



UNIVERSITY of HAWAII
WINDWARD COMMUNITY COLLEGE
Ke Kulanui Kaiāulu 'o Koolau

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WINDWARD COMMUNITY COLLEGE STUDENT BASIC NEEDS GOAL

To make the basic needs resources accessible for our Windward CC students minimizing barriers in order to support academic success.

CAMPUS PILLARS

SUSTAINABILITY

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CULTURE OF CARE

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CURRENT PROGRAMS

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LEADERSHIP ACROSS CAMPUS

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FREE MONEY FRIDAYS/MONEY MONDAYS

The WCC Financial Aid Office works in collaboration with TRiO SSS to provide assistance in filling out the FAFSA and/or scholarship applications.

HINET PROGRAM

The HINET program is a state and 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. Support services are offered to students who receive SNAP benefits and include bus pass, internet, gas mileage, and books and supplies reimbursements.

MONETARY FOOD FUND

The purpose of the account is to establish resources that can be used to provide food and/or other necessities (e.g. toiletries) for WCC students who are in need. The account would allow entities at WCC (e.g. ASUH, TRiO SSS) to provide such resources for students on a year round basis.

SEMESTER LOAN LAPTOPS

WCC Library works in collaboration with the Computing Services department and Ka Piko Student Tech Support to offer ~160 semester-loan laptops to students enrolled in at least one (1) WCC course. This provides access to technology that may not otherwise be affordable or accessible to students. Additional laptops are also available to students in the TRiO SSS, HINET, and Early College programs.

SEMESTER LOAN INTERNET HOTSPOTS

WCC Library manages and maintains ~50 internet hotspots, allowing students to access the internet from anywhere. This provides access to technology that may not otherwise be affordable or accessible to students. Additional hotspots are also available to students in the Early College program.

SECOND CHANCE PELL

WCC is approved under the Experimental Sites Initiative - Second Chance Pell program to provide Pell grants to incarcerated students to help pay for their tuition and fees.

VITA FREE TAXES

As a large barrier that students face completing FAFSA is that they have not completed their taxes, TRiO SSS has decided to become a certified tax clinic. We partner with Goodwill Hawaii to receive training and access to programs.

PEACE ROOM

A Peace Room is a dedicated, safe, and neutral space for students to work through difficult emotions and challenging situations. It allows a student to self-manage when experiencing intense emotions, process their emotions, refocus, and return to class. Hold individual or group stress management, mindfulness, reflection, and healing activities for students and staff. De-escalate and diffuse conflicts and challenging behaviors by giving a student space to “cool down” before talking through a problem. As well as implement responsive restorative practices (e.g. restorative conferences, peace circles, peer juries) by helping students understand the impact when there has been a conflict or wrongdoing, and move toward problem-solving, repairing harm, and restoration of relationships and community.

KE KULA KAMALI‘I O HĀNAIAULU CHILDCARE CENTER

Provides infant and toddler childcare at a cost lower than the average for area. Provides easy access on campus to critical childcare at lesser served ages. Provides Hawaiian language and culture based instruction to children and their families.

KEIKI SCHOLARSHIP

The Ke Kula Kamali'i o Hānaiaulu Childcare Scholarship currently assists 16 student parents and their ohana's by paying for childcare services as a means to support student parents and their academic pursuits. This monthly award helps to relieve student parents from paying for childcare which is often a barrier to their success. This initiative directly supports student parents by removing barriers to education, supporting academic success, promoting graduation rates, fostering economic mobility and supporting workforce development. Low entities at WCC (e.g. ASUH, TRiO SSS) to provide such resources for students on a year round basis.

STUDENT PARENT LOUNGE

The student parent study lounge is a dedicated space designed to cater to the unique needs of student parents. Who are often balancing their academic pursuits with parenting responsibilities and are in need of support. This initiative directly supports student parents by offering an easily accessible child-friendly study area, access to technology and resources, community building opportunities, 'ohana friendly workshops and events, peer tutoring and mentoring is available and referrals to additional campus based/community support services as needed.

ALOHA GIVEAWAY

Monthly free gifting event where participants can give and receive objects.

MA'I MOVEMENT

Access to free menstrual products at every bathroom facility on campus.

BUSINESS ATTIRE CLOSET

Students have access to professional attire for things like job interviews and professional occasions.



PRIORITIES & BEST PRACTICES

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1. SURVEY STUDENTS TO IDENTIFY AREA AND SCOPE OF NEEDS

2. OUTREACH TO STUDENTS TO EDUCATE & CREATE AWARENESS OF BASIC NEEDS; EDUCATE FACULTY & STAFF OF BASIC NEEDS PROGRAMS TO FOSTER A CULTURE OF CARE

3. SEEK DONATIONS AND FUNDING FROM COMMUNITY, ESTABLISH PARTNERSHIPS WITH CORPORATIONS & OTHER BUSINESSES

IMPLEMENTATION PLAN

PRIORITY 1: SURVEY STUDENTS TO IDENTIFY AREA AND SCOPE OF NEEDS

SPRING 2024	FALL 2024	SPRING 2025	FALL 2025	SPRING 2026	FALL 2026
Create survey to identify student basic needs for Windward CC.	Conduct student survey processes via email and hard copy.				
List initiatives of how we will meet priorities.					
Created Basic Needs Committee					

PRIORITY 2: OUTREACH TO STUDENTS TO EDUCATE AND CREATE AWARENESS OF BASIC NEEDS; EDUCATE FACULTY AND STAFF OF BASIC NEEDS PROGRAMS TO FOSTER A CULTURE OF CARE

SPRING 2024	FALL 2024	SPRING 2025	FALL 2025	SPRING 2026	FALL 2026
Present at new student orientation to explain basic needs.					
Present WCC basic needs programs in classes.					
Update and clean up basic website and align links		Present WCC basic needs programs in classes.	Update and clean up basic needs website and align links		
Embed basic needs information into course syllabi					

PRIORITY 3: SEEK DONATIONS AND FUNDING FROM COMMUNITY, ESTABLISH PARTNERSHIPS WITH CORPORATIONS AND OTHER BUSINESSES

SPRING 2024	FALL 2024	SPRING 2025	FALL 2025	SPRING 2026	FALL 2026
Reorganize Windward CC Monetary Food Fund	Disseminate and market Windward CC Monetary Food Fund	Disseminate and market Windward CC Monetary Food Fund	Disseminate and market Windward CC Monetary Food Fund	Disseminate and market Windward CC Monetary Food Fund	Disseminate and market Windward CC Monetary Food Fund
	Contact and establish partnerships with corporations and other community organizations.				
	Basic Needs tabeling & campaign for bringing awareness to college students and community; 9/27; 10/30; 11/14				