

A photograph of a garden pond filled with large, round, green lily pads. A single pink flower is in bloom in the center of the pond. The background is a dense, green forest with tall trees.

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2023 PROGRAMS

CAP

Client Assistance Program Rehabilitation Act 29 USC §732

Informs, advises, assists and represents applicants and clients of vocational rehabilitation and other services authorized in the Rehabilitation Act.

P&A

PROTECTION & ADVOCACY SYSTEM For People with Disabilities

PAAT

P&A for Individuals with Assistive Technology
29 USC §3004

PABSS

P&A for Beneficiaries of Social Security
42 USC §1320b-21

PADD

P&A for Individuals with Developmental Disabilities
42 USC §15001

PAIMI

P&A for Individuals with Mental Illness
42 USC §10801

PAIR

P&A for Individual Rights
20 USC §794e

PATBI

P&A for Individuals with Traumatic Brain Injury
42 USC §300d-53

PAVA

P&A for Voter Access
52 USC §21061

SPSSB

P&A for Beneficiaries with Representative Payees
PL115-165 SPSSB Act of 2018

OUR CENTER

The Hawaii Disability Rights Center (HDRC) is Hawaii's designated Protection and Advocacy (P&A) system for people with disabilities and designated Client Assistance Program (CAP). HDRC was established as a non-profit corporation (Kahua Ho`omalulu Kina, A Place of Protection for the Handicapped, dba Protection and Advocacy Agency of Hawaii) in 1977 to protect and advocate for the human, civil and legal rights of people with disabilities.

Federal mandate: The Protection and Advocacy (P&A) System for people with disabilities is mandated in eight separate federal laws:

1. PAAT – Protection & Advocacy for Individuals with Assistive Technology
2. PABSS – Protection & Advocacy for Beneficiaries of Social Security
3. PADD – Protection & Advocacy for Individuals with Developmental Disabilities
4. PAIMI – Protection & Advocacy for Individuals with Mental Illness
5. PAIR – Protection & Advocacy for Individual Rights
6. PATBI – Protection & Advocacy for Individuals with Traumatic Brain Injury
7. PAVA – Protection & Advocacy for Voter Access
8. SPSSB – Protection & Advocacy for Beneficiaries with Representative Payees

The Client Assistance Program (CAP), is a nationwide system to:

- Inform and advise all applicants and recipients of all available services under the Rehabilitation Act and to help them obtain services;
- Investigate complaints, resolve problems, appeal decisions; or represent applicants and clients of vocational rehabilitation in legal or other proceedings; and
- Provide information about Title I (“Employment”) of the ADA.

State mandate: Protection and Advocacy is also authorized by Hawaii Revised Statutes §333F-8.5. HDRC was designated by Executive Orders 77-3, 82-4, 89-2 and 94-06 to provide its important protections for people with disabilities in the State of Hawaii.

HDRC 2023 SERVICES (BY PROGRAM)

	CAP	PAAT	PABSS	PADD	PAIMI	PAIR	PATBI	PAVA	TOTALS	
1. INFORMATION & REFERRALS	4	2	6	152	229	785	17	0	1,195	
2. OUTREACH ACTIVITIES	32	22	30	60	130	40	38	11	363	
# People Reached	373	162	90	308	277	310	167	163	1,850	
3. TRAINING ACTIVITIES	5	7	10	25	35	7	3	13	105	
# People Trained	40	88	50	489	253	29	22	124	1,095	
4. SYSTEM CASES	0	0	0	1	2	1	0	1	5	
Estimated # Beneficiaries	0	0	0	500	215	1,000	0	60,000	61,715	
5. INDIVIDUAL CASES	31	49	16	421	142	91	15	99	864	
Rights Defended	Care & Treatment	0	0	0	37	50	25	1	0	113
	Citizenship	0	0	0	4	3	0	0	99	106
	Education	11	7	0	317	3	8	4	0	350
	Employment	20	0	16	11	0	15	0	0	62
	Freedom of Association	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Housing	0	0	0	13	16	35	4	0	68
	Justice	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
	Program & Services	0	42	0	38	43	8	6	0	137
TOTAL PEOPLE SERVED (1-5)	448	301	162	1,870	1,116	2,215	221	60,386	66,719	

