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COMMUNITY PARTNERS MAKE A DIFFERENCE



The Mediation Center is grateful to Hawaii Self Storage for the free storage unit in Pearl City.

Exactly three years ago the Mediation Center had the good fortune to become part of the Harry & Jeanette Weinberg Kukui Children's Center. Since that time we have enjoyed collaborating with fellow tenants to better serve the community and have benefitted from many wonderful opportunities made possible through the Community Partners Program (CPP) that was created by the Kukui Children's Foundation. Through this innovative program, donations of goods and services, as well as volunteer efforts, enable the organizations to work more efficiently, focus their resources on core services and serve even more children and families.

The Mediation Center is grateful to be part of the Kukui Center and receive the support of many generous community partners such as: Hawaii Self Storage for donating free storage space; HawaiiUSA Federal Credit Union for donating the use of their community room for trainings throughout the year; Arcadia Retirement Center for assisting with folding and preparation of large mailings; and the Kukui Children's Foundation Board of Directors for giving the Mediation Center and other tenants a 20% rent discount for the month of December!

MICHAEL NAUYOKAS INNOVATION AND EXCELLENCE IN MEDIATION ROOM

Michael "Mike" Nauyokas was a champion of mediation and the Mediation Center of the Pacific. He spent countless hours and financial resources to raise the bar on mediation and support and strengthen the services of the Mediation Center. To honor his work and maintain the momentum that he created in growing mediation in Hawaii, the Mediation Center of the Pacific is proud to announce the official opening of the **Michael Nauyokas Innovation and Excellence in Mediation Room**. The renovated room provides Skype and video conferencing capabilities, making mediation services more accessible for cases in which at least one party is off island, particularly in the areas of divorce, foreclosure and elder matters.



The creation of the room was made possible through generous contributions to the **Michael Nauyokas Fund** that was established in his memory. A reception thanking the donors who made the renovation of the room possible will be held on **Wednesday, January 16 at the Mediation Center from 5:30 - 7:00 p.m.** A special demonstration of a Skype mediation will be provided by mediator Giuseppe Leone who generously donated two days of training to the Mediation Center to share his expertise and best practices in working with Skype and mediation. Giuseppe has conducted more than 100 Skype mediation demonstrations involving mediators from 22 countries through a special "Virtual Mediation Lab" project sponsored by the Association for Conflict Resolution Hawaii.

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*HELPING PEOPLE TALK, REBUILD RELATIONSHIPS
AND RESOLVE CONFLICT CREATIVELY*



Strengthening Programs to Help Families & Children

2012 was another busy year for the Mediation Center. Between January 1 and December 4 more than 1600 cases were managed, including 235 divorcing couples finalizing the terms of their divorce and 109 unmarried couples creating co-parenting plans to support their children.

To ensure quality services were provided, the Mediation Center conducted fourteen different trainings and workshops for a total of 202 hours. Four of the trainings included newly developed curriculums to support the areas of: accelerated divorce for family law attorneys recruited to serve as mediators; comprehensive divorce for experienced divorce mediators; family conferencing to assist elders and their families; and judicial foreclosure mediation.



The Mediation Center is especially grateful to the many professionals who donated their time and expertise as presenters during the workshops and trainings. Their participation inspired the mediators, offered new insights and tools for successful mediating and raised the bar on the high quality of the trainings. The presenters, including judges, attorneys, private mediators, lenders, geriatric physicians,



professors and more, who donated their valuable time to support excellence in mediation at the Mediation Center include: Peter Adler; Judge Riki Amano (Ret.); Linda Anzai; John Barkai; Bruce Barnes; Daniel Bent; Dr. Patricia Blanchette; Judge Mark Browning; Kristin Bryant; Wendy Burkholder; David Chandler; Dawn Chang; Louis Chang; Jerry Clay; Linda Colburn; Michael Collins; Barbara Cook; James Cooke; Seth Corpus-Lahne; Chuck Crumpton; Joni Dominquez; William Darrah; Jerry Durham; Tom Farrell; David Franzel; Judge Hillary Gangnes; Jeff Gilbreath; Andrew Goff; Sonja Gonzaga; Connye Harper; Steve Hartley; Jim Hoenig; Frank Hogan; Arlynn Howell-Livingston; Jason Johnson; Miles Kimhan; Derek Kobayashi; Susan Ichinose; Hugh Jones; Keri Kalilikane; Susan Kroe-Unabia; Giuseppe Leone; Dee Dee Letts; Steve Levins; Alan Ma; Judge Victoria Marks (Ret.); Judge Linda Martell; Dr. Kamal Masaki; Bruce McEwan; Robin Stout Migala; Judge Marie Milks (Ret.); John Morris; Mei Nakamoto; Joyce Neeley; Cheryl Peterson; Leta Price; Randy Prothero; Judge Barbara Richardson; Dr. Craig Robinson; Adam Rosenberg; Wendy Saito; Tytina Smith; Donald Spafford; Clyde Tanaka; Marlynn Tanji; Beth Tarter; Jim Teson; Ryker Wada; Judge Paul Wong; and Beth Worrall-Daily. Mahalo to all!



