

# MAUI HOMELESS ALLIANCE (MHA)

A Chapter of the Bridging the Gap (BTG)  
Continuum of Care (CoC) – Balance of  
State



# Why are people homeless?

Research shows people are homeless because they can't find housing they can afford. According to HUD, an estimated 12 million renter and homeowner households now pay more than 50 percent of their annual incomes for housing, and a family with one full-time worker earning the minimum wage cannot afford the local fair-market rent for a two-bedroom apartment anywhere in the United States. The generally accepted definition of housing affordability is no more than 30 percent of monthly income going toward housing costs. Anyone paying more than 30 percent of their income for housing are considered "cost-burdened" and can have difficulty affording necessities such as food, clothing, transportation, and medical care.

The lack of affordable housing is a significant hardship for low-income households and can prevent them from meeting their other basic needs, such as nutrition and health care, or saving for their future.



## Definition of “HOMELESS”

**A person is considered homeless only when he/she resides in one of the places described below:**

- Not meant for human habitation, such as cars, parks, sidewalks, abandoned buildings (on the street)
- In an Emergency Shelter (ES).
- In Transitional or Supportive Housing for homeless persons who originally came from the streets or ES.
- In any of the above places but is spending a short time (up to 30 consecutive days) in a hospital or other institution.
- Is being evicted within a week from a private dwelling unit and no subsequent residence has been identified and lacks resources and support networks needed to obtain housing.
- Is being discharged within a week from an institution, such as a mental health or substance abuse treatment facility or prison, in which the person has been identified and lacks resources and support networks needed to obtain housing.
- Is fleeing a domestic violence housing situation and no subsequent residence has been identified and lacks resources and support networks needed to obtain housing.



# **DOES NOT MEET THE HUD DEFINITION OF HOMELESS**

- Persons living in housing, even though they are paying an excessive amount for their housing, the housing is substandard and in need of repair, or the housing is crowded.
- Persons living with relatives or friends.
- Persons staying in a motel, including a pay-by-the-week motels.
- Persons living in a Board and Care, Adult Congregate Living Facility, or similar place.
- Persons being discharged from an institution that is required to provide or arrange housing upon release.



## Homeless Individuals in Maui County

### 2015 Homeless Utilization Report – Annual count showed

- In emergency / transitional shelters: 1,557
- Unsheltered : 1,328
- **FOR A TOTAL** 2,885

This report ONLY counts those individuals who:

1. Have requested assistance
2. Have agreed to complete an INTAKE and
3. Have the INTAKE entered into the Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) database

Outreach staff estimates that 50% of their encounters do not result in a completed INTAKE –  $1,557 + 1,328 + 1,328 = 4,213$  (real count) 5



# 2016 Point In Time (PIT) Count

Conducted January 24, 2016

Partners in Care (PIC) representing Oahu, and Bridging the Gap (BTG) representing Hawaii County, Maui County and Kauai County, are Hawaii's **Continuum of Care (CoC)**. The CoC is a local planning body designed to promote community wide commitment to the goal of ending homelessness.



## What do you mean when you say “CoC”?

There are states, cities, counties, communities, districts – and then there are **Continuums of Care**.

Like those other terms, a “Continuum of Care” (CoC) simply refers to an administrative geographical unit – the local or regional body that coordinates funding and services for homeless people.

2016

ISLAND	TOTAL 2015 COUNT	2016 SHELTERED	2015 UNSHELTERED	TOTAL 2016 COUNT	2016 % INCREASE	NO. OF PERSONS
OAHU	4,903	2,767	2,173	4,940	1%	37
HAWAII	1,241	271	1,123	1,392	12%	153
MAUI	1,137	484	661	1,145	1%	8
KAUAI	339	91	351	442	30%	103
STATEWIDE	7,620	3,613	4,308	7,921	4%	301