INDIVIDUAL CLIENT CHARACTERISTICS (BY PROGRAM)

	CHARACTERISTICS	CAP	PAAT	PABSS	PADD	PAIMI	PAIR	PATBI	PAVA	TOTALS
Age	0 - 2	0	1	0	6	1	0	0	0	8
	3 - 5	0	8	0	36	4	0	0	0	48
	6 - 10	0	21	0	96	14	0	2	0	133
	11 - 22	16	19	1	191	42	8	2	15	294
	23 - 64	13	0	12	83	72	27	9	63	279
	65+	2	0	3	9	9	56	2	21	102
Sex	Male	16	39	7	273	90	38	8	30	501
	Female	15	10	9	111	52	53	4	20	274
	Prefer not to answer	0	0	0	37	0	0	3	49	89
Ethnicity	African/Black	0	1	0	3	7	8	1	1	21
	Asian	10	6	6	99	31	25	1	34	212
	European	8	8	5	73	41	30	6	22	193
	Hawaiian	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Hispanic	1	0	0	46	21	6	2	7	83
	Native American	0	0	0	2	3	2	0	0	7
	Pacific Islanders	9	7	3	40	15	20	2	8	104
Multi-Ethnic	3	27	2	158	24	0	3	27	244	
Disability	ADD/ADHD	3	9	0	62	0	0	0	1	75
	AIDS/HIV	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	1	3
	Alzheimer's	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Anxiety Disorder	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Arthritis	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Autism	13	19	0	188	0	0	0	0	220
	Blind, Visual Impairment	5	0	2	4	0	8	0	2	21
	Cerebral Palsy	0	0	0	10	0	0	0	0	10
	Deaf, Hard of Hearing	1	1	1	8	0	2	0	1	14
	Developmental Disability	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Diabetes	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	10	13
	Digestive, Eating Disorders	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Dwarfism	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Environmental, Chemical Sensitivity	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Epilepsy, Seizure	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	3
	Fibromyalgia	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Genitourinary	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Heart, Circulatory	0	0	0	1	0	13	0	0	14
	Hydrocephaly	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Kidney, Liver	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Learning Disabilities	0	3	0	13	0	1	0	0	17
	Lupus	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Mental Illness, SED, ODD	2	2	6	0	142	23	0	36	211
	Mental Retardation, Downs	2	8	1	90	0	1	0	16	118
	Multiple Sclerosis	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Muscular Dystrophy	1	0	0	2	0	0	0	1	4
	Muscular/Skeletal Impairment	0	0	1	0	0	16	0	0	17
	Neurological, Org. Brain Synd	2	2	1	9	0	18	0	0	32
	Oncology, Cancer	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
	Orth/, Para/Quadriplegia	0	0	1	2	0	23	0	14	40
	Resp/ Lung/ Emphysema	0	0	2	0	0	11	0	0	13
	Speech, Language	0	1	1	5	0	0	0	0	7
	Spina Bifida	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
	Other Disability	1	2	0	20	0	41	0	17	81
	Substance Abuse, Alcohol	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
	Tourette Syndrome	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
Traumatic Brain Injury	0	0	0	0	0	0	15	0	15	

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ANNUAL REPORT - FY 2023 (OCTOBER 2022 - SEPTEMBER 2023)

