

# Family Matters



29th Annual Report 2009, Volume 12, Issue 2

- 2 New Board member / Staff Spotlight
- 3 Stand for Children / Note from Jani
- 4 Programs
- 7 Meet our staff
- 8 New Director of Development / Rotary Donation
- 9 United Way / Craft Fair / FABMAC
- 10 Financials
- 11 Family of Friends / Major Contributors
- 12 ShyAnn Pebria Continued



A United Way Agency

*"If we don't stand up for children, then we don't stand for much"* –  
Mirian Wright Edelman

From Our Board President – Dr. Michael E. Kim

## Maui Family Support Services Provides a "Safe Place"



The recession, layoffs, furloughs, pay cuts and funding cuts to non profit organizations— all are stressors occurring at a time when the need for programs like those provided by Maui Family Support Services are apt to increase.

It would be easy to focus on these difficulties and challenges, but I am always amazed and thankful for our staff and board who prioritize the children we serve above themselves. Children just don't understand the economy. They just want to be kids.

Noted children's educator and television host Fred Rogers reminded us in *Mister Rogers Talks with Parents*, that all children need and deserve a "safe place":

"The roots of a child's ability to cope and thrive, regardless of circumstance, lie in that child's having had at least a small safe place — an apartment, a room, a lap — in which, in the companionship of a loving person, that child could discover that he or she was lovable and capable of loving in return."

Our organization is proud to be that safe place. We remain committed to providing the building blocks of support that will strengthen our families and ensure the future of our next generation.

We wish to thank our staff, board, volunteers, donors and supporters for helping us through these difficult economic times. We are certain that, with your help, we will emerge stronger and even more effective in attaining our mission of service.

## MFSS Board Member Comes Full Circle

ShyAnn Pebria isn't interested in being a good mom. She will only settle for being "the BEST" mom to her two young children. And with the help of Maui Family Support Services, she is well on her way.

At age 24, ShyAnn has endured more than most of us can imagine. Yet despite enormous odds, today she serves on the MFSS Board of Directors, chairs the agency's Policy Council, works full time as a floor supervisor at Denny's restaurant and plans to attend college and work in Early Childhood Development. Don't bet against her.

"Both my parents were addicts and in and out of jail," she said. Her father is in federal prison on the Mainland for repeated felony offenses and her mother passed away under cloudy circumstances in 2006. Yet, she said, it was the highs and lows of her relationship with her mother that shaped her as an individual.

ShyAnn grew up in Honolulu and has six siblings who have three different fathers. As a small child, she would stay with her grandmother while her mother was out drinking and having brushes with the law. She said her mother would clean up, take ShyAnn back into her home and then relapse. "I remember waking up many times and having no idea where I was," she said.

At age 7, an event shocked her mother into turning ShyAnn and two sisters in to Child Protective Services. "She left me somewhere and I was molested," she said. Over the next six years, she would find herself in and out of six foster homes. Yet her love for her mother remained constant. "It was an instinct," she said. "I needed to be with her. Wherever she was, that was home."

When her mother was transferred to Maui Community Correctional Center, ShyAnn followed her to Maui. It seemed her mother's life might be  
*continued on page 12*



ShyAnn and Kekoa

# Williet “Poni” Medeiros Joins MFSS Board of Directors

As Community Parent Facilitator for the Kamehameha Schools Community Based Early Childhood Education Department, Williet “Poni” Medeiros knows the importance of providing opportunities for children and nurturing them at an early age.

In 2008, Poni decided to share that knowl-

edge and expertise and joined the MFSS Board of Directors.

In her role at Kamehameha, Poni works with approximately 200 families on Maui and Moloka‘i at four preschools serving as the community and parent resource person. She also works with 19 accredited preschools on Maui, assisting families who get a scholarship from Kamehameha for their child’s preschool tuition by providing parent workshops and information on other Kamehameha resources and enrichment programs.

“I am involved with a number of non profit agencies and programs that focus on early childhood education and services for families with young children and I was pleased when Jani Sheppard asked me to join the Board,” she said. “I know that MFSS provides excellent resources for so many people in our community and I wanted to help in any way I could.

“We are very pleased to have Poni on our Board,” said board president Dr. Michael Kim. “She knows the needs in the community and she has invaluable tools to help meet those needs. She has already shown that she is an excellent addition to our Board.”



Members of the Board of Directors of Maui Family Support Services welcomed Williet “Poni” Medeiros. Pictured are, left to right, ShyAnn Pebria, Thomas Douma, Poni, Grant Howe and Board President Dr. Michael Kim. Not pictured - James Geiger, Dr. Steve Clark, Calvin Nishimura and Debi Roling.

## Staff Spotlight

### Teen Voices, Fatherhood Involvement Team and Raising Our Keiki’s Keiki

Maui Family Support Services supports the entire family. In addition to providing services for new mothers, MFSS has developed programs to assist teens, fathers and grandparents raising their children.

