

# MOLOKA`I CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION PATHWAY: WORKING TO ENSURE CHILD PROTECTION & ADVANCE `OHANA WELLBEING



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CONSUELO FOUNDATION BOARD-SECOND QUARTER REPORT (APRIL-  
JUNE 2014)

## MOLOKA`I CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION PATHWAY (MCAPP)<sup>1</sup> ACTIVITIES & OUTPUTS

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### Primary Prevention Activities

In alignment with our Theory of Change and Logic Model goals the MCAPP team continues to:

- 1) Deliver primary prevention education to Moloka`i youth, families and the community;
- 2) Build coalitions with community elders, families, youth groups, organizations, schools, churches, agencies, professionals, and the business community in order to increase awareness about the impact of childhood sexual abuse and ways to prevent it;
- 3) Provide professional and workforce development education and training; and
- 4) Develop evaluation research for MCAPP's work.

### Primary Prevention Education

Youth Group (ages 12-18 years). The second set of Healthy Life Styles Ballroom classes, which began in April continues to have strong youth participation rates.

Kupuna Prevention Education (ages 6-12 years). Kupuna Native Hawaiian values and prevention educational sessions were held twice a week during the months of April and May. The group is on summer break, and will resume at the Moloka`i Youth Center once school begins on August 1, 2014.

Men's and Women's Group. We are currently conferring an individual who can lead the men's group. In September, both the women's and men's groups will resume with an opening educational event with Dr. Barry Coyne, Hawaii State Sexual Abuse Perpetrator treatment director.

MCAPP activities continue to have steady participation, and we are working to increase participation from diverse sectors of Moloka`i. Rates of participation in MCAPP primary prevention activities for quarter 2 are listed by Native Hawaiian, other participants (see Table 1, and Figure 1).

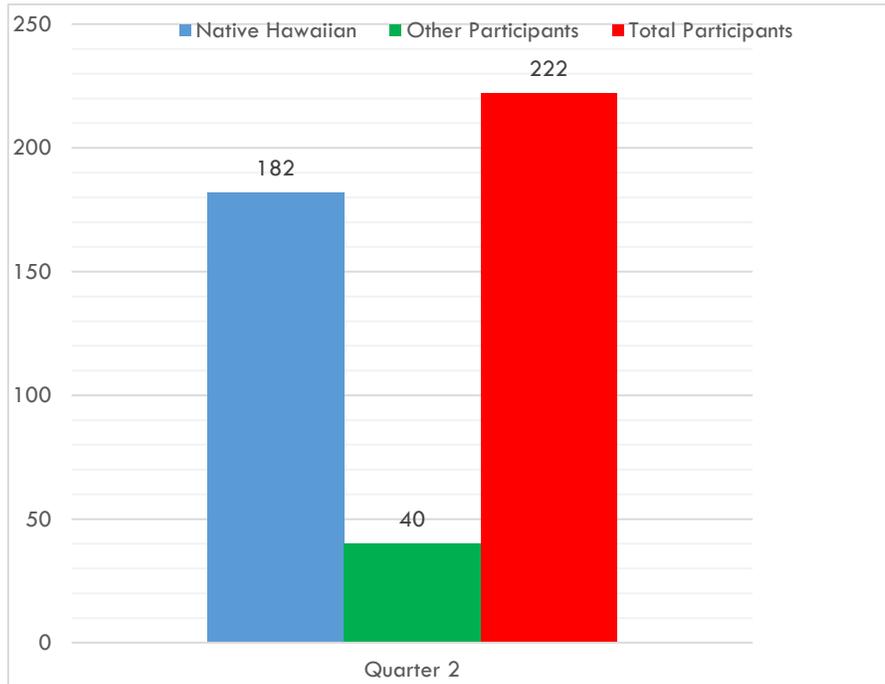
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<sup>1</sup> Moloka`i Child Abuse Prevention Pathway (MCAPP): The name of this primary prevention program was modified to include all forms of child abuse and neglect, with special attention to the prevention of childhood sexual abuse.

**Table 1. Quarter 2: MCAPP Participation**

Outputs	Quarter 2		
	Native Hawaiian Participants	Other Participants	Total Participants
<b>Convening for Change:</b>			
<b>Kupuna Group</b>	3	1	4
<b>Primary Prevention Education:</b>			
<b>Kupuna Youth Education Group</b>	109	19	128
<b>Healthy Life Styles Ballroom Dance</b>	46	18	64
<b>Coalition Building &amp; Partnerships</b>	24	2	26
<b>Quarterly Totals:</b>	182	40	222

**Figure 1. Quarter 2 MCAPP Rates of Participation**



## **Community Coalition Building**

The MCAPP team provides outreach education in partnership with agencies, organizations and special interest groups; this is the foundation of our coalition building efforts. This quarter, coalition-building activities included: Outreach in smaller communities such as Maunaloa and Ho`olehua; and Consuelo Foundation's support of the "Sexual Assault Awareness Month" and the Moloka`i Proclamation to recognize the important work of the Moloka`i Sexual Assault Center.