New Programs & Partnerships Created in 2012



To address the growing backlog of cases at Family Court involving unmarried couples with children, in March the Mediation Center created an on-site court paternity mediation program. After four months, 79% of the cases resulted in written agreements and 96% of the participants reported that mediation was a useful process.

Comments about the Program included: "mediation was helpful and a great way to deal with uncooperative parents to reach a fair agreement."



In October, the Mediation Center joined EPIC, the Department of Education, Department of Health, Family Court, Department of Human Services and the Office of Youth Services on a new pilot project to assist youth in the child welfare system. Through the project, WRAP, the Mediation Center facilitates meetings involving the various partners, to develop plans for the provision of comprehensive services for youth and families who are or have been under the jurisdiction of Family Court, are at risk of Family Court involvement, or are served by more than one state, county or private agency.

These programs are just two examples of the many activities initiated and conducted by the Mediation Center's staff and volunteers over the year to better assist Hawaii's families and youth and help more people prevent and resolve conflicts peacefully.

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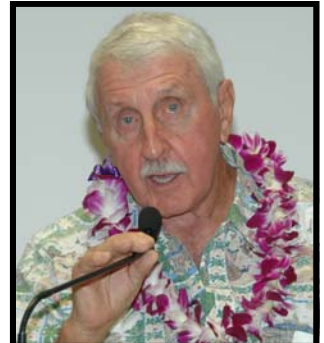
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Annual Holiday & Recognition Gathering

Every volunteer who helps the Mediation Center meet its mission is an unsung hero. Each year a few of these outstanding individuals who have gone “above and beyond” during the year are recognized. This year, the Mediation Center honored: **Mediators of the Year - Alan J. Ma and Kim Hasegawa; Apprentice Mediator of the Year - John Stallman; Special Mediator Recognition - Cynthia Alm and Charles H. Hurd; Distinguished Service - David Chandler; Marion Cornfield; Kenneth Goldblatt; Bruce McEwan; and Adrienne Valdez; Collaborative Law Firm - Schlack Ito LLC; Lawyer as Problem Solver - Craig Furusho; and Friend of the Center - James Hoenig.** Staff member **Nathan Nikaido**, Mediator & Program Development Manager, was also recognized for **30 Years of Committed Service** to the Mediation Center. Mahalo and Congratulations to all of the 2012 honorees!



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2013 TRAININGS & EVENTS

Michael Nauyokas Innovation & Excellence in Mediation Room Reception

Wednesday January 16, 5:30 - 7:00 p.m.

A Special Tribute to Mediator Visionary Mike Nauyokas
and Mahalo Reception for the Generous Donors Who Made the Creation of the Room a Reality

Basic Mediation Training

**February 1, 1:00 - 5:30 p.m.; Saturday February 2, 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.; and
Friday February 8, 1:00 - 5:30 p.m. and Saturday February 9, 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.**

or

Thursday October 24, Friday October 25 & Saturday October 26, 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

A three-day training that provides an introduction to a facilitative model of mediation including the core skills of effective listening, asking powerful questions, remaining impartial, interest identification, negotiation, agreement writing, ethical considerations and overcoming impasse. This training is a prerequisite for all other mediation trainings.

Cost: \$550

Advanced Mediation Training

**Friday March 1, 1:00 - 5:30 p.m.; Saturday March 2, 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.; and
Friday March 8, 1:00 - 5:30 p.m. and Saturday March 9, 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.**

or

Thursday November 14, Friday November 15 & Saturday November 16, 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

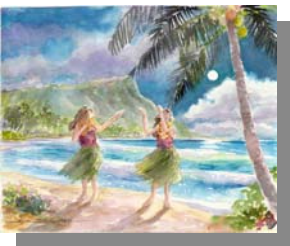
A three-day training that builds on core skills to provide additional tools of evaluation, negotiation, cultural diversity, multiple parties and managing challenges.

Cost: \$550

THE TRAINING FACULTY

The Mediation Center's training faculty is comprised of experienced mediators who mediate a broad variety of disputes including commercial, civil rights, divorce, family, special education and workplace. Their varied backgrounds as lawyers, professors and business consultants combined with their superior mediation and training skills, provide course participants with a wealth of information and professional experience.

**More Trainings and Workshops Will be Scheduled Throughout the Year
Contact nathan@mediatehawaii.org to register or for more information**



Under the Mediation Moon 6th Annual Fundraiser

Saturday May 4, 6:00 - 8:30 p.m.

Another Elegant Evening on the Great Lawn of La Pietra
Honoring the Pioneers of Mediation in Hawaii
Delectable Cuisine, Fine Wine and Great Camaraderie

Mark Your Calendars Now!



Every time someone in Hawai'i settles a dispute peacefully, everyone in Hawai'i benefits...