MEET ALICE TO SERVE ALICE

ALICE® Initiative research and work is driving change for ALICE Households by aggressively pursuing systemic solutions through advocacy and program development. These measures improve financial stability of ALICE Households by increasing earning potential, reducing household expenses, and mitigating other challenges. ALICE Households earn income above the federal poverty line, but are unable to overcome financial challenges brought about by unexpected emergencies. By increasing access to safe and affordable housing and increasing financial stability, the ALICE Initiative is making things happen for individuals and families on O’ahu.

The movement to help ALICE has grown. In 2022, Aloha United Way and Hawai‘i Community Foundation have partnered to present the ALICE fund. The ALICE Fund fuels change, innovation and collective action around core issues that no agency or government entity can address alone. It is not a grant, it is a movement that calls for shared goals, metrics, tools, and an unprecedented amount of coordination. Community support is growing and business leaders across our community are supporting the AUW ALICE Fund.

AT-A-GLANCE

• Hawai‘i was the only state in the country to provide local ALICE data in 2022
• Households living in poverty increased from 8% in 2018 to 15% in 2022.
• Significant disparities by race/ethnicity, household size and households with children that mean some households are much more likely than others to be below the ALICE Threshold.

WORKING HARD BUT STRUGGLING TO GET BY

• More than 3 in 4 Hawai‘i households are carrying debt and 1 in 3 below the ALICE Threshold owe more than is manageable.
• More Hawai‘i households have fallen below the ALICE Threshold. (44% in 2022 vs. 42% in 2018)
CATHOLIC CHARITIES HAWAI‘I
They are a community of hope, over 300 employees strong, statewide. Offering human services programs assisting over 40,000 children, seniors, veterans, families & individuals in need annually through direct, support & advocacy services.

COUNCIL FOR NATIVE HAWAIIAN ADVANCEMENT
CNHA partners with other community organizations and leaders to enhance the cultural, economic, political, and community development of Native Hawaiians.

FAMILY PROMISE OF HAWAII
We provide a safety net for families experiencing housing instability. We utilize family-centered strategies and mobilize community support to competently and effectively increase equitable access to housing for vulnerable families.

FEED THE HUNGER FUND
FTHF increases food sustainability in Hawaii by providing loans and business development services to Hawaii’s food entrepreneurs. From farmers to distributors to markets and restaurants, FTHF is about nourishing our community.

GOODWILL INDUSTRIES OF HAWAII, INC.
Supported by its retail operations and financial endeavors, Goodwill Hawaii provide skills training, employment counseling, job placement and support services for more than 10,000 people each year.

HAWAII APPLESEED CENTER FOR LAW AND ECONOMIC JUSTICE
At Hawaii Appleseed, our (remove)work is about people. Focused on housing, food, budget & tax, & racial equity—are important because they ensure people have access to shelter, sustenance, & the means to not only survive, but to thrive.

HAWAII CHILDREN’S ACTION NETWORK
Working to ensure all kēiki in Hawai‘i are safe, healthy and ready to learn.

HAWAII HOMEOWNERSHIP CENTER
HHOC opens doors to successful homeownership by supporting first-time buyers through classes, individual coaching, and post-purchase services. Foreclosure Prevention & Rental Counseling is available to those with housing payment challenges.

HAWAIIAN COMMUNITY ASSETS
HCA is a certified nonprofit HUD counseling agency that builds the capacity of low & moderate income communities to achieve & sustain self-sufficiency by delivering financial counseling, career coaching, & income supports at FOCs statewide.

IHS, THE INSTITUTE FOR HUMAN SERVICES
IHS provides critical services to end or prevent homelessness for thousands of people in Hawaii each year; including outreach, emergency shelters, daily meals, housing, employment, case management, and health services.

INSTITUTE FOR NATIVE PACIFIC EDUCATION AND CULTURE
INPEACE provides culture-based educational programs to Native Hawaiian communities. Nurturing the growth and development of kēiki and empowering community members to be active leaders in their own communities.

KOKUA KALIHI VALLEY COMPREHENSIVE FAMILY SERVICES
Kokua Kalihi Valley serves the community of Kalihi with primary care services including medical, dental, behavioral health, optometry, elder care, and maternal child health. We provide unique and holistic community healing programs.

LEGAL AID SOCIETY OF HAWAII
The Legal Aid Society of Hawaii provides civil legal services to those in need, including assistance with matters such as housing discrimination, divorce, guardianship, homelessness, and public benefits to residents of Hawaii most in need.

PARENTS AND CHILDREN TOGETHER
Parents And Children Together helps equip people with the skills and knowledge to overcome poverty, family and interpersonal violence, parenting and coming-of-age issues, so that they can enjoy health, economic prosperity, and well-being.

PARENTS IN DEVELOPMENT FOUNDATION
PIDF draws upon traditional culture and values to meet the current challenges facing vulnerable Hawaiian communities, through a wide range of 11 free programs serving keiki to kupuna in education, social services & agriculture.

RESIDENTIAL YOUTH SERVICES & EMPOWERMENT
Providing low barrier, wrap around supportive services for young people experiencing homelessness in a safe, non-judgmental environment with developmentally appropriate supports.

WAIKIKI COMMUNITY CENTER
Waikiki Community Center provides a dynamic gathering place to serve senior adults, children, residents, visitors, Waikiki employees and the community in need through various programs and services.