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21st Anniversary Annual Report

Many new and unexpected challenges face our world as we complete the first year of the 21st century. The national events of the past few months have had a telling impact on our country and our people. Many of us are taking a fresh look at our priorities and not surprisingly, families have taken on renewed importance.

In Hawaii, the stressful and unstable emotional climate is compounded by economic hardship due to the decline in tourism. The resulting loss of jobs has increased unemployment and financial problems for many already struggling island families.

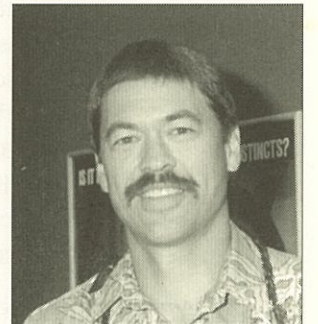
Maui Family Support Services will continue to assist families in meeting these new challenges by working to help parents create a stable and nurturing environment for their children, as we have for the past 21 years.

To achieve our goals, MFSS sponsors seven programs covering different aspects of child and family support. To encourage community understanding of these programs, this Annual Report Edition of *Family Matters* provides an overview of each program.

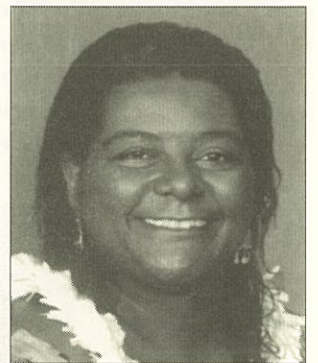
In providing the support that is needed, MFSS looks to you, the members of our community. We are asking for your generous contributions through a *Family of Friends* membership, to assist MFSS in building strong, self-reliant families which will ultimately benefit and enhance our entire community.

We wish to acknowledge all of you who have helped MFSS attain its excellent reputation as a caring and effective agency. Heartfelt appreciation goes to our hard-working, dedicated Staff and Board, as well as the Capital Campaign Cabinet and RSVP volunteers. We also wish to thank the many In-kind and Community Partnership donors, Family of Friends, Capital Campaign, and Major Financial Supporters.

We invite all of you to join us as we continue to work for a brighter future for the families of our islands.



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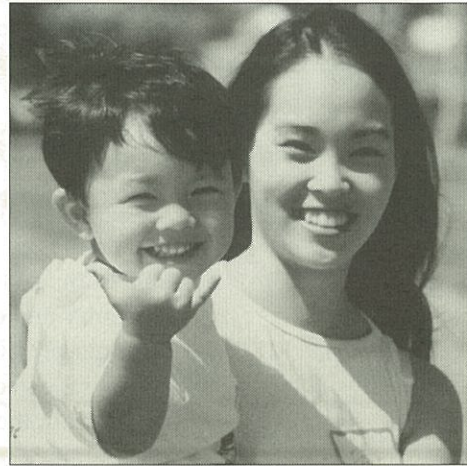
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Programs

Healthy Start

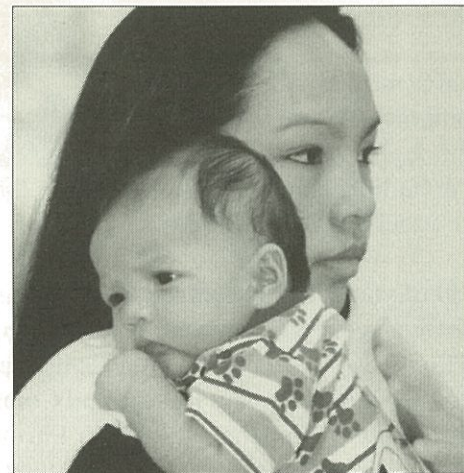
The Hawaii Healthy Start Program focuses on increasing parenting skills such as coping methods, the importance of nurturing and positive nonviolent discipline; teaching parents the stages of child development and methods of encouraging optimal development; assisting parents in learning to problem solve and access community resources to alleviate stresses such as domestic violence, homelessness and lack of health insurance.

Families may enroll during pregnancy or until the infant is 90 days old. Home based services are available on Maui and Lanai and may continue until the child is five years old.



