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Agency on Elderly Affairs encourages public to participate in needs assessment surveys

LĪHU'E – The Agency on Elderly Affairs is encouraging the public to participate in two surveys that will help assess the needs of our aging population.

"The findings of these surveys will shape and improve Hawai'i's programs and services to meet the needs of Hawai'i's older adults, persons with disabilities, and their caregivers," said Kealoha

Takahashi, Executive for the Agency on Elderly Affairs. "Please take a few minutes to participate, as your needs help guide the decisions we make."

The State Executive Office on Aging has developed two separate surveys to assess the needs of Hawai'i older adults and/or persons with disabilities, and Hawai'i's caregivers. The first survey, "Aging in Hawai'i," looks at issues faced by our kupuna, and tomorrow's older adults. The second survey looks at issues faced by Hawai'i's caregivers.

Responses to all the surveys are strictly confidential, voluntary, and anonymous. The information will help identify needs in our communities and shape the development of Kaua'i's Area Plan on Aging 2023 – 2027. Each survey will take approximately 10 minutes to complete.

To access the survey for Aging in Hawai'i, please click on the following link:

https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/OpenA KAEA.

To access the Hawai'i survey for caregivers, please click on the following link: https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/OpenCG\_KAEA.

The needs assessment surveys are part of the development of the four-year Area Plan on Aging that covers the federal funding period of Oct. 1, 2023, to Sept. 30, 2027. The Area Plan on Aging serves as a planning and compliance document which enables the County of Kaua'i to receive federal funds under the Older Americans Act (OAA), through the Administration on Community Living and the State Executive Office on Aging. The plan describes the older adult population on Kaua'i and the approaches to develop a wide-ranging and coordinated system of services to promote the well-being of Kaua'i's older adults.

For questions about the survey, or if you prefer a printed copy of the survey, please contact the Agency on Elderly Affairs at 808-241-4470, or email <a href="mailto:elderlyaffairs@kauai.gov">elderlyaffairs@kauai.gov</a>. Links to the survey are also available at <a href="https://www.kauaiadrc.org">www.kauaiadrc.org</a>.

If you need an auxiliary aid/service or other accommodation due to a disability, contact the Agency on Elderly Affairs at 808-241-4470 or email <a href="mailto:elderlyaffairs@kauai.gov">elderlyaffairs@kauai.gov</a> as soon as possible. Requests made as early as possible will allow adequate time to fulfill your request. Upon request, this notice is available in alternate formats such as large print, Braille, or electronic copy.

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