



Annual Report 2024



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2024 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`omalua 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 2024 SERVICES (BY PROGRAM)

	CAP	PAAT	PABSS	PADD	PAIMI	PAIR	PATBI	PAVA	TOTALS
1. INFORMATION & REFERRALS	1	1	10	152	848	318	17	0	1347
2. OUTREACH ACTIVITIES	24	80	28	87	127	34	3	20	403
# People Reached	238	130	87	298	599	305	76	100	1,833
3. TRAINING ACTIVITIES	5	11	4	20	23	14	1	10	88
# People Trained	327	81	24	50	237	74	6	27	826
4. SYSTEM CASES	0	0	0	4	5	1	0	1	11
Estimated # Beneficiaries	0	0	0	3,000	850	1,000	0	6,000	10,850
5. INDIVIDUAL CASES	28	42	16	392	115	159	18	270	1,040
Rights Defended	Care & Treatment	0	0	0	56	50	22	0	128
	Citizenship	0	0	0	4	3	0	270	277
	Education	10	7	0	204	3	17	2	243
	Employment	18	0	16	11	0	12	0	57
	Freedom of Association	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Housing	0	0	0	19	16	38	0	73
	Justice	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	2
	Program & Services	0	35	0	96	43	70	16	260
TOTAL PEOPLE SERVED (1-5)	594	254	129	3,892	2,649	1,856	117	6,397	15,888

INDIVIDUAL CLIENT CHARACTERISTICS (BY PROGRAM)

	CHARACTERISTICS	CAP	PAAT	PABSS	PADD	PAIMI	PAIR	PATBI	PAVA	TOTALS
Age	0 - 2	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	3
	3 - 5	0	5	0	27	3	0	0	0	35
	6 - 10	0	16	0	98	9	0	2	0	125
	11 - 22	5	20	1	191	37	18	2	81	355
	23 - 64	18	1	12	69	57	92	13	168	430
	65+	5	0	3	4	9	49	1	21	92
Sex	Male	14	32	7	268	67	88	10	131	617
	Female	14	10	9	124	48	71	8	139	423
Ethnicity	African/Black	1	1	0	1	7	10	1	4	25
	Asian	13	5	5	86	22	46	1	21	199
	European	2	5	7	65	35	51	7	31	203
	Hawaiian	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Hispanic	1	2	2	52	18	7	1	30	113
	Native American	0	0	0	1	1	1	0	1	4
	Pacific Islanders	4	6	2	45	13	44	4	11	129
	Multi-Ethnic	7	23	0	142	19	0	4	172	367
Disability	ADD/ADHD	2	6	0	59	0	0	0	3	70
	AIDS/HIV	0	0	0	1	0	2	0	4	7
	Alzheimer's	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
	Anxiety Disorder	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
	Arthritis	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Autism	7	14	1	186	0	0	0	8	216
	Blind, Visual Impairment	4	0	1	5	0	8	0	1	19
	Cerebral Palsy	0	2	0	8	0	0	0	0	10
	Deaf, Hard of Hearing	2	1	2	8	0	2	0	17	32
	Developmental Disability	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Diabetes	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	31	34
	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	1	3	0	0	0	2	6
	Fibromyalgia	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Genitourinary	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Heart, Circulatory	1	0	0	0	0	13	0	10	24
	Hydrocephaly	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Kidney, Liver	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Learning Disabilities	1	1	0	14	0	1	0	0	17
	Lupus	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Mental Illness, SED, ODD	3	1	6	0	115	23	0	110	258
	Mental Retardation, Downs	3	8	0	75	0	1	0	0	87
	Multiple Sclerosis	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
	Muscular Dystrophy	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	2
	Muscular/Skeletal Impairment	0	0	1	0	0	16	0	6	23
	Neurological, Org. Brain Synd	2	1	1	10	0	18	0	3	35
	Oncology, Cancer	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	9	10
	Orth/, Para/Quadriplegia	0	1	1	3	0	23	0	24	52
	Resp/ Lung/ Emphysema	1	0	0	0	0	11	0	1	13
	Speech, Language	0	1	1	7	0	0	0	1	10
	Spina Bifida	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
	Other Disability	0	3	0	8	0	41	0	36	88
	Substance Abuse, Alcohol	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
	Tourette Syndrome	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Traumatic Brain Injury	0	1	0	0	0	0	18	3	22

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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: #D3D3D3;"> <td style="padding: 5px;">Beginning Assets</td> <td style="padding: 5px;">October 1, 2023:</td> <td style="padding: 5px; text-align: right;">\$ 106,470</td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="3" style="padding: 5px;"><u>2024 REVENUE</u></td> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding: 5px;">Federal:</td> <td style="padding: 5px;"></td> <td style="padding: 5px; text-align: right;">\$ 1,885,043</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding: 5px;">State:</td> <td style="padding: 5px;"></td> <td style="padding: 5px; text-align: right;">\$ 117,384</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding: 5px;">Other:</td> <td style="padding: 5px;"></td> <td style="padding: 5px; text-align: right;">\$ 48,279</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding: 5px;">TOTAL:</td> <td style="padding: 5px;"></td> <td style="padding: 5px; text-align: right;">\$ 2,050,706</td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="3" style="padding: 5px;"><u>2024 EXPENDITURES</u></td> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding: 5px;">Program Services:</td> <td style="padding: 5px;"></td> <td style="padding: 5px; text-align: right;">\$ 1,471,756</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding: 5px;">Operations:</td> <td style="padding: 5px;"></td> <td style="padding: 5px; text-align: right;">\$ 519,963</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding: 5px;">Fundraising:</td> <td style="padding: 5px;"></td> <td style="padding: 5px; text-align: right;">\$ 0</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding: 5px;">TOTAL:</td> <td style="padding: 5px;"></td> <td style="padding: 5px; text-align: right;">\$ 1,991,719</td> </tr> <tr style="background-color: #D3D3D3;"> <td style="padding: 5px;">Ending Assets</td> <td style="padding: 5px;">September 30, 2024:</td> <td style="padding: 5px; text-align: right;">\$ 165,457</td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="3" style="padding: 10px; text-align: center;"> <p>The program and financial documents of HDRC for FY2024, ending September 30, 2024, were audited by the accounting firm of CW Associates, CPAs</p> <p>There were no reportable conditions, findings or questioned costs and HDRC qualified as a low-risk auditee.</p> <p>IRS Form 990 available upon request.</p> </td> </tr> </table>	Beginning Assets	October 1, 2023:	\$ 106,470	<u>2024 REVENUE</u>			Federal:		\$ 1,885,043	State:		\$ 117,384	Other:		\$ 48,279	TOTAL:		\$ 2,050,706	<u>2024 EXPENDITURES</u>			Program Services:		\$ 1,471,756	Operations:		\$ 519,963	Fundraising:		\$ 0	TOTAL:		\$ 1,991,719	Ending Assets	September 30, 2024:	\$ 165,457	<p>The program and financial documents of HDRC for FY2024, ending September 30, 2024, were audited by the accounting firm of CW Associates, CPAs</p> <p>There were no reportable conditions, findings or questioned costs and HDRC qualified as a low-risk auditee.</p> <p>IRS Form 990 available upon request.</p>			<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 Che Silvert</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 William Chum Cassandra Kam Nadine Paekukui Greg Payton Maile Rogers 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. 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