



Family Self-Sufficiency Program Newsletter

It's a New Year 2018! We hope your holiday season was amazing and this year brings prosperity for you and your family. With the new year comes new experiences and a chance to pursue new dreams and goals. This newsletter is filled with information that you may find helpful with the tax season upon us and pursuing some of your goals. Attend one of the workshops offered on topics such as budgeting, family meal planning, or tackling debt. If there is a will, there is a way to achieve your goals.

Congrats to FSS Graduate!

This quarter we congratulate one of our FSS participants who successfully graduated from the program as well as achieving the escrow account payout last quarter:

L.H. graduated the FSS program with \$9,463.97 . She used some of the money for everyday purchases. The majority of the escrow balance was put into a Certificate of Deposit for future savings.

Tax Season is Here!

The Hawaii VITA & Financial Empowerment Program is able to link you up to free tax help. VITA is a program of the IRS and stands for Volunteer Income Tax Assistance Program (VITA). IRS certified volunteers assist the community through VITA to file both federal and state taxes to eligible families and individuals for FREE.

Please visit the program website for full information at www.hawaiitaxhelp.org. There will be two locations on Kaua'i for Free Tax preparation at the Kekaha Federal Credit Union and King Kaumuali'i School Cafeteria. See the flyer for the information for King Kaumualii Elementary School - Cafeteria location.

Kekaha Federal Credit Union

8254 Kekaha Road

Mondays - Fridays 10:00AM—3:00PM

Call Scot (808) 337- 1433



Would you like to do your own taxes?

You have the option of doing your own taxes similar to Turbo Tax through the VITA program from www.myfreetaxes.com.

Myfreetaxes.com is a national partnership headed by United Way and utilizes H&R Block tax software. You simply create free account to do your return, answer simple questions and enter your tax data like W2 information to complete the return via e-file. Unlike other online options that charge for your state tax return, myfreetaxes.com files your state taxes for free as well.

Please visit the program website for full program website for full program information and to file at www.myfreetaxes.com

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Homeownership Education Class Schedule

For those of you who have the FSS goal to complete a homeownership education class. Hawaiian Community Assets has released their 2018 free class schedule. These are some dates for the upcoming workshops.

Register and confirm a seat, please contact Kaleio Caminos, Program Coordinator, and call 808-632-2070. Reservations are required.

Kauai County, Pi'ikoi Building

4444 Rice Street, Room A,

Lihue, HI 96766

Saturday 8-hour all day

Workshop

(9:00AM-5:30PM)

January 06, 2018

February 03, 2018

March 10, 2018

April 07, 2018

May 05, 2018

June 02, 2018

July 28, 2018

August 25, 2018

September 22, 2018

October 27, 2018

November 17, 2018

December 15, 2018

FSS Spring Workshops

Tackling Debt workshop date:

Tuesday, January 30 at 9:00AM – 10:00AM

Budgeting workshop dates are as followed:

Thursday, February 22 at 11:30AM - 12:00PM

(Housing Agency conference room #2)

Wednesday, March 21 at 10:00AM - 12:00PM

(Housing Agency conference room #2)

Family Grocery & Meal Planning workshop dates are as followed:

Tuesday, February 13 at 9:00AM - 10:00AM

(Housing Agency conference room #2)

Thursday, March 15 at 9:00AM - 10:00AM

(Housing Agency conference room #2)

RESERVE your spot today at (808) 241-4447 with Deslynn or by email djaquias@kauai.gov. Limited space to attend these workshops.

Preschool Open Doors Accepting Applications

Preschool Open Doors (POD) promotes school readiness by providing child care subsidies to eligible families for the year prior to kindergarten. The Department of Human Services (DHS) contracts with PATCH to run the program.

Go to <http://patchhawaii.org/programs/preschool-open-doors/> for full program information. Call 1-800-746-5620 for an application.

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