



UNIVERSITY of HAWAII
AT WEST O'AHU

Ke Kulanui 'o Hawai'i O'ahu Komohana

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CAMPUS PILLARS

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LEADERSHIP

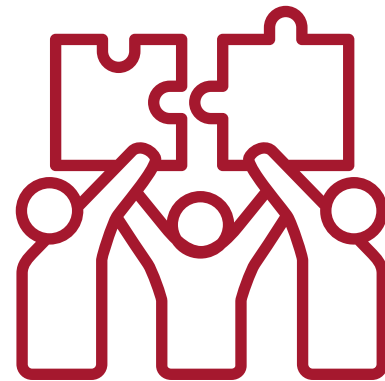
Leadership is integral to the success of our basic needs services as it sets the tone, direction, and vision for our initiatives. Effective leadership ensures that we remain proactive, adaptable, and responsive to the evolving needs of our student population. This pillar emphasizes the importance of visionary leadership that champions innovation, fosters collaboration, and advocates for equity and social justice. Strong leadership empowers our team to implement strategic solutions, navigate challenges, and inspire positive change within the campus community. By cultivating a culture of leadership at all levels, we can effectively mobilize resources, build resilience, and drive meaningful impact in addressing the basic needs of our students.

PARTNERSHIPS

Partnerships are essential for maximizing the reach and effectiveness of our basic needs services. By collaborating with campus departments, local organizations, and community stakeholders, we can leverage collective expertise and resources to address the multifaceted challenges faced by our students. This pillar emphasizes the importance of building strong relationships based on trust, reciprocity, and shared goals. Through strategic partnerships, we can expand access to essential resources, enhance program offerings, and create a more holistic support network for our students.

SUSTAINABILITY

Sustainability is about ensuring the long-term effectiveness and impact of our services. By embracing sustainable practices, we can efficiently allocate resources, minimize waste, and maintain continuity in our support efforts. This pillar encourages us to innovate, adapt, and invest in solutions that are economically feasible and socially equitable. Through sustainable practices, we can better serve our current students while safeguarding resources for future students with basic needs.



CURRENT PROGRAMS

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FOOD VAULT HAWAII'Ī - WEST

As part of our commitment to supporting the well-being of our students, we offer weekly food distribution services to ensure that everyone has access to nutritious foods. Our program alternates between Mondays and Tuesdays each week to accommodate varying schedules and needs. We partner with Aloha Harvest to pick up excess food from a nearby farmers market on Sundays. Fresh produce is divided into individual pre-packaged bags. Students are invited to grab a fresh produce bag and a loaf of bread each week.

KŌMIKE KUMU OLA (UHWO BASIC NEEDS COMMITTEE)

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MENSTRUAL EQUITY

As part of our menstrual equity initiative, UHWO is dedicated to partnering with Ma'i Movement in providing free menstrual products to all students. This effort aims to ensure that no student has to miss class or feel uncomfortable due to a lack of access to these essential items, promoting dignity, health, and equal opportunity for everyone on campus.

MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES

Our mental health services are a vital part of supporting student well-being, offering confidential counseling, crisis intervention, and wellness programs. These services are designed to help students navigate personal challenges, reduce stress, and improve overall mental health, ensuring they have the support they need to succeed academically and personally. There are no waitlists (all students are seen within 2 weeks) and no caps on mental health services at UHWO.

PUEO CLOSET

Our Pueo Closet provides students with access to free, high-quality attire suitable for interviews, internships, and everyday needs. Open every Monday or by appointment, this service ensures all students can dress confidently for success without financial stress.

UHWO MĀLA (ORGANIC GARDEN)

Our campus organic garden offers free, fresh fruits and vegetables to support students' nutritional needs. Students are invited to join our monthly harvest and work days, fostering community and hands-on learning. Additionally, individual harvest appointments can be scheduled between these organized events, ensuring continuous access to healthy produce.



PRIORITIES & BEST PRACTICES

- 1. PRIORITIZE A LOCATION FOR A PERMANENT HOME FOR BASIC NEEDS
- 2. NEEDS ASSESSMENT SPECIFIC TO UHWO
- 3. SECURING FUNDING FOR OPERATIONS
- 4. TRAINING FOR UHWO STAFF REGARDING COMMUNITY RESOURCES (E.G. SNAP)
- 5. BETTER INSTITUTIONALIZE BASIC NEEDS
- 6. CREATE A SET OF BRANDED EVENTS THAT ARE OFFERED REGULARLY EACH YEAR (E.G. FOOD DRIVES).

IMPLEMENTATION PLAN

PRIORITY 1: ESTABLISH AND MAINTAIN BASIC NEEDS CENTER

SPRING 2024	FALL 2024	SPRING 2025
Secure Administrative Support	Negotiate for Potential Spaces	Hire Student Employment Staff
Conduct a Needs Assessment	Confirm Space Allocation	Establish and Grow Community Partnerships
Identify Potential Spaces	Preliminary Design and Layout Planning	Operationalize All Services
Secure Funding and Plan Fundraising Efforts	Procure Equipment and Supplies	Continuous Improvement through Feedback and Evaluation

PRIORITY 2: ASSESSING BASIC NEEDS & SECURING FUNDING

SPRING 2024	FALL 2024	SPRING 2025	FALL 2025
Conduct Preliminary Surveys	In-Depth Data Collection	Develop a Strategic Plan	Identify and Apply for Grant Opportunities
Engage Stakeholders	Data Analysis	Identify Funding Sources	
	Report on Findings and Recommendations	Write and Submit Initial Funding Proposals	
		Strengthen and Develop Partnerships and Advocacy	

PRIORITY 3: INSTITUTIONALIZING BASIC NEEDS SERVICE

SPRING 2024	FALL 2024	SPRING 2025	FALL 2025
Identify Key Needs	Create and Launch Pilot Programs	Formalize Donation Channels	Integrate into Curriculum
Develop a Vision and Mission	Engage Faculty and Staff	Volunteer Recruitment	Develop a Recognition Program
Create a Strategic Plan	Secure Student Involvement	Program Expansion	
Secure Seed Funding	Awareness Campaign	Establish Permanent Funding	