY 2: STAFFING

SPRING 2024	FALL 2024	SPRING 2025	FALL 2025	SPRING 2026	FALL 2026
<p>UH Mānoa Social Work Internship to increase SNAP ineligibility support, referrals, and follow-up in collaboration with Windward CC Basic Needs Coordinator, Kapi'olani CC's HINET and Ka'au Program for Student Mental Health & Wellness</p>	<p>Determine how to continue providing these services after Fall 2024</p>	<p>Garner support from administration to create a 1.0 FTE Basic Needs Coordinator responsible for a case management process that will support coordination of basic needs direct services to students and plan and conduct activities to increase direct</p>	<p>Hire 1.0 FTE Basic Needs Coordinator</p>	<p>Increase basic needs partners</p>	<p>Seek continued funding for Americorps VISTA position</p>
<p>Create student position and include in Student Affairs Budget request and Financial Aid Work Study request to maintain operations of Pohukaina Food Pantry & Snack Shop</p>	<p>Hire students to operate and maintain Pohukaina Food Pantry & Snack Shop for 30 hours/week</p>	<p>service usage. Complete Partnership Mapping Matrix</p>	<p>Seek continued funding for Americorps VISTA position</p>		
<p>Create and hire Americorps VISTA position to operate and maintain Pohukaina Food Pantry & Snack Shop for 40 hours/week</p>	<p>Seek continued funding for Americorps VISTA position ending November 2024</p>		<p>Increase basic needs partners</p>		
<p>Increase community basic needs partners</p>	<p>Create Basic Needs Subcommittee responsible for Partnership Mapping Matrix for campus and community</p>	<p>Complete Partnership Mapping Matrix</p>			<p>Increase basic needs partners</p>
	<p>Create Basic Needs Subcommittee responsible for coordinating campus volunteers, various campus units, KCC Ambassadors, and/or community partners to offer two 'Ohana Produce Plus Food Distributions each semester</p>				
	<p>Provide SNAP, TANF, SSI, HINET outreach for Pacific Islanders (based on new eligibility)</p>				

PRIORITY 3: EMERGENCY AID

FALL 2024	SPRING 2025	FALL 2025	SPRING 2026	FALL 2026
<p>Basic Needs Committee to create organized, consistent, and responsive way to support students holistically through administration of Student Success Grants (emergency aid) to Kapi'olani CC students</p>	<p>Create Basic Needs Subcommittee to review applications for Student Success Grants</p>	<p>Increase funds for Federal Work Study to support student positions within various units providing basic needs support (PAU Violence, Mental Health & Wellness, Food Insecurity, Student Parents, Service Learning Pathways, Technology Support, Financial Aid Education, Financial Literacy)</p>		<p>Provide incentives for students attending financial literacy course/workshop</p>
		<p>Identify opportunities to Increase UH Foundation funds for Student Success Grants</p>		
		<p>Create Basic Needs Subcommittee to partner with Financial Aid, Study Hub, and Library to increase scholarship outreach and financial literacy</p>		