"The program has helped to show me how much my child means to me and how much it takes to become a good mom, so she can count on me and her father for anything." Parent

"She (Home Visitor) has helped us in adjusting to our new roles as parents, learning what to expect in our baby's development - how to promote healthy learning and development, improving our communication skill - assist us in becoming better, more knowledgeable parents. She helped us find childcare, help with sorting out medical bills, immigration matters, whatever we needed help with, she provided information and follow up." Parent



Early Head Start (EHS)

Designed to enhance children's physical, social, emotional and cognitive development, EHS works to enable parents to be better caregivers of, and teachers to, their children. The program also works to assist parents in reaching their own goals, such as economic independence.

Available on Maui and Lanai with continuous enrollment, EHS is open to low income, pregnant women and families with children up to three years old.

"The Program helped me to be independent and to stand on my own, to be understanding, loving and caring to my child and encouraged me also to stand on my own, to be the best mom that I could be." Parent

"I learned how to teach my child things. Making sure my child is not too far behind with development" Parent

Community

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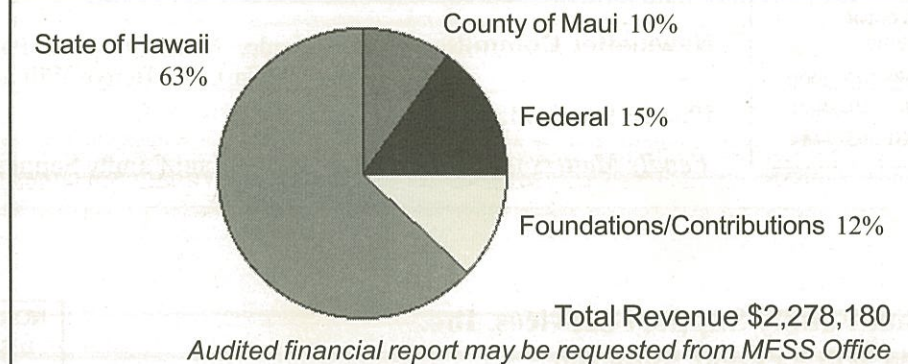
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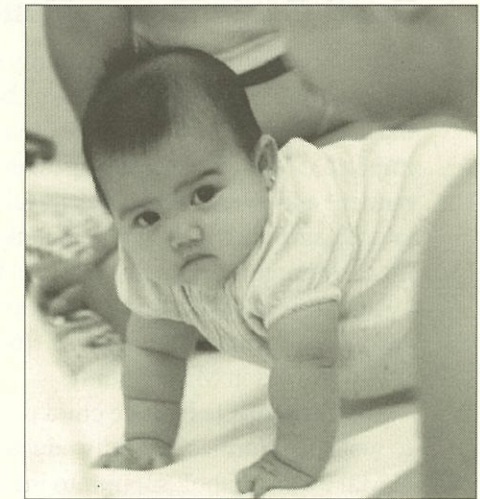
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Programs

Early Identification Team

Staff of the Early Identification (EID) team talk to all new parents who consent to assessments of their strengths, needs and concerns. The Team accepts referrals from physicians, professionals or other community resources.

When appropriate, the family may be offered MFSS home visitation services or other community resources.



Early Identification

EID Screenings 1,527
EID Assessments . . . 670
EID Admissions 274



"I am extremely grateful for the support we have received from MFSS. It is an excellent, invaluable program."
Parent

Family Focus

Available to any Maui family with one or more children up to the age of five, Family Focus is an early intervention program aimed at strengthening and supporting families. Assistance is provided through home visiting services and/or information and referral to additional community resources.

