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OUR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Aloha,

As we enter into 2020, we are in the middle of Makahiki, which is the time when our people would traditionally digress from conflict (war) and promote the season of peace, harmony, and the promise of healthy crops in honor of Lono who represents many traits that are inclusive of those just mentioned.

The common practice for this time of the year is to reflect on the previous year to honor the successes, identify lessons learned from the challenges, and implement measures to prevent the same challenges from repeating themselves. The process of reflection allows for a fresh start, a sense of empowerment, and an annual reestablishment of a balanced lifestyle. It is a pleasant coincidence that the New Year and Makahiki are aligned with Drug and Alcohol Awareness Month.

In my opinion, Makahiki’s process of reflection is very similar to the self-evaluation process needed to commit to living a healthy and happy lifestyle. This is a time to empower oneself and identify the issue(s) that is the root cause of substance abuse. One must find the strength to reach into his or her core, pull out the potent issue(s), come to terms with it, and release it.

If you are struggling with the effects of drug and alcohol abuse or other challenges, consider what I just shared out as food for thought. To heal oneself and our community, we should be willing and ready to make the life-altering change. Have solace that there is always next year, and when you’re ready, we at Hui Mālama Ola Nā ‘Ōiwi are here to help!

Mālama yourself and each other,

Kamuela L. Bannister
Executive Director

In January, we celebrate alcohol and drug awareness! Color in the pictures below and help the driver get home safely!
Hepatitis B or Hep B is a liver disease that typically is classified as a short-term illness, but can also be a chronic illness. Typically chronic Hepatitis B does not show any symptoms, but can progress into liver disease, liver cancer, and even death. Those diagnosed with chronic Hepatitis B are much more likely to spread the virus to others.

Hep B is spread through infected bodily fluid and can be passed by sharing items such as razors and toothbrushes, exposure to open wounds or sores, or can be passed through birth if the mother has Hep B.

According to the CDC, the best way to protect against the Hep B virus is to get vaccinated. The vaccine is taken either as 2, 3, or 4 shots. Infants should take their first dose of the vaccine at birth and complete the series by 6 months of age. Hepatitis B is also recommended to adults who are unvaccinated and have come into contact with the illness. The vaccine is very safe and has very few side effects, which typically last 1 to 2 days.

To learn more about Hepatitis B vaccine and other vaccines, visit [cdc.gov](https://www.cdc.gov).

**As part of the Hui Mālama Ola Nā ‘Ōiwi Immunization Program, your child can receive a FREE backpack or sleeping bag if they meet the two criteria below:**

1. Your child turns 2 years old between August 2019 and July 2020.

2. Your child has completed all 24-25 CDC recommended vaccinations (below).

Come to our Hilo office to submit your child’s immunization card, register your child, and receive their makana!

**CDC RECOMMENDED VACCINATIONS:**

- DTP/Dtap 1
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- IPV 1
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- Pneumococcal 3
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- VZV
- Hib 1
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- HepB 1
- HepB 2
- HepB 3
- HepA
- MMR
- Influenza 1
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**MONTHLY VACCINE FEATURE**

**HepB VACCINE**

**ONGOING SERVICES**

**EXERCISE & FITNESS CLASSES**

**Basic Stretch & Strengthening in Ka‘u**

Wednesdays, January 8 - January 29
9:30am-10:30am
Nāʻālehu Community Center
95-5635 Māmalahoa Hwy, Nāʻālehu

Thursdays, January 9 - January 30
9:30am-10:30am
Hawaiʻi County Nutrition Program
96-1169 Holei Street, Pāhala

**Basic Stretch & Strengthening in Hilo**

Tuesdays & Thursdays (except January 2)
10:30am-11:30am
Malia Puka O Kalani Church Gym
326 Desha Avenue, Keaukaha

**Zumba**

Mondays & Wednesdays (except January 20)
5:30pm-6:30pm
Malia Puka O Kalani Church Gym

**Therapeutic Yoga**

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**SUPPORT GROUPS**

**Diabetes Support Group**

Tuesday, January 7
5:30pm-7:00pm
Hui Mālama Office
1438 Kilauea Ave, Hilo

Tuesday, January 21
1:00pm-2:30pm
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**Cancer Support Group**

Tuesdays, January 14 & 28
5:30pm-7:30pm
Hui Mālama Office

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82 Pu‘unohu Way, Suite 209
Hilo, HI 96720
Phone: (808) 796-3125
Fax: 1-866-372-2766
Hours: Mon - Fri 8:00am - 5:00pm *closed from 12:00pm - 1:00pm*

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Substance Awareness

Pushing back against substance abuse

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Phone: (808) 969-9994

Kū Aloha Ola Mau
Hilo ~ Phone: (808) 961-6822
Puna ~ Phone: (808) 982-9535

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Honoka‘a ~ Phone: (808) 775-7707
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K.C. Pua’a was born in Hawai’i and raised in Seattle, Washington. Like Dr. Cauley, Dr. Pua’a has also had vast life and career experiences that have inevitably and purposefully led him back to Hawai’i.