## 2016 PIT COUNT STATEWIDE STATISTICS AND TRENDS



## **Maui Bed Count**

**Ka Hale A Ke Ola (KHAKO) Central – 40 studios, 32 two-bedrooms, 32 men's dormitory, 10 women's dormitory = 114**

**Ka Hale A Ke Ola West side – 24 studios, 24 two-bedrooms, 32 men's dormitory, 10 women's dormitory = 90**

**Family Life Center – Emergency / Transitional Beds = 50**

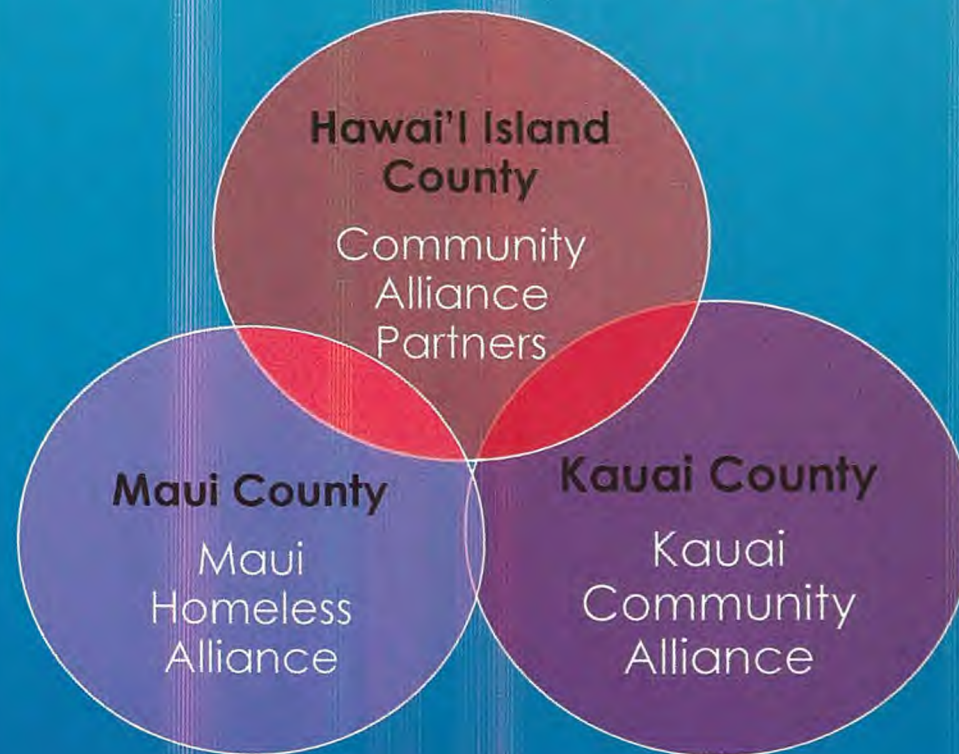
**Mental Health Kokua – Transitional Beds 56, Community Group Homes = 10 beds (not all necessarily for the homeless) = 66**

**Steadfast Housing (group home) = 30 (not all for homeless)**

**Total Bed Count = approximately 250**



## BRIDGING THE GAP (BTG)



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## CONTINUUM OF CARE (COC)



# *Bridging the Gap (BTG)*



*The Hawai'i Neighboring Islands Continuum of Care  
(Hawai'i Island, Kauai, Maui)*

## *Our MISSION:*

**To eliminate homelessness through open communication, inclusive participation, and coordinated integrated response.**



## **BTG GOALS**

- Provide funding for efforts by non-profits providers, state and local governments to rehouse homeless individuals and families rapidly while minimizing the trauma and dislocation caused to homeless individuals, families, and communities as a consequence of homelessness.
- Promote access to and effective use of mainstream programs by homeless individuals and families
- Optimize self-sufficiency among individuals and families experiencing homelessness



## **BTG Objectives**

- To build and maintain a process that supports the community and the CoC in achieving our goal of eliminating homelessness.
- To develop a full continuum of services that support housing retention for people that reside in our community.
- To ensure that houseless persons are treated with dignity and respect.
- To engage in planning and evaluation to maximize the use of existing resources.



## BTG's Relationships with other KEY Entities

- Hawaii Interagency Council on Homelessness (HICH)
- HUD Hawaii Office
- State DHS – Homeless Program Office
- Partners in Care (PIC) – The State's largest CoC is working on ending homelessness on Oahu.



## **Department of Human Services Homeless Programs Office (HPO)**

Bridging the Gap has designated DHS – Homeless Program Office to serve as the ***COLLABORATIVE APPLICANT*** and as such is the sole eligible applicant for the HUD CoC Program Planning Grant funds, and shall manage the required HUD process on behalf of BTG to ensure the maximum amount of HUD CoC program funds are received by the BTG and that the CoC is in compliance with all applicable HUD rules and regulations.



# **Maui Homeless Alliance**

## **OUR MISSION**

**To bring together organizations and individuals dedicated to creating opportunities for compassionate community responses to homelessness.**



## MHA GOALS: C A R E

- Create and maintain an alliance that responds to the complex needs of homeless individuals and families,
- Actively strive to gain knowledge of community resources that will serve homeless individuals and families,
- Reinforce our collaborative work to leverage increased funding and service delivery,
- Ensure that homeless persons are treated with dignity and respect.