Leinell Coloma-Nahoohikaika coordinates Teen Voices, which works to prevent unplanned pregnancies, offer prenatal and parenting support and prevent drug and alcohol abuse for teens age 11 to 19. The program offers “talk story” sessions after school for singles, couples and keiki.

Fatherhood Involvement Team (FIT) Coordinator Roy DeLyon supports dads and male caregivers who want to be an active, positive force in the lives of their children. Groups meet to learn personal and parenting skills, how to support moms and mothers to be, and how children grow and develop. Issues and challenges are explored to strengthen fathers’ skills they need to be positive role models for their children.

The challenges of today’s economy often force parents to make difficult choices regarding their families. More and more, grandparents find themselves raising

their grandchildren. Raising our Keiki’s Keiki (ROKK), coordinated by Patty Paranada, allows a forum for grandparents in this role to learn invaluable skills for parenting the second time around. Monthly group meetings focus on support and issues unique to this group including guiding them to make good choices, recognizing signs of substance abuse and more.

MFSS believes treating the whole family is the most effective way to prevent child abuse and neglect and strengthen the family. We wish to acknowledge Leinell, Roy and Patty for the outstanding work they do on behalf of the participants! MAHALO!



Dads on Display at the Third Annual Celebration of Fathers event held last June.

## A Big Thank You to Layne Campos

After six years on the MFSS Board of Directors, Layne Campos has decided to move on to support other causes.

“We wish to thank Layne for his service to our organization and the families we serve,” said MFSS CEO L. Jani Sheppard. “He has so much expertise and he has truly helped strengthen our services.”

Mr. Campos is Regional Executive and First Vice President of Maui and Molokai for American Savings Bank.

# Community Takes a “Stand For Children” at 14th Annual Rally

Maui Family Support Services sponsored the 14th Annual Stand for Children Rally and Celebration on September 20, 2009 at Queen Kaahumanu Shopping Center in Kahului.



*Keiki entertainers at the 14th Annual Stand for Children Rally in September*

these difficult economic times.” Community agencies, civic organizations and groups concerned with the well-being of children and families provided important information and child-friendly activities such as face painting, puzzles and artwork. There was a variety of free on-stage entertainment by local musicians and entertainers highlighting performances by children.

“We are proud to take this stand for children,” said event co-coordinator Roy DeLyon. “All children deserve the opportunity to grow up in an appropriate, nurturing environment. MFSS is honored to share this event with Maui.”

“The rally has continued to grow in popularity with more activities every year,” said event co-coordinator Leinell Colomana-Nahooikaika, MFSS Teen Services/Family Involvement Team Coordinator. “Our goal is to ensure that all children grow up healthy, educated and safe. This event showcases vital community resources that empower and strengthen families who may need assistance, especially in

The Stand for Children Campaign is a nationwide program that began in 1995 in Washington, D.C. and advocates for child care, schools and other essential programs that give children a fair chance in life.

*Thank you to the following for being a part of this annual rally:*

Hula Halau Na Kamalii A Ke Akua,  
Kumu Hula Tommy & Noe Akima  
Magician, Lauro Castillo Jr.  
Zenshin Daiko Drummers,  
Anthony "Tony" Jones  
Rio Maui Training Center Capoeira

## *Participating Agencies/Schools/Programs:*

Family Planning Education Services  
Malama I Ke Ola WIC Program  
Friends of the Children's Justice Center  
FABMAC Homes  
MEO Head Start Pre-School & Kahi  
Kamalii Infant/Toddler Center  
St Anthony Pre-School  
Maui Family YMCA  
Haleakala Waldorf School  
TIFFE  
Kamehameha Maui Pre-Schools  
Island Warriors Freestyle Fighting  
Academy  
Maui METH Project  
Child & Family Services  
(Lahaina) Kamaaina Kids Pre-Schools &  
Infant/Toddler Centers  
Hui Malama Learning Center  
Maui Elite Gymnastics Academy (MEGA)  
IMUA Family Services  
MPD Community Relations



*L. Jani Sheppard, CEO*

## *A Note from Jani...*

# MFSS Is Moving Forward

The closure of the Healthy Start program has been very disappointing to the staff, board and participants of Maui Family Support Services. This disappointment stems from the knowledge that the safety and welfare of our children has been placed as a low priority. Despite this situation the Board of Directors and staff of MFSS have continued every effort to support our mission to strengthen families and ensure children are safe and healthy. Our mission is not based on a brand name, but on a commitment to the children and families of our community to provide evidenced based services that work.

We appreciate each one of you who has stuck with us during this journey of hope. We want to send out a big Mahalo to our various funders who have made it possible to continue serving children and families including the County of Maui, national and local foundations like the Fred Baldwin Memorial Foundation, Administration for Children and Families, the Department of Human Services and individual donors. Without your support,

we could not continue to provide services to children and families in need while we work to secure additional resources.