We continue to approach individuals and discuss strategies toward developing a *community advisory group*. This is an organic process of identifying and meeting with community leaders, health care professionals, educators and interested residents, who are part of networks such as: Medical and social services, special interest groups, spiritual affiliations, gender and age groups, cultural groups, geographic areas, and other relevant variables.

## **Staff Professional Development & Community Education**

MCSAPP staff participated in the following trainings during this quarter:

- Substance abuse prevention coalition,
- Kamalama Cultural Values training,
- SAMHSA Webinar: Abuse Prevention,
- Training on types of sexual abuse perpetrators by Dr. Barry Coyne.

Future Training. In September 2014, the Sex Abuse Treatment Center (SATC) will provide a general training in childhood sexual abuse to MCAPP and other service providers on island. This will enable MCAPP to provide the training to the general public, and to train youth in peer education development.

In October, Dr. Coyne will come to Moloka`i to provide two trainings to: 1) the general public (families and the MCAPP women's and men's groups will be invited), and 2) helping professionals. This education is intended to raise community awareness about the differences in sexual perpetrators, types of treatment needed, prognosis, and how communities can be prepared for reintegration.

## **Program Evaluation Research**

At this time we are continuing to gather and review the primary prevention research literature in childhood sexual abuse, and child abuse and neglect. We are in the process of determining what can be researched and what methodologies to utilize. MCAPP's efforts are taking shape, and becoming consistent; our activities need to be established well enough to measure impact. Therefore, we are steadily working to: 1) Strengthen, improve, and consistently provide primary prevention education; 2) outreach into communities with coalition-building activities; and 3) identify outcome indicators in order to measure impact.

## **ADDITIONAL ACCOMPLISHMENTS**

### **Renewed Funding through the Office of Hawaiian Affairs**

On July 21, 2014, the MCAPP team (Titi Hernandez, Kealoha Hooper, Kaipō Kukahiko and Paula Morelli), and kūpuna: Aunty Judy and Uncle Cappy met with Trustee Colette Machado at the Office of

Hawaiian Affairs Molokai office as a follow up to our request for continued funding, presented on February 3, 2014. Trustee Machado expressed particular interest in two areas:

1) Kupuna participation in primary prevention is important and valuable, therefore, they need some kind of compensation for travel expenses, and resources for ohana activities;

2) In order to continue the important work of kupuna, their training efforts should be developed into a formalized curriculum with training materials.

At the conclusions of the meeting, *Trustee Machado gave her approval for two additional years of funding (see letter of request).*

## **New MCAPP Team Members**

Six applicants applied for the *community organizer* position advertised in the Molokai Dispatch (see attached ad copy). After interviewing all applicants, the personnel committee selected *Ruth Kanani Costales*, who comes highly recommended with solid experience working within the community at the Molokai Middle School and providing home care. It is likely she will begin employment with us in September, due to the Child & Family Services employment processes, which includes federal clearance.

We have accepted a student intern who will be with us for the next year. *Nahe Kawano* is a graduate student residing in Moloka`i, completing her Master of Social Work degree at the UH Myron B. Thompson School of Social Work.

These individuals will make a positive difference in our ability to progress toward impact outcomes.

## **MCAPP Website Launched**

The MCAPP website is located at [www.mcsapp.org](http://www.mcsapp.org) (see website home page attached). It establishes the program's presence as a member of the primary prevention community in the State of Hawai`i, U.S., and internationally. The website will enable interested individuals and groups to better understand childhood sexual abuse, learn about the work we are doing, share resources, and become part of our coalition. As an extension of MCAPP's work, the website is meant to serve Moloka`i's communities, and rural communities statewide by providing a collection of resources and networking possibilities.

## **SUMMARY OF CURRENT & FUTURE DIRECTION**

As the MCAPP team continues to monitor evidence-based, relevant strategies in preventing child abuse and neglect, implement targeted primary prevention education strategies (theory of change), we simultaneously work to improve, innovate and collaborate with Moloka`i's communities. In the next two quarters we will increase outreach to schools, spiritual and special interest organizations; firmly establish the men's and women's coalition groups; provide more public education to raise awareness; and continue developing the research agenda. MCAPP is steadily increasing its presence and recognition in Moloka`i as a coalition-builder in the primary prevention of child abuse and neglect, a responsibility that requires consistent, continuous cultivation.