Dr. Pua’a began gaining hands-on experience caring for patients while he was part of Mountaineering Search and Rescue teams and as an EMT/Firefighter. He continued his journey working in Global Health as a medical engineer. Dr. Pua’a describes that these experiences helped him “better understand how the lack of access to medical care contributes to an increase in disease burden in a community.”

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2019 Hawaiʻi Comprehensive Cancer Coalition Summit
Hui Mālama cancer support group Mālama Ka Pili Paʻa engaged with community organizations, physicians, and Lt. Governor Josh Green at the Summit on December 11th.

Hawaiʻi Diaper Bank
Hui Mālama received an early Christmas present on December 11th from the Hawaiʻi Diaper Bank!
Mahalo to our amazing partners for always contributing to the community!

Community Garden Workshop
Hui Mālama installed a community garden at the Keaukaha Panaʻewa Farmers Market on December 15th, just before the Winter Solstice!
Community members of all ages practiced Aloha ʻĀina and planted six different types of lāʻau lapaʻau (traditional healing plants). To learn more about other Community Garden Workshops, contact Carly Wyman at (808) 969-9220.

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MONTHLY VACCINE FEATURE
HepB VACCINE

Hepatitis B or Hep B is a liver disease that typically is classified as a short-term illness, but can also be a chronic illness. Typically chronic Hepatitis B does not show any symptoms, but can progress into liver disease, liver cancer, and even death. Those diagnosed with chronic Hepatitis B are much more likely to spread the virus to others.

Hep B is spread through infected bodily fluid and can be passed by sharing items such as razors and toothbrushes, exposure to open wounds or sores, or can be passed through birth if the mother has Hep B.

According to the CDC, the best way to protect against the Hep B virus is to get vaccinated. The vaccine is taken either as 2, 3, or 4 shots. Infants should take their first dose of the vaccine at birth and complete the series by 6 months of age. Hepatitis B is also recommended to adults who are unvaccinated and have come into contact with the illness. The vaccine is very safe and has very few side effects, which typically last 1 to 2 days.

To learn more about Hepatitis B vaccine and other vaccines, visit cdc.gov.

CDC RECOMMENDED VACCINATIONS:
- DTP/Dtap 1
- DTP/Dtap 2
- DTP/Dtap 3
- DTP/Dtap 4
- IPV 1
- IPV 2
- IPV 3
- Pneumococcal 1
- Pneumococcal 2
- Pneumococcal 3
- Pneumococcal 4
- VZV
- Hib 1
- Hib 2
- Hib 3
- HepB 1
- HepB 2
- HepB 3
- HepA
- MMR
- Influenza 1
- Influenza 2
- Rotavirus 1
- Rotavirus 2

For more information about our immunization program, visit our website at hmono.org/immunization-program or call our office at (808) 969-9220.
A MESSAGE FROM OUR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Aloha,

As we enter into 2020, we are in the middle of Makahiki, which is the time when our people would traditionally digress from conflict (war) and promote the season of peace, harmony, and the promise of healthy crops in honor of Lono who represents many traits that are inclusive of those just mentioned.

The common practice for this time of the year is to reflect on the previous year to honor the successes, identify lessons learned from the challenges, and implement measures to prevent the same challenges from repeating themselves. The process of reflection allows for a fresh start, a sense of empowerment, and an annual reestablishment of a balanced lifestyle. It is a pleasant coincidence that the New Year and Makahiki are aligned with Drug and Alcohol Awareness Month.

In my opinion, Makahiki's process of reflection is very similar to the self-evaluation process needed to commit to living a healthy and happy lifestyle. This is a time to empower oneself and identify the issue(s) that is the root cause of substance abuse. One must find the strength to reach into his or her core, pull out the potent issue(s), come to terms with it, and release it.

If you are struggling with the effects of drug and alcohol abuse or other challenges, consider what I just shared out as food for thought. To heal oneself and our community, we should be willing and ready to make the life-altering change. Have solace that there is always next year, and when you’re ready, we at Hui Mālama Ola Nā ʻŌiwi are here to help!

Mālama yourself and each other,

Kamuela L. Bannister
Executive Director
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