As we continue to move forward we ask for your help in maintaining our mission. Please advocate for child abuse prevention and home visiting funds on both the State and Federal levels. Your voice is needed now more than ever to speak up for the children in our community. We believe in the strength in the families we serve, the generosity of our community, and the power of many voices joined together. These challenging times will pass but our children and families will still be here and so will we---still caring, still serving.

Mahalo for your kind support and have a peace-filled holiday season!



## Early Head Start

Early Head Start offers services for infants and toddlers through home-based and center-based options, which are family oriented and family driven. The program supports families by providing quality child care and child development services at no cost to parents so parents can work or attend school and become self-sufficient. The Early Head Start program is funded by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Administration for Children and Families and the County of Maui.

### EHS Home-Based

The Home-Based option offers weekly home visits and twice monthly group activities to support families and children. Prenatal services are provided to expectant mothers and fathers, promoting healthy pregnancies and supportive postpartum care for the parent and child. The program helps the families to connect with services they may not otherwise access. With continuous enrollment, the EHS Home-Based option is open to income-eligible, pregnant women and families with children up to age thirty-six months,

including children with special needs. Contact Kuuipo at 242-0900 ext. 236.

### EHS Child Development Program

The Center-Based, *Kupukupu* Program offers a Child Development and Child Care Center and newly-remodeled playground. Kupukupu means “surge forth and grow, such as a young fern.” The Kupukupu Program is offered for income-eligible children six weeks to age thirty-six months, whose parents are working or going to school. MFSS thanks the Harry and Jeanette Weinberg Foundation, which has provided a \$100,000 Endowment Fund, exclusively for maintenance and repair of the Child Development Center building.

The program has also received funding from the County of Maui, Harry and Jeanette Weinberg Foundation, Hotel Industry Funds (Charity Walk) and community contributions. Contact Denise at 242-0900 ext. 259.

## Fatherhood Involvement Team

MFSS believes in providing programs and services that benefit and strengthen the entire family.

The Fatherhood Involvement Team (FIT) promotes the role of males in the lives of their Keiki by providing group presentations and activities to fathers and male caregivers of all ages, with children of all ages, or fathers-to-be.

Services provide one-on-one and group support, information on healthy relationships, communication skills, increasing positive peer relations, parenting, child development, pregnancy prevention, and sexual health. Services are free, confidential and voluntary.

Fathers and their Keiki attended the MFSS Fatherhood Celebration last June at Queen Kaahumanu Shopping Center. Dads from Maui County were honored for working to serve as role models for their children. Contact Roy at 242-0900 ext. 279.

## Teen Voices

Teen Voices provides free and confidential “talk story” sessions for youth ages 11 to 19 and addresses relevant teen issues through group presentations to school health classes, after school programs, youth groups and other service programs. Services are designed to prevent teen pregnancy and to provide pregnant and parenting teens with skills needed to raise safe and healthy children.



Groups are also held by Teen Voices at the MFSS office, or excursions to other locations, such as the beach, and include snacks and great information! Topics include early childhood development and parenting skills, strengthening life skills, communication skills, increasing knowledge of drug use prevention, increasing positive peer relations and influences, promoting healthy lifestyle choices and reproductive health information for prevention of pregnancy and sexually transmitted infections (STI). Contact Leinell at 242-0900 ext. 266.

## Outreach and Resource Specialists (OARS)

When a child is born at Maui Memorial Medical Center (MMMC), MFSS interviews new parents and provides critical resource and referral information to the family on child care, food and shelter and other basic needs.

The mother and other family members are invited to meet with our highly-trained Outreach and Resource Specialists. In a non-threatening manner, family members are asked questions and talk story about family and child needs as well as family issues. Families are offered MFSS services as well as those offered by other community resources.

MFSS has provided this service for 20 years. The two staffers who conduct the interviews have a combined total of 29 years in the program. Hospital staff and new parents consistently share how vital they believe this program to be.

Our organization is working hard to dispel the old, common saying, "Babies don't come with an owner's manual." On Maui, they do, and we provide it.

The "Keiki 'O Hawaii" publication, developed by the Hawaii Department of Health, provides invaluable information tracking the safety, development, health, nutrition, emotional and physical development and family interaction of the child in monthly increments from birth through age three. Parents are given information to measure their child's progress against minimum standards developed through years of research and practice.

Last year, the economic downturn took its toll when funding for programs in Maui County were cut. The MFSS Board of Directors stepped forward, working with staff to find additional resources to keep the program afloat through the end of the year. Contact Michelle at 242.0900 ext 265.

## Enhanced Healthy Start

Enhanced Healthy Start is an early intervention program for families with children up to three years old. Services are provided at least once a week, with a visit by one or more members of our team in the family's home, foster homes, group homes and/or emergency shelters. A Home Visitor, a Registered Nurse, a Mental Health Specialist, and a Supervisor comprise a team of professionals to ensure that each family receives supportive services and information regarding their child's health and development, healthy relationships, mental health issues, alcohol and drug use/abuse and intimate partner violence. Team members coordinate with other agencies to avoid duplicative services

and provide a safety net for the families. The program is funded by the State of Hawaii, Department of Human Services and community contributions. Contact Daphne at 242-0900 ext. 241.



