

To ACSI participants, parents and guardians:

Alternative Care Services, Inc. (ACSI) extends an invitation for you to join the ACSI Team at the upcoming Special Olympics Games to compete in the following sports- Basketball, Bocce, Bowling, Golf, Power lifting, Soccer, Softball, Swimming, Track and Field.

In addition to forming a team of interested participants, we need dedicated volunteers who are compassionate, patient and willing to help participants during the games to coach, cheer and encourage participants as they participate in various sporting events. Would you volunteer to be a coach and supporter to persons with special needs?

If interested or would like more details, please contact John Cadavona at (808) 848-2779 Monday through Friday between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:30p.m. You can also submit your ideas and suggestions to me by email at johnnyc808@hotmail.com

Sincerely,
John W. Cadavona
ACSI Workforce Supervisor/Administrative Assistant

SAFETY matters ON THE STREET

- Stay in well-lit areas as much as possible.
- Do not take shortcuts through alleys, vacant lots, construction sites, poorly lit areas, and unfamiliar places.
- Whenever possible, walk on the left side of the sidewalk against the flow of vehicular traffic. Otherwise, stay away from the curb so that someone in a passing vehicle cannot grab you.
- Always walk confidently, at a steady pace. Be alert and give the impression that you know where you are going.
- If stopped by someone in a car asking for directions, always reply from a distance. Never get close to the car.
- If your instinct tells you that you are being followed, trust your instinct. Cross the street and get to the nearest place of safety, such as a business that is open.
- If you walk or jog frequently, vary your routine a little each day.
- Carry your purse close to your body and keep a firm grip on the latch.
- When you are shopping, never leave your purse in a shopping cart, on a counter, in a dressing room, or on the floor.

Source: Honolulu Police Department

Happy Birthday

january

08 Shawnie Vellesses
09 Anna Churchill
18 Victoria Chau
19 Joerina Anderson
29 Matilda Abilde

february

02 Esperanza Cadavona
21 Christine Halemano
26 Helen Moenoa

march

04 Sandra Daniels
10 Jennifer Karratti
13 Kurt Richter
15 Jonelle Tanaka
27 Faaana Solumua-Tialavea
27 Evangeline Deocares
29 Steve Rapoza

april

08 Maessie Awana
14 Nellie Cercena
27 Elizabeth Aliganga
29 Edwin Guevarra



Mālama Kōkua

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A DAY AT THE Capitol

On March 19, 2009, the State Council on Developmental Disabilities held their 10th Annual "A DAY AT THE CAPITOL" event at the Hawaii State Capitol. With the added support from the Hawaii Waiver Providers Association and Hilopa'a, participants with developmental disabilities, their families, workers and services providers, toured the State Capitol to learn how to advocate and address with legislators the issues that affect the MR/DD Medicaid Waiver program. Originally beginning with 40 participants, the event has now grown to approximately 150-200 attendees. Senator Suzanne Chun-Oakland and Representative John Mizuno, who both reside as Chairs on the Human Services Committees of the Senate and House, greeted the enthusiastic crowd in the Capitol Auditorium. Later, during the opening of the Senate session, Senator Chun-Oakland recognized the attendees of the event who filled the Senate gallery at full capacity. ACSI Executive Vice-President, William Cadavona, Service Supervisor, Mila Lomboy, ITLC Director, Sabra Nakamoto and Service Supervisor for Elderly Care, Samantha Cayetano were present to show ACSI's support for Senate Bill 1679, which in response to the budget shortfall, requests the provision of funds from the Emergency and Budget Reserve Fund to ensure the continuation of human services, like the MR/DD Waiver program. This event was a great opportunity for participants to take part in the legislative process. ACSI intends to participate in next year's event and we encourage everyone to come down as well. ■

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BY JOHN CADAVONA, Administrative Assistant

Aloha Team! I'd like to thank you all for your dedication and hard work in enhancing the lives of the participants you serve. In order to ensure continuity of services to our participants and maintain compliance to Medicaid Waiver Standards I'd like to send out these friendly reminders:

Your Human Resources file. I highly recommend that you respond any calls, letters or notices sent to you by Cassie in our Human Resources Department. The only time Cassie will attempt to contact you is when you have an expired / soon to expire requirement or you have forms to fill out. Employees with requirements 2 weeks past the expiration date will be removed from their assignment(s) until the items requested are submitted to Cassie and I've given you approval to resume services.

Monthly Documentation (Casenotes, PA Calendar, Data Flowsheets, PAB Flowsheet and any other form pertinent to your participant's case). Like your State Requirements, if these documents are 2 weeks past due, you will be removed from your assignment until they're submitted and you are cleared first by your Service Supervisor then by myself.

Attendance Calls.* All attendance related calls are to be made to me first, then to the parent/guardian/carehome operator of the client(s) who will be affected by the situation. Be prepared to answer the following questions or leave the answers to these questions on my cell phone when placing an attendance related call:

- Time of your call
- Nature of call such as: sick, tardy, absent, emergency, tardy to work ,etc.
- The time you expect to arrive at your jobsite, or date you expect to return to work
- Whether or not you've notified affected participant's parents/guardian/carehome operator. And if so, the person's name and response.
- Any other information that is pertinent to the reason the call is being made.

*[*Employees working on a private (Elderly) case will report directly to Samantha. If she is unavailable, I will be the next person to contact.]*

In the event that I am unable to respond to your call before your scheduled start time, the appropriate Service Supervisor(s) should be contacted and given the information I've requested above.

Again, Mahalo for the exceptional work that you do to provide quality services to our participants.

2008 EMPLOYEE OF THE YEAR



Crystal Kakalia

2008 Employee of the Year Finalists

Hinano Apo



Kim Samuelson



Velma Moresca



Jennifer Karratti



Bernardita Quioko



Evangeline Deocares



Family Caregiver Resource Fair

On March 12, 2009, ACSI participated in the annual Family Caregiver Resource Fair at the State Capitol. The festive event, which is sponsored by the Hawaii Family Caregiver Coalition of the Executive Office of Aging, had approximately 70 different senior care agencies in attendance.

Informational booths lined the perimeters of the third and fourth floors of the State Capitol. Samantha Cayetano, Supervisor for the ACSI Elderly Care program, met many potential clients who were impressed and interested in the range of services ACSI includes in our senior care. Ms. Cayetano was able to network with other providers and support services for senior care agencies, with the hopes of increasing the quality of our services and expanding our clientele base. Given the success of this event, ACSI has committed to participate in the fair in 2010.

ACSI will also have an informational booth at the 6th Annual Liliha Festival on August 29, 2009 at Prince David Kawananakoa School. In addition to community booths, there will be activities and games for *keiki*, a health fair, "ono" food booths and live entertainment. And parking is free! So bring your beach mats and chairs and spend the day with us!