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<p>The Hawaii Disability Rights Center defends and enforces the human, civil and legal rights of people with disabilities.</p> <p>Human Rights are those natural rights that are accorded to all human beings. They are clearly stated in the U.S. Constitution as the right to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness.</p> <p>Civil Rights are an expansion of basic human rights and are specified in the U.S. Constitution, the Bill of Rights and the Hawaii State Constitution. They include the rights to: freedom of religion, speech, press, assembly; petition for change; equal protection under the law; privacy; confidentiality; and appeal decisions.</p> <p>Legal Rights are an expansion of our human and civil rights as established by specific laws, such as those laws which authorize protection and advocacy for people with disabilities.</p> <p>It is the policy of HDRC to: Advocate for as many people with disabilities in the State of Hawaii, on as wide a range of disability rights issues, as our limited resources allow; and to:</p> <p>Resolve rights violations with the lowest feasible level of intervention; but to also:</p> <p>Provide full legal representation, including litigation, if necessary, to protect the rights of people with disabilities, consistent with authorizing statutes and Center priorities.</p>	<table style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr style="background-color: #c6e0b4;"> <td colspan="2" style="text-align: center;">Beginning Assets</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: right;">October 1, 2022:</td> <td style="text-align: right;">\$ 138,986</td> </tr> <tr style="background-color: #c6e0b4;"> <td colspan="2" style="text-align: center;"><u>2023 REVENUE</u></td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: right;">Federal:</td> <td style="text-align: right;">\$ 1,664,530</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: right;">State:</td> <td style="text-align: right;">\$ 98,417</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: right;">Other:</td> <td style="text-align: right;">\$ 136,522</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: right;">TOTAL:</td> <td style="text-align: right;">\$ 1,899,469</td> </tr> <tr style="background-color: #c6e0b4;"> <td colspan="2" style="text-align: center;"><u>2023 EXPENDITURES</u></td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: right;">Program Services:</td> <td style="text-align: right;">\$ 1,438,762</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: right;">Operations:</td> <td style="text-align: right;">\$ 493,223</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: right;">Fundraising:</td> <td style="text-align: right;">\$ 0</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: right;">TOTAL:</td> <td style="text-align: right;">\$ 1,931,985</td> </tr> <tr style="background-color: #c6e0b4;"> <td colspan="2" style="text-align: center;">Ending Assets</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: right;">September 30, 2023:</td> <td style="text-align: right;">\$ 106,470</td> </tr> </table> <p style="text-align: center;">The program and financial documents of HDRC for FY2023, ending September 30, 2023, were audited by the accounting firm of CW Associates, CPAs</p> <p style="text-align: center;">There were no reportable conditions, findings or questioned costs and HDRC qualified as a low-risk auditee.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">IRS Form 990 available upon request.</p>	Beginning Assets		October 1, 2022:	\$ 138,986	<u>2023 REVENUE</u>		Federal:	\$ 1,664,530	State:	\$ 98,417	Other:	\$ 136,522	TOTAL:	\$ 1,899,469	<u>2023 EXPENDITURES</u>		Program Services:	\$ 1,438,762	Operations:	\$ 493,223	Fundraising:	\$ 0	TOTAL:	\$ 1,931,985	Ending Assets		September 30, 2023:	\$ 106,470	<p>Board of Directors</p> <p>Mary Pat Waterhouse <i>President</i> Jennifer Grant <i>Vice President</i> Amanda Kelly <i>Secretary</i> Bud Bowles <i>Treasurer</i> Pauline Arellano Stacy Kracher Poka Laenui Ann Lemke Marion Poirier Cov Ratcliffe</p> <p style="text-align: center;">PAIMI</p> <p>Advisory Council</p> <p>Pauline Arellano - <i>Chair</i> MaryEllen Markley - <i>Vice-Chair</i> Audrey Adachi Bud Bowles Cassandra Kam Nadine Paekukui Greg Payton Maile Rogers Artice May Swingle Raelyn Reyno Yeomans</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Staff</p> <p>Louis Erteschik, Esq. <i>Executive Director</i> Michael Rabanal <i>Operations Manager</i> Ronald Baltero Pamela Cabreira JanisMaria Chang Anne Chipchase Veronica Flores Michelle Kaulukukui-Palisbo Kristyl Kim Howard Lesser Kathryn Mayer Jane M.K. Miyahara Kalima Shabaz Verna Waikiki Emily Wilkinson Ida Yoshida Carol Young</p>
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