## Good Beginnings

Good Beginnings, in conjunction with Maui County's Early Childhood Resource Coordinator, works to provide a coordinated, early care and education system for young children, birth to age eight years old.

Good Beginnings is guided by a comprehensive plan under the leadership of the Good Beginnings Community Council. The Council includes fifteen members who represent various Maui programs that work with families of young children.

Located at 251 Napua St. in Wailuku, the Good Beginnings Maui County Early Childhood Resource Center provides resource and referral information to families on early childhood topics, including child care subsidy programs. It facilitates the Maui County Child Care Subsidy program for working families who do not qualify for other assistance programs due to income limits.

Good Beginnings, in partnership with over 50 other early childhood agencies, coordinated registration for Dolly Parton's Imagination Library free book program in Maui County. Children ages birth to 4 1/2 years and living on Maui, Molokai or Lanai can register through Good Beginnings or one of their partnering agencies to receive one free hardcover book each month until they reach the age of five.

Good Beginnings also sponsors a family child interaction learning program at Makawao School for children one to four years old and their parents or caregivers. The Program also collaborates with the Department of Education to provide Summer Transition to Kindergarten classes for children who have had little or no preschool experience. Contact Kelsey at 242-1608.

# Raising Our Keiki's Keiki

Raising Our Keiki's Keiki (ROKK) is a support group for grandparents who are raising or caregivers to their grandchildren. The program provides support for grandparents who are facing the many challenges and joyous moments that come with parenting the second time around.

Monthly meetings focus on providing support for grandchildren, access to community resources, education on drug abuse prevention and dealing with the highs and lows of parenting in today's world. Contact Patty at 242-0900, ext. 270.



## Ohana Support Services



The Ohana Support Services Team provides a number of critical programs that strengthen the family. Among the team's services and activities:

**Home Visiting** – Ohana Support Services features Child Development Specialists and Clinical Specialists who serve pregnant women and families with infants less than three years old on to enhance parenting skills, promote bonding and attachment and healthy child development and improve family support systems. These and other highly trained staff focus on identifying families at risk for child abuse and neglect. Over the past four years, there has been no abuse reported for more than 99% of families enrolled in the program for one year.

**Groups** – A number of group activities and programs address specific family challenges:

**KULIA** uses the art of Hula to focus on support for families interested in Hawaiian cultures and practices. Topics include ohana family strengthening, being pono, (doing what is right) and understanding the Hawaiian language. Contact Makana at 242.0900, ext. 246.

**GROWING INFANTS GROUP (GIG)** is a "how to" program that stresses learning and doing together for care givers and infants. Topics such as health and wellness, parenting and playing and growth and development are addressed in monthly meetings. Contact Darlyn at 242.0900, ext.282.

**"MEET ME IN THE PARK"** is a play group for toddlers age one to three years that meets monthly at Keopuolani Park in Central Maui and at Kalama Park Playground in Kihei. This group encourages parent and child interaction promoting early childhood learning through cognitive, social and physical play. Contact Darlyn at 242.0900, ext. 282.

**SUPPORT FOR PARENTS OF TWINS (SPOT)** addresses the special joys and challenges associated with raising twins, triplets and other multiple births. The group meets at the MFSS office monthly to provide parenting tips, meet and share experiences with other parents. Contact Edel at 242-0900, ext. 227.





# Meet our MFSS Staff



(L to R) Jani Sheppard, CEO; Doris MacFarlane, Director of Finance; Zina Andrade, Administrative Supervisor; Edeluisa Baguio-Larena, Early Head Start (EHS) Director; Cynthia Koziolas, Director of Clinical Services; Daphne Ladia, Family Support Services (FSS) & Enhanced Healthy Start (EnHS) Administrative Coordinator; Scott Broadbent, Director of Development



(L to R) Robin Dickson, Data Management Assistant; Anita Romena, Program Assistant; Daisy Butay, Accounting & I/T Specialist; Debbie Butay, Accounting Specialist; Michelle Pietsch, OARS Clinical Supervisor; Mei Amuro, Outreach and Resource Specialist (OARS); Cindy Coleman-Jakubczak, OARS; Darlyn KinChoy, Child Development Specialist



(L to R) Leinell Coloma-Nahooikaika, Teen Services/Fatherhood Involvement Team (FIT) Co-Coordinator; Roy DeLyon, FIT Co-Coordinator; Patty Paranada, Raising Our Keiki's Keiki (ROKK); Kuuipo Gonsalves, EHS Home-Based Coordinator; Cyntia Pennington, Parent/Child Educator (PCE); Makana Garaganza, PCE; Alethea Lee, Parent & Community Partnerships/Disabilities Coordinator



(L to R) Denise Miya, EHS Center-Based Program Supervisor; Rosa Alvarez, Caregiver; Jeannine Gines, Caregiver; Elisa Leialoha, Caregiver; Michelle Mayo, Caregiver; Arnedo Wilson, Caregiver



