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## Our Logo

*The ho'okupu is a Hawaiian ceremonial gift given as a sign of honor and respect. As our chosen logo, it is a symbol of our commitment to provide the best available services and resources to anyone who needs them.*



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## Our Mission

*The Hawai'i Island HIV/AIDS Foundation is a nonprofit organization dedicated to building a healthier, stronger community with an emphasis on HIV and related health issues.*

## Our Vision

*Hawai'i Island will become a place where new HIV infections, and related health issues, are rare and when they do occur, every person, regardless of age, gender, race/ethnicity, sexual orientation, gender indemnity or socio-economic circumstance will have access to high-quality, life-extending care, free from stigma and discrimination.*



*Pupukahi i holomua* ▶ Unite to move forward



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# Our mission in action

*About HIHAF's operations, board members, and staff*



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**Hihaf**  
HIV/AIDS Foundation



## Services & Programs



### Mental Health Counseling

Most people experience shock and anxiety when they find out they have HIV. Counseling can help reduce these feelings as well as provide support and guidance as a client deals with his/her illness. HIHAF provides a full range of outpatient mental health and substance abuse services, including individual, family, relationship sessions with a licensed clinician. Our trained case management team members assist clients in adjusting to a life with HIV/AIDS and in taking steps towards proper medical treatment.

### Substance Abuse Counseling

Often, clients present themselves with a history or current substance abuse problem including alcohol, illegal drugs and prescription medications. Accredited as a Self-Management and Recovery Training (SMART) expert HIHAF's substance abuse counselor is well equipped to provide support through harm reduction by addressing the root-cause of the behavior.

### Treatment Advocates and Benefits Specialist

HIHAF clients are evaluated to find out what their needs are and how best to meet those

needs. Case management is client centered. Case managers act as the coordinator for the care and social needs of their clients. They link clients with medical services and provide support and referrals to other services as needed. HIHAF case managers also assist with housing assistance, establishing medical treatment and drug assistance and adherence, mental health and addiction services.

### Food Pantry

Registered clients with HIV/AIDS are eligible to shop in the food pantry. This service is supplemental to food they would purchase at the grocery store. Each client must be in medical care, adhere to prescribed medical treatments and demonstrate financial need. When clients are "shopping" our case managers have an opportunity to assess their physical condition. Food bank hours are 8:30 to 4:30 in Kona and 8:00 to 4:00 in Hilo, Monday through Friday.

### Insurance Assistance Program

Benefit Specialist are able to refer those clients in need to HCOBRA and HDAP, state run programs that those unable to work to remain enrolled in the current private insurance program, receive prescription medicine and maintain continuous medical

treatment. These programs prevents a lapse in care, allowing clients to continue treatment through their private physician and avoid any disruption in medical adherence. HIHAF case managers assist with enrollment in these programs and supervision during post enrollment.

### Housing Assistance

Through funding from Housing Opportunities for People with AIDS (HOPWA), eligible clients with emergency housing needs can be assisted with short-term rent payments.

### Legal Assistance

Benefits specialist are able to make referrals legal services should the need arise.

### Professional Education

HIHAF staff is available for HIV/Hepatitis C and other health-related training for the professional community.

### Special Community Awareness Events

HIHAF receives requests from many groups to participate in awareness events by setting up a booth or table to distribute information

and answer questions about HIV/AIDS. HIHAF observes National Testing Day, National API AIDS Awareness Day, World AIDS Day with special events throughout the island.

### Testing + Prevention + Outreach

HIHAF offers free and anonymous rapid HIV and Hep C screening, with results in 20 minutes. Our outreach specialists are also trained counselor/testers and meet those at risk for HIV "where they are" — in places such as homeless shelters, community health clinics, homeless shelters, bars, and other areas. In addition, our counselor testers link people determined to be HIV+ to care so that they can get the resources they need as soon as possible.

Free and anonymous HIV rapid testing (results in 20 minutes) is available in the Kona and Hilo offices on a walk-in basis

### School & Workplace Education

HIHAF provides prevention education and intervention activities in either individual or group settings in schools or the workplace. Education includes information about HIV and STD risk, harm reduction, counseling and prevention.