

Our Programmatic Goals

Enhancements Program Description

The Children's Alliance of Hawaii is the only organization whose sole focus is sexually abused children. There are very few programs offered specifically to assist sexually abused children on a statewide or even national level. We offer truly unique programs that provide a continuum of services. The collective goals for this continuum are:

- 1) Assist the sexual abuse victim regain the joy of their lost childhood
- 2) Help create or maintain a stable living environment
- 3) Improve their self-esteem
- 4) Let them know they are not alone in their struggle
- 5) Increase their capacity to express their feelings and emotions
- 6) Develop caring relationships
- 7) Empower them to create a strategic plan for their life.

Enhancements - designed to "enhance" the lives of these children by providing goods and direct services that will help them become stable, enrich their development, and restore the special experiences of childhood that may have been lost. This program focuses on the child's individual needs, offering support for school related functions, summer programs, music, dance, art lessons, and sports activities. Sexually abused children and their families who are experiencing financial hardship and are struggling to meet their basic needs can obtain assistance with short term rental subsidies, clothing and food vouchers, and transportation and basic utility services. Sexually abused children who are placed into foster care can receive a special "care package" from the organization ensuring that they have the basic necessities of new clothing, new toiletry items, and a backpack with new school supplies to help them with their transition. The Children's Alliance of Hawaii believes celebrating birthdays, life milestones, and holidays is very important in order for the child to create new positive memories to offset the bad ones. We support this belief by providing all of our eligible children with special birthday, milestone and Christmas presents; and opportunities to celebrate them with those who are closest to them. For youth with severe or problematic behaviors (i.e. running away, truancy, or aggression), the Enhancements services are being used repeatedly, over time, to positively reinforce the youth when they have demonstrated control over a specific targeted behavior.