(L to R) Glenna Okamura, EnHS Clinical Supervisor; Kathi Jones, Registered Nurse; Raenelle Coloma, Family Support Worker (FSW) II; Gina Santos, FSW II; Jennifer Valdez, FSW II; Nicole Shea, FSW;



(L to R) Ave Diaz, FSS Clinical Supervisor; Tammy Ruiz, Family Facilitator (FF), Kehau Kaleiohi, FF; Renee Morris, FF; Kelsey Reyes, Good Beginnings Project Specialist

Missing Photos: Ken Gonzales, Molokai Registered Nurse; Cora Schnackenberg, Molokai Mental Health Specialist; Arlene Tendo, Parent/Child Educator; Nora Etrata, Lana'i Staff; Shirley Burrows, Molokai Staff; Corrine Young, Molokai Staff; Chantel Pacheco-Teeter, Caregiver; Toni Rodrigues, Mental Health Specialist, Melanie Padgett, Good Beginnings Project Specialist



## New Director of Development Joins Staff

Scott Broadbent has joined MFSS as Director of Development. He will work with the Board of Directors, staff and volunteers on a number of fund raising and community relations initiatives to raise awareness of MFSS programs and services and to develop new resources for agency support.

“We are planning to develop an individual gifts program and initiate opportunities for donors to remember MFSS in their estates,” he said. In addition, Scott plans to develop and implement a “signature special event,” surface and solicit new grants and implement an Annual Campaign.

“I am so impressed with the staff and board at MFSS,” said Scott. “We believe that getting the word out about our incredible programs will lead to a dramatic increase in contributions. Everyone wants to eliminate child abuse and neglect and strengthen families. That is what MFSS has done for nearly 30 years.”

Before coming to MFSS, Scott worked in fund raising, marketing and communications for five years for the ten campuses of the University of Hawaii system, with the UH Foundation. Prior to that, he spent nearly 20 years with the March of Dimes, Easter Seals and the United Way in California.



## Rotary Club of Maui Donates \$1,000 to MFSS



“Chefs on the Beach” Event Raises Funds for Maui Charities

The Rotary Club of Maui held its second annual “Chefs on the Beach” fund-raising event on May 30, 2009 as a way to support several worthy Maui non-profits who work to improve the lives and well being of our greater Maui’ohana.

Maui Family Support Services received a generous \$1,000 contribution from the event.

“We are deeply honored the Rotary Club of Maui has chosen to support children and families served by our agency,” said Jani Sheppard, CEO of MFSS. “Rotarians understand the importance of family to the overall health of our society. They have always been there for children and we truly appreciate their efforts.”

The event was a casual-elegant afternoon “Chef’s Festival” held at Joe Sugarman’s Honua Kai Lani beach estate in Makena. Sugarman donated the use of his property for this event in support of the Maui non-profit community.

Participants enjoyed lunch and beverages prepared by chefs from some of Maui’s premiere restaurants, live entertainment and the company of family, friends and colleagues.

The funds were raised through ticket sales and a silent auction.



## Craft Fair At Napili Plaza Benefits MFSS

A great way to support MFSS is to do a little shopping at the MFSS Craft Fair at Napili Plaza.

Sponsored by MFSS, a storefront at Napili Plaza allows visitors and Kama Aina the opportunity to browse and shop for a variety of arts and crafts with a portion of the proceeds benefiting our agency. The Craft Fair is held Mondays, Wednesdays and Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

For more information, Call Scott at 242.0900, extension 226.



## Maui United Way Continues Its Critical Support



The Maui United Way continues to be an important contributor to MFSS. "We are so pleased to be a Maui United Way agency," said CEO L. Jani Sheppard. "Not only do they assist us with fund raising, they raise our profile in the community allowing us to tell the MFSS story so families are aware of the services and how we can support them."

In addition to designated donations, Maui United Way also provides an allocation of its general fund to MFSS through a grant application process. For the last two years, that grant has exceeded \$10,000. Since 2000, total contributions to MFSS through grants and donations have exceeded \$60,000.

## FABMAC Homes Donates \$500 Per Sale



*Francesca Carey, President of FABMAC Homes, recently announced that FABMAC homes would donate \$500 to MFSS for every home sold. Pictured at the recent Stand for Children Rally at Queen Kaahumanu Shopping Center are, left to right, Honorable Maui Mayor Charmaine Tavares; Roy DeLyon, MFSS Fatherhood Involvement Team(FIT) Co-Coordinator; Francesca Carey; L. Jani Sheppard, MFSS CEO; and Leinell Coloma-Nahooikaika, MFSS FIT/Teen Services Co-Cordinator.*

## FINANCIAL POSITION

### Assets

Cash	1,419,341
Accounts Receivable	309,737
Prepaid Expenses	19,239
Deposits	1,905
Net Property & Equipment	1,376,100
Land	623,099
Deffered Annuity	300,000
Long-Term Investment	407,831
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$4,457,252</b>

