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- Give Native Hawaiians the opportunity to engage and increase their proficiency in Perinatal Health and Native Hawaiian practices
- Provide support and knowledge for childbearing women in their communities
- Be impactful in increasing exclusive breastfeeding on Hawai‘i island
- Assist with early entrance into prenatal care and reduce preterm birth rates
- Find solutions in reducing health disparities
- Help increase economic independence

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TRAINING TOPICS:

PREGNANCY, BIRTH & POSTPARTUM:
- Normal physiologic birth
- Comfort measures and labor techniques
- Perinatal Mental Health
- Healthy Exercise & Nutrition for pregnancy

BREASTFEEDING, PARENTING & INFANT CARE:
- Basics of infant feeding (breast & bottle)
- Swaddling, soothing, calming & bathing
- Vaccinations
- Fatherhood, partner, & blended family involvement

COMMUNITY HEALTH WORKER FOUNDATION:
- Maternal Health Disparities, Reproductive Justice & Historical Trauma
- Infant & Young Child Feeding in Emergencies & Disasters
- Standard Precautions & Supporting families during COVID-19

TRADITIONAL HAWAIIAN CONCEPTS
- La’a‘u Lapa‘au Hanau
- Lomi lomi for moms & babies
- Indigenous Breastfeeding Counseling

Hybrid virtual, in-person, & community-based training
- 125 hour commitment over 7 months

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