All Home Visiting Programs - FY 2001

Families Served 554 Children Serve 655
Families not Confirmed for Child Abuse and Neglect 93%

Family Profile

Age at Admission:
Mother age 20 and under . . 29.7%
Father age 20 and under . . . 17.3%

Education of Mother:
Neither High School
or GED graduate 24.3%

Employment:
Mother Employed 45.5%
Father Employed 75.7%

Geographic Location:
Central Maui 20%
Upcountry 57%
Kihei/South Maui 8%
Lahaina/West Maui 10%
Hana/East Maui 2%
Lanai 1%
Outside Maui or Lanai . . 2%

Ethnicity of Families:
(As defined by participants)
Hawaiian 38%
Filipino 22%
Caucasian 15%
Japanese 4.8%
Other Pacific Islanders 6.9%
Puerto Rican/Mexican/Hispanic 4.6%
Portuguese 3.7%
Other Asian 1%
Other Mixed 4%

Programs

Good Beginnings - Maui County

Good Beginnings - Maui County (A.K.A. Early Childhood Resource Team) believes that the early years of a child's life are critically important to his/her healthy growth and development and eventual success in school and later years. Therefore, the team, along with a local community council, strives to improve the availability, affordability and quality of early care and education for children from birth to five years old in Maui County.

Current projects include child care subsidies to working families, a family education project at Makawao School, support to informal child care providers, childbirth "reunion" classes, and assistance to preschools and family child care programs. For more information call the Good Beginnings office at 242-1608 or log on to: www.goodbeginningsmaui.org.



"Thank you for the services that you've given me. I don't know what I would have done without it. Parent

Good Beginnings - Maui County

Early childhood information sharing/referral contacts 450
 Parent education workshops 220 families
 Child care subsidy 21 children
 Child care subsidy (phone intakes and counseling) . . 322

Lanai Perinatal Services

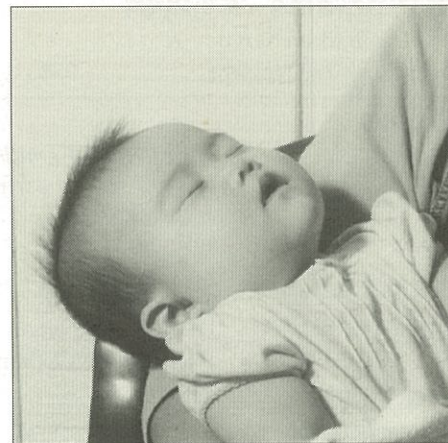
Women Served 12
 Age Range:
 15 yrs. 10 mos. - 41 yrs. 5 mos.

Lanai Perinatal Services

Due to the lack of birthing facilities on Lanai, the Perinatal Service has been designed to be available to all pregnant women on the island. Services include early identification of pregnancy, education about prenatal care and planning for birth, which are all essential for a healthy delivery.

Offering home visits, MFSS coordinates services with other care agencies, and addresses health risks that can be minimized through appropriate medical care.

Follow-up after birth involves teaching parents about child development, parenting skills, family planning and the importance of regular medical health visits.



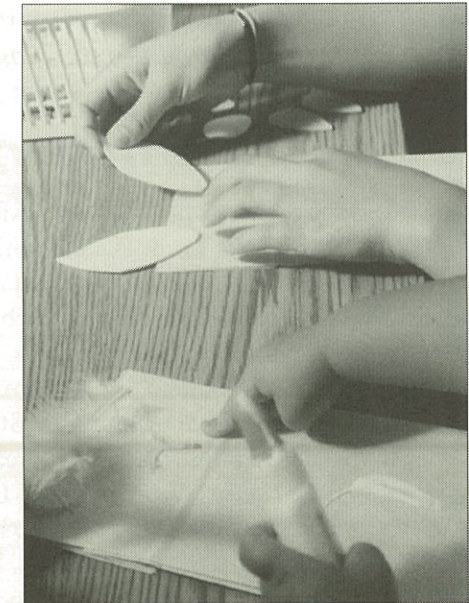
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Parents as First Teachers (PAFT)

The Parents As First Teachers (PAFT) program assists parents in their role as their child's first teacher. This is accomplished through parent education, training and developmental assessments.

Child development staff present training to MFSS Family Facilitators and prepares projects that promote parent-child interaction and benefit child development. Facilitators use these projects in their home visits, working directly with parents and children.

PAFT organizes a program of activities for Tots and Parents Day events, where families can socialize, share resources, provide support, discuss specific areas of parent/child interaction.