### Liabilities

Accounts Payable	27,647
Payroll Liabilities	157,266
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$184,913</b>

### Net Assets

Unrestricted	3,448,402
Temporarily Restricted	523,937
Permanently Restricted	300,000
<b>Total Net Assets</b>	<b>\$4,272,339</b>

**Liabilities & Net Assets \$4,457,252**

## PROGRAM REVENUE

Federal	553,399
State	1,672,619
County	198,493
Fundraising	39,602
Foundations	199,604
Interest	12,805
Other	22,832
<b>Total Operating Income</b>	<b>\$2,699,354</b>

## MFSS REACHED MORE THAN 2,500 FAMILIES IN 2009

## STATISTICS

### Early Head Start

Children Served	90
Pregnant Women Served	12
Medical Home	101
Parenting Education	72
Preventive Dental Services	87
Fatherhood Involvement	29

### Health Education, including

<b>Prenatal education</b>	72
---------------------------	----

### Good Beginnings Maui County

Phone intakes – Counseling – Referrals	424
Families enrolled in GB at Makawao School	73
Children received financial assistance for childcare/preschool	24
Childre enrolled in Summer Transition to Kindergarten classes	80
Parents/Caregivers attended work-shops co-sponsored by GB	101

### Outreach & Resource Specialists (OARS)

Screenings	1138
Assessments	562
Admissions	95

### Teen and Fatherhood Services

Teens Served	506
Attended Celebration of Fathers	126
Outreach Education	519

### Child Development Services

Developmental Screens	485
Families referred to CDS	53
Participants attended Family Day events	285

### Healthy Start and Enhanced Healthy Start

Families Served	455
-----------------	-----

Families NOT Confirmed for Child Abuse and Neglect 99%

### Ethnicity of Families:

(As defined by Participants)

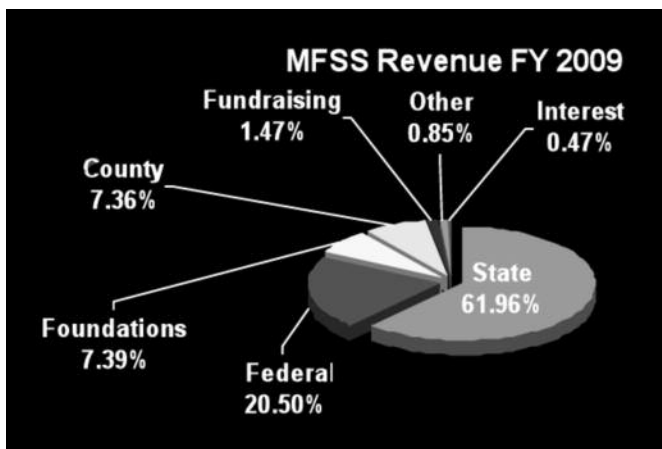
Hawaiian	38.90%
Caucasian	14.07%
Filipino	13.41%
Micronesian	7.69%
Mexican	5.05%
Other Hispanic	4.84%
Other Pacific Islander	4.62%
Native American	3.30%
Japanese	2.20%
Other Mixed	1.96%
African American	1.10%
Other Asian	.88%
Korean	.66%
Samoan	.44%
Puerto Rican	.44%
Chinese	.22%
Unknown	.22%

### Where Mother Is:

Neither a HS or GED graduate	27.47%
Age 20 and under	31.42%

### Employment Status:

Mother Employed	38.46%
Father Employed	39.95%



# MAHALO - The Family of Friends

Jonathan Acosta  
Cally Adams, DDS  
Ale House Restaurant & Sports Bar  
Aloha Flooring & Window  
Covering, Inc.  
Aloha International Employment,  
Inc.  
Aloha Mixed Plate  
Stanley and Vicky Andrade  
Patty Angulo  
Nicole Apoliona  
Linda Arcangel  
Atlantis Adventures  
Atlantis Submarines Maui  
Edel Baguio-Larena  
Francisco Balberdi, Jr.  
Dolly Bargamento  
Kuulei Barido  
Anne & Mike Barnett  
Heather Bejaneru  
Bentos and Banquets  
Joan S. Berman  
Jeny Bissell  
Robert & Ann-Marie Bjornson  
Mr. & Mrs. Stephen Blessman & Ben  
Blessman  
Luise Braun  
Daisy Butay  
Debbie Butay  
Cindy Campbell  
Layne Campos  
Patty Chaney  
Janet Chou  
Kenneth J. Chong Kee  
Sean and Christine Christianson  
Nancy Ciullo  
Steve E. Clark, MD  
Cindy Coleman-Jakubczak  
Condominium Rentals Hawaii  
Vicky Conmy  
Sarah Cordeiro  
Marcella Corell  
Brenda Dix  
Susan Douglas  
Thomas J. Douma  
Ergo Baby, Inc  
FABMAC Homes  
Jason Figueria  
Sharon Fillizar  
MaryAnne Fitch  
Mr. & Mrs. Lawrence Franco