# **Maui Homeless Alliance**

## **About MHA...**

- **Serves as a membership organization for homeless service utilizers and community representatives.**
- **Develops recommendations for programs and services to fill gaps in the Continuum of Care within Maui County**
- **Assist in implementing new or expanded programs while preserving effective existing programs.**
- **Provides direction in response to HUD's Continuum of Care annual competition for homeless assistance funds.**



## MEMBERSHIP

Cup of Cold Water  
Catholic Charities Hawaii  
County of Maui  
Family Life Center  
Feed My Sheep  
Ka Hale A Ke Ola Resource  
Centers  
Legal Aid Society of Hawaii  
Lisa Darcy  
Lori Tsuhako  
Maui AIDS Foundation  
MPD -Community Police Division  
Maui Economic Opportunity, Inc

Maui Food Bank  
Maui Youth and Family Services  
Mental Health Kokua  
Puamana Association  
Robert Collesano  
Salvation Army  
Steadfast Housing  
University of Hawaii – Maui College  
Nursing Program  
Veterans' Affairs  
West Maui Tax Payers Association  
Women Helping Women  
Charles Stromberg



# Call to Action

- ▶ Coordinated Entry System
- ▶ Rapid Rehousing
- ▶ Permanent supportive Housing
- ▶ Acquire / build affordable housing



## MHA Accomplishments

- Advocacy Committee – collaborates with Oahu's CoC, Partners in Care (PIC), on affordable housing, Housing Focused and homeless legislation. Participated in an Advocacy Day at the State Capitol focusing on homelessness and poverty.
- 3<sup>rd</sup> week in November – *Hunger and Homelessness Awareness Week*  
Proclamation, Sign Waving, Candle Light Vigil, Homeless Health Fair
- Maui Landlord Summit – Addressing the escalating crisis situation of homelessness impacting the entire state, including our local community on Maui. The program included special guest speakers, local landlords and a tradeshow event, which included local agencies and organizations that work closely with issues related to homelessness.
- Having the support and assistance of the Department of Housing and Human Concerns.
- Homeless Community Forum



# DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING & HUMAN CONCERNS - GRANT FUNDING FOR HOMELESS PROGRAMS

	2011		2012		2013		2014		2015		2016	
	County Funding	Homeless Served	County Funding	Homeless Served	County Funding	Homeless Served	County Funding	Homeless Served	County Funding	Homeless Served	County Funding	Homeless Served
Homeless Programs	\$ 500,000	3747	\$ 540,000	3971	\$ 450,000	2669	\$ 579,000	4055	\$ 641,000	3187	\$ 641,000	3500
Affordable Rental Housing Programs	\$ 425,000	278	\$ 725,000	635	\$ 825,000	766	\$ 849,750	710	\$ 962,063	444	\$ 943,500	440

**\*\*Note that all Grant Amounts & Homeless Served Figures Listed below Have been Adjusted to Reflect Percentage of Homeless Served\*\***

Feed My Sheep (12% of total clients are homeless)											\$ 7,800	99
Maui Food Bank (25% of total clients are homeless)	\$ 75,000	4193	\$ 75,000	5646	\$ 81,250	4643	\$ 83,750	5096	\$ 86,263	4733	\$ 86,250	4700
Hale Kau Kau (50% of total clients are homeless)	\$ -		\$ 30,000	417							\$ 15,000	415
Salvation Army (100% of total clients are homeless)	\$ 117,000	475	\$ 117,000	460	\$ 117,000	249	\$ 134,000	511	\$ 138,020	494	\$ 138,020	490
Sub Total (Food-Related)	\$ 192,000	4668	\$ 222,000	6523	\$ 198,250	4892	\$ 217,750	5607	\$ 224,283	5227	\$ 247,070	5704
Self-Sufficiency Programs	\$ 104,000	334	\$ 80,000	512	\$ 24,000	12	\$ 25,700	16	\$ 35,700	514	\$ 32,865	506
Maui Redevelopment Agency Clean & Safe Program (budget increase, not a grant)											\$ 100,000	
Substance Abuse Programs	\$ 230,300	406	\$ 172,550	598	\$ 193,250	705	\$ 183,100	279	\$ 302,700	349	\$ 112,050	122
Community Partnership Grants	\$ 67,437	101	\$ 67,437	118	\$ 63,500	101	\$ 63,500	93	\$ 63,500	90	\$ 63,500	90
KHAHO loan forgiveness											\$ 4,055,000	
Mental Health Association in Hawaii (5% of clients homeless)	\$ 1,188	11	\$ 1,188	10	\$ 1,188	10	\$ 1,224	10	\$ 1,260	10	\$ 1,260	10

## SUMMARY

	2011		2012		2013		2014		2015		2016	
	County Funds	Homeless Served	County Funds	Homeless Served	County Funds	Homeless Served	County Funds	Homeless Served	County Funds	Homeless Served	County Funds	Homeless Served
	\$ 1,519,925	9,545	\$ 1,808,175	12,367	\$ 1,755,188	9,156	\$ 1,920,024	10,770	\$ 2,230,506	9,821	\$ 6,196,245	10,372
<b>TOTAL 2011-2016</b>					<b>\$ 15,430,064</b>	<b>62,030</b>						



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**OUR LEGACY TO END HOMELESSNESS  
OUR GOAL TO BE OUT OF A JOB**

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**Mahalo... Maui Homeless Alliance**