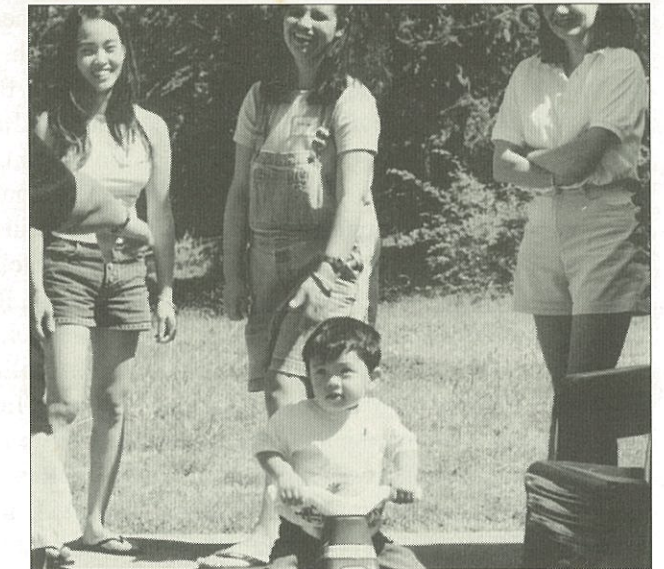
"The information on various stages of my baby's development and age has been helpful. I'm looking forward to learn how to fairly discipline him and reward him for his accomplishments." Parent

Parents as First Teachers

Contacts 2,035
 Parent-Child/Child Development Screens 652
 Training Sessions for Parents 35
 Developmental Delayed Infants and
 Toddlers Receiving Coordination 45

"I learned how to handle certain situations with my child ... It has helped me be a lot more loving, caring and understanding - more, and more educated in certain topics." Parent

"Clone (Home Visitor) and send her to every new parent on earth . . she is an angel!!" Parent



DID YOU KNOW...

A national study by the Children's Defense Fund found that Hawaii has the nation's highest percentage - 67.1 percent - of working mothers with children under 6 years old. The national average is 63.6 percent.

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From Barely Surviving to Super Achieving

Inchala Cadorna grew up in a family that lived on the fringe. Her mother abused alcohol and was subjected to ongoing physical injuries and trauma from an extremely abusive husband. Due to her mother's diminished capacity to care and nurture her children, Inchala and her brothers were handed off

from relative to relative. She grew up feeling abandonment, lack of self worth and became more and more resentful and openly rebellious.

In hope of a fresh start, Inchala's mother left her husband and moved the family to Oahu. Inchala was devastated by being uprooted from the only family and stability she knew. On Oahu, in an effort to survive a rough urban environment and fulfill a yearning for a sense of family, she became part of a gang. Inchala said, "By the time I was twelve, I was doing it all. I drank, smoked cocaine and had been to jail."

At eighteen, Inchala moved to Maui in hopes of a better life. Instead, her drug and alcohol dependency escalated and her life-style deteriorated. At twenty-two she had her first child, Maile. After two years of struggling with the pressures of being a new mother and continued addiction to drugs and alcohol, Inchala left little Maile in the care of the baby's father.

Five years later, pregnant again, Inchala was at a crossroads - wanting desperately to be a good mother and needing help to overcome her abusive life-style. After the birth of her new baby, Matthew, Inchala had a visit at the hospital from a Maui Family Support Services' staff member. She decided

to accept MFSS's offer to provide her with parental training and support services as part of the Family Focus Program, funded by Maui County. Skeptical and terrified of another failure, she gathered her strength to do what was right for her baby.

Four years, and a third child later, Inchala has worked diligently with her Family Focus facilitator, Claudia, to provide a safe and stable upbringing for her children.

Inchala is the first person in her family to graduate from high school. She also obtained her first driver's license and has received seven certificates for successfully completing Vitec and Comtech computer and accounting courses. After completing a 10 month employment

internship, she was hired by a local non-profit as an Administrative Assistant in charge of payroll, accounts payable and receivables, and managing the office. No longer dependent on welfare or food stamps, Inchala has been able to buy her first brand new car.

Inchala said, "I wanted to cry when Claudia told me I was ready to graduate from Family Focus. Claudia helped me learn how to be patient and to have goals in my life. She's always made a point of recognizing my strengths and the good things I do. I know when she says I'm a good mother, she means it. She's even helped me reestablish a relationship with my own mom." When asked what advice she thinks would most help other struggling single mothers, Inchala replied, "Don't give up, have faith and keep moving forward."