Stan and Stephanie Franco  
Jolanta Frazier  
Freedom Express Clown  
Bonnie Friedman  
Hilary & Karen Freitas  
Frogman Charters  
Audrey Gallagher  
Vicky Garaganza  
James W. Geiger  
Shental Gerard  
Julie Glick  
Robert & Carlotta Glick  
Juliet Green  
Lois Greenwood  
Alyce B. Haines Rev Trust  
Gregg Haines  
Haleakala Waldorf School  
Melissa Hashimoto-Binkie  
Hawaiian Breeze Solutions  
Honolulu Community Action  
Program, Inc  
Grant Howe  
Jennifer Hunt  
Ann and Joe Jalbert  
Carla and Billy Jalbert  
Pete Jalbert  
Alvin Jardine  
Mary Blaine Johnston  
Marsha Jones  
Dr. Patricia Jones  
Marlene and Thomas Jones of  
Haiku Pharmacy  
Robert and Sharron Joseph  
James and Brenda Kauhi  
Linda Mae Kamau  
Kea Lani Hotel  
Jody Kele of Simply Pretty  
Calina Kent  
John Kerr  
Mary Kerstulovich  
Mr. & Mrs. Paul Kiang  
Samantha Kihara  
Wendy Kihara  
Dominic and Darlyn Kin Choy  
Kiwanis Club of Kahului  
Michael E. Kim, MD  
Thelma Kocivar  
Alejandro Koziolas  
Julia Kusumoto  
Christine Labanan A'ilina Laborte  
Labrenz Family Trust

Daphne Ladia Cane  
Lahaina Sugar Train  
Synneve & Mike Leake  
Elisa Leialoha  
Govinda Leopold  
Maalea Waterfront Restaurant  
Todd and Doris MacFarlane  
Macy's West  
Makena Beach & Golf Resort  
Martha Martin  
Christi Masters  
Maui Arts & Cultural Center  
Maui Classic Charters  
Maui Human Society  
Maui Ocean Center  
Maui Prince Hotel  
Maui Tacos  
Maui Tropix  
Mayor Arakawa Community  
Kokua Fund  
Williet "Poni" Medeiros  
Bobby Mihaia  
Judy Mikami  
Priscilla Mikell  
Deanna Mirzai-Nagasaka  
Fred Miya  
Edwin Muroki  
Mr. & Mrs. Daniel Nakamura  
Office of the Mayor  
Glenna Okamura  
Old Lahaina Luau  
Pacific Whale Foundation  
Paragon Sailing Charters  
ShyAnn Pebria  
Polli's Mexican Restaurant  
Michele & Michael Porter  
Quiznos  
Andrea Reeves  
Patricia Relles  
Jeanne and Jim Riley Foundation  
Barry Rivers  
Kiva Rivers  
Stella Rivers  
Teresa Rizzo  
Debi Roling  
Rotary Club of Maui  
Jeannette Rucci  
Gary and Edy Salenger  
Rhonda Sanchez  
Cecilia Santos Bras  
Lynne Schildmeyer

Greg Schneider  
Jeff Seckler & Sherwin Williams  
Jeffy Shadd  
Jani Sheppard  
Kent & Polli Smith Fund  
Leslie Mackenzie Smith  
Patricia Sparks  
Jack Spock of Maui Job Corps  
Craig and Dawn Stephens  
Chuck Stokesberry  
Mele Stokesberry  
Myrna A. Stone  
Lynne Story  
James Takamiya  
Sandy Taniguchi & Alana Chun  
Jayme Tamaki  
Kea Tanabe  
Jennifer Tanaka  
Barbara Tanner  
Bruce Taylor and Lise Stevens  
Donnelle Terracina  
The Keiki Store  
Claudia Thompson  
Judy Thompson  
Wendy Tolentino  
Allison Torcuato  
Triology Excursions  
Lorene Ulangca  
Upcountry Plumbing & Repairs  
Louise Varnas  
Leanne Ventura  
Susan Ventura  
Fallon Victorine  
Wailea Old Blue Golf Club  
Donelle Williams  
Curtis and Sarah Wong  
Norine Wong  
Stella S. Yamamoto

## MAHALO - Major Contributors

Alexander & Baldwin Properties  
Atherton Family Foundation  
Bendon Family Foundation  
Big K-Mart  
County of Maui  
Festival Retail Fund/Napili Plaza  
Fred Baldwin Memorial Foundation  
Good Beginnings Alliance  
Kiwanis Club of South Maui  
Hawaii Children's Trust Fund  
Hawaii Community Foundation  
Hawaii Hotel Industry Foundation  
Mark & Debi Roling Charitable  
Foundation Trust  
Maui Police Department

Maui United Way  
National Fatherhood Initiative  
Okumura Family Foundation  
Samuel N. & Mary Castle Foundation  
State of Hawaii, Department of  
Education  
State of Hawaii, Department of  
Human Services  
State of Hawaii, Office of  
Community Services  
The Harry & Jeanette Weinberg  
Foundation  
U.S. Department of Health &  
Human Services

Family Matters is published  
twice a year by Maui  
Family Support Services,  
Inc.

