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UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII AT MANOA CENTER ON DISABILITY STUDIES RECEIVED \$40,000 GRANT FROM THE NATIONAL SERVICE INCLUSION PROJECT TO IMPLEMENT THE ACTION PLAN TO INCLUDE LABELED AND UNDERSERVED BECAUSE OF DISABILITY IN VOLUNTEER SERVICE (APPLAUD)

HONOLULU – The Center on Disability Studies (CDS) in the College of Education at the University of Hawaii at Manoa recently received a mini-grant from the National Service Inclusion Project (NSIP) for \$40,000 to implement, beginning in October 2006, the Action Plan to Include Labeled and Underserved because of Disability in Volunteer Service (APPLAUD). Staff of the current CDS project AIA-HI (www.aia.hawaii.edu) submitted the grant to dovetail with their current goal of building capacity for individuals with disabilities to serve as volunteers within a wide array of community organizations. APPLAUD will be a partnership between the Hawaii Commission on National and Community Service, the local Self-Advocacy Advisory Committee (SAAC), a newly-developing organization run by individuals with developmental disabilities, and the CDS Consumer Advisory Committee (CAC) to identify and enroll people with disabilities in national service (AmeriCorps) programs. APPLAUD will work to fill 1-2 AmeriCorps slots within the 18 month period of the grant (October 2006-March 2008). APPLAUD will facilitate training, recruitment and qualification of program goals leading to sustainability of volunteers with disabilities in national service beyond the period of the grant. NSIP is a national training and technical assistance partner of the Corporation for National and Community Service (CNCS), which assists national service programs to increase the participation of members and volunteers with disabilities in national service.

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About the Center on Disability Studies

The Center on Disability Studies in the College of Education at the University of Hawaii at Mānoa is a University of Hawaii Board of Regents recognized center focused upon development and conduct of interdisciplinary education/training, research/demonstration and evaluation, and university and community service.

About the UHM College of Education

The College of Education at UH Manoa comprises a diverse mix of faculty, staff, and students whose aims are to advance and generate knowledge in the fields of education, human development, counseling, administration, assessment, evaluation, research, technology, disabilities, and other related disciplines. In addition to being a professional school of education, the College also houses units which employ and prepare professionals in the related fields of counseling, educational psychology, technology, research on disabilities, athletic training, evaluation, assessment, and curriculum development. For more information, visit www.hawaii.edu/coe.

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