"Don't give up, have faith and keep moving forward." Inchala Cadorna

Community



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Maui Joins 1900 Communities Across America

Maui Family Support Services is proud to announce the 6th Annual "Maui Stands for Children" Rally and Celebration will be held from 11 am until 2 pm on Saturday, June 2nd at the Queen Kaahumanu Shopping Center in Kahului. Stand for Children Day began on June 1, 1996 when over 300,000 people gathered at the Lincoln Memorial in Washington, D.C. to show their concern for our nation's children and families. Maui Family Support Services led our community in coordinating the first Stand for Children event that same year. Since then, MFSS has continued to coordinate the event by forming a strong partnership with other nonprofit agencies and schools that contribute staff time to serve on the event planning committee.

On June 2nd, more than 30 of Maui's children, youth and family service groups will provide information and referral exhibits, interactive fun activities for children, public safety demonstrations, and nonstop entertainment for both children and adults. The Maui Stands For Children Rally and Celebration provides everyone with a unique forum to join together to express a common commitment for all children, and to learn how they can help local agencies make a difference for our children and youth.

This year's event is cosponsored by AlohaCare. The theme is "Building Our Voice and Vision for Children." Local efforts like Maui Stands For Children strengthen our community by educating families, neighbors and friends about the critical needs of children, and where they can go to get help, protection or services for children and families. Visioning a better world and standing up for children is something each one of us can do in our own small way; something we must do to secure the future for generations to come.



Autumn Taylor

Weinberg Foundation Honors MFSS

Autumn Taylor, a participant in Maui Family Support Services' Healthy Start Program recently spoke at an event held by The Harry and Jeanette Weinberg Foundation on Oahu. The purpose of the event was to provide recognition for leading nonprofit organizations, statewide, for their commitment and hard work in providing important services to the people of Hawaii.

Autumn gave an emotional and heartfelt testimony as she shared how grateful she was to receive support for her baby when she needed it, from the caring staff of the Healthy Start Program.

MFSS Board Vice President, Grant Howe, an attendee at the luncheon, expressed how much Autumn's story touched him saying, "As I heard Autumn tell her story and saw tears in her eyes, it reaffirmed my commitment for serving on the MFSS Board of Directors. It gives genuine assurance that the time spent volunteering as a board member is extremely worthwhile when you can see and hear that type of end result."

During the awards luncheon, Maui District Manager for the Weinberg Foundation, Dennis Iwasaka, made a presentation describing how he had selected and recommended MFSS to receive the special \$10,000 award from the Weinberg Foundation. Nineteen other Hawaii agencies also received similar awards.

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In Memory of Myra Nemet

We honor the memory of Myra Nemet, MSW, for her many contributions to the people of Maui, and for her vision and energy as cofounder and first Board President of Maui Family Support Services.

"How To" Leave a Legacy

At one time or another, many of us have seriously pondered how we can leave the earth a better place than we found it. People have a variety of sensible ways to protect their assets for use through their life, and to pass on what's left to make a difference for generations to come. Deferred gifts or endowments to a charitable nonprofit organization such as Maui Family Support Services help provide long term and stable funding to help further our work of strengthening families.

Gifts can be placed in a trust and include funds designated by the estate, mutual funds, securities, real property, and life insurance. "Planned Giving" is an exciting way to perpetuate your good work in the community both now and after your death, and can benefit you and your survivors with significant tax advantages.

MFSS is sponsoring an upcoming Planned Giving Seminar featuring Robin Johnson, Executive Director of the Malama Na Keiki Foundation. For more information about the free seminar call Sally Barron at 242-0900.

Capital Campaign Update

Heartfelt thanks to the many contributors who have provided tremendous support for MFSS' Capital Campaign. Listed below are contributors who have made donations since the release of our last newsletter.

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Spotlight

Congratulations to Cookie Chong Kee, MFSS staff member, for her promotion to Senior Family Facilitator in the Healthy Start Program. Cookie has been with MFSS for 12 years.