### Maui

Phone: (808) 242-0900  
Fax: (808) 249-2800

### Lana'i

Phone: (808) 565-7484  
Fax: (808) 565-7484\*82

### Moloka'i

Phone: (808) 553-8114  
Fax: (808) 553-8115

Please inform MFSS of name  
and/or address changes. Please let  
us know if you wish to be  
removed from our mailing list, or if  
you wish to receive this newsletter  
by e-mail.



changing. Her mother was released, became a Christian, married and won custody of her daughter.

But she soon relapsed and ShyAnn began to follow the same path. "I was rebellious," she said. "I was angry and couldn't understand why she chose drugs and alcohol over me." ShyAnn began drinking and partying, too. "I was sad," she said. "I just never seemed to fit in anywhere."

During a period of sobriety, ShyAnn's mother had befriended a young man who had been down on his luck and had also endured a troubled childhood. "My mom introduced me to my baby's future father," she said. ShyAnn and Ryan Miguel have been together ever since.

On their own at age 17, the couple tried to make their way in the world. They had nothing but each other. For two months, they lived in their car while Ryan worked days painting houses and nights as a security guard. Finally, they saved enough money, sold their car and rented a small cottage. By age 18, ShyAnn was pregnant.

When ShyraRose was born at Maui Memorial Hospital in 2004, ShyAnn remembers talking with someone from an agency about her new baby and her circumstances, but she did not

pursue services. "We didn't want to go on welfare or get help," she said. It wouldn't be until her second child was born two years later that she would connect with the agency that would become her passion – Maui Family Support Services. "When Kekoa was born, an MFSS Early Head Start Parent-Child Educator spoke with me again," she said. This time, ShyAnn signed up for the agency's home-based services.

Almost immediately, she said, her family's fortunes began to turn around. Her counselor gave her important tips on everything from how to hold and nurture her baby to the importance of providing nutritional food. "Sometimes, she would even go to the food bank and bring me a box of food," said ShyAnn. She learned about other important programs and services at MFSS and resources in the community.

"Finally, we had stability," said ShyAnn. "MFSS put us on track. They taught us to set positive, reachable goals." Ryan became a full-time union painter and when Kekoa began attending the MFSS child development center, ShyAnn was able to go to work full-time at Denny's.

But she wanted to give back. "I was so impressed with MFSS," she said. "They

answered my questions before I even asked. I was amazed." She had heard about the MFSS Policy Council which works with staff to assure parent involvement in policy-making decisions. After joining the group, "She really blossomed," said MFSS Early Head Start Director Edel Baguio-Larena. "At first, she was pretty quiet but before long, she was very active and involved."

In 2007, ShyAnn became chair of the council. MFSS Chief Executive Officer L. Jani Sheppard was so impressed with her determination and abilities, she began talking with ShyAnn about joining the agency Board of Directors. ShyAnn joined the board in 2008.

"MFSS helped me through some very difficult times," she said, including the sudden, tragic death of her mother. "This organization has been a big stepping stone for me and my family. Change is scary, but it's good when it's positive and when you are in the right place with good people. With the help of MFSS, Ryan and I have committed to being very active in the lives of our children. We are very happy together. Life is good."

**We are pleased to share that ShyAnn Pebria has been elected to the Board of Directors of the Head Start Association of Hawaii. She will serve as the Early Head Start Parent Representative. CONGRATULATIONS SHYANN!**

**Board of Directors:**

Michael E. Kim, MD, President  
Grant E. Howe, Vice President  
James W. Geiger, Secretary  
Steve E. Clark, MD, Treasurer  
Thomas J. Douma  
Williet "Poni" Medeiros  
Calvin Nishimura  
ShyAnn Pebria  
Debi Rolfig

**Early Head Start Policy Council:**

ShyAnn Pebria, Chair  
Devin Almeida  
Dolly Bargamento  
Luana Fukumoto  
Melissa Hashimoto-Binkie  
Marsha Jones  
Ailina Laborte  
Denisha Nahoopii  
Lori Saucedo  
Allison Torcuato  
Tara Tran

**Health Services Advisory Committee:**

Cally Adams, DDS  
Jeny Bissell, RPN  
Steve E. Clark, MD  
Marsha Jones  
Pattie Martin, MSCP  
Christi Masters  
Alan Matsunami  
Deanna Mirzai-Nagasaka, Psy.D.  
Saomi Stephens, RD  
Jayme Tamaki, RN  
Barbara Tanner, RN, MS



Maui Family Support Services, Inc.  
1844 Wili Pa Loop  
Wailuku, Hawaii 96793

NONPROFIT ORG  
U.S. POSTAGE  
BULK RATE  
**PAID**  
Kahului, Maui, HI  
Permit No. 345