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A Partnership with Shared Vision

Pathways out of Poverty



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Supporting Hawaii's low income students through college workforce training by removing economic and financial barriers to success.

Leveraging resources from DHS & UHCCs







## The Genesis & Inspiration

### DHS SNAP Employment & Training Program (E&T)

- Approximately 90,000 clients receiving SNAP
- 3,500 SNAP clients in Employment / Training Program
  - Previous Services: Job Search & worksite training

#### 2013 - DHS Outlines Improvement Goals:

- 1) Transition more clients from welfare to self sufficiency
- 2) Provide more skills and employment training to clients
- 3) Reach eligible population not currently being served

#### 2014 DHS contacts WCC to propose a partnership





# **DHS Lists Key Elements**

**DHS Needs** 

#### **UHCC** Resources





- Employment prep
- Workforce training
- Career pathways
- Work base learning
- Credentialed training
- Employer connections
- Training support

- Career centers
- Continuing ed. Workforce programs
- CTE programs / Continuing educ.
- Apprenticeships
- CTE programs
- Advisory boards / Sector partnerships
- Counselors, tutors, supplemental instr.

## **UHCC Student Barriers**

#### **DHS Resources**









- \$ for training / education •
- \$ for bus, gas, repairs
- \$ food subsidies
- Childcare providers
- \$ for basic education
- Emergency housing
- \$ 50% reimbursement!

- Reduce student expenses
- Student transportation barriers
- Reduce food insecurity
- Care for dependents
- Remedial education
- Reduce homelessness
- \$ funding for campus & students



# **Student Eligibility:**

- **Receive SNAP benefits from DHS**
- **Enroll in non credit workforce training or:**
- Min. 6 credits in Career Technical credit program
- Maintain good academic standing

# Benefits provided by DHS:

#### STUDENT CAN SAVE OVER \$4,700 A YEAR! **STUDENT SAVINGS - SPRING SEMESTER \$2,375** STUDENT SAVINGS - FALL SEMESTER \$2,375 \$1,575 \$1,575 \$300 \$500 \$300



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# **DHS Support for Colleges**







- Trust and open communication between Agency administrators
- DHS waives SNAP 20/hr work requirement, allowing for education
- DHS converts program to voluntary participation
- Startup funding provided for college program operational costs
- Colleges request 50% reimbursement of non federal support \$ (sustainability plan for college programs)
- Colleges written into DHS State plan and line itemed
- Colleges update student progress data in DHS database
- WCC serves as UHCC consortium lead and DHS contract liaison
- DHS funds SNAP benefits and student reimbursement of education



# **Budget & Expansion**



FY 18-19: \$1,395,000

(\$653,000 – Operational

\$739,000 - Campus Reimbursements)



2015











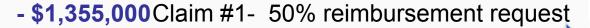
# Campus Reimbursement

\* Only non federal funds spent to support HINET program

#### **Example:**

**#1 UHCC expenditures (non federal)** 

- \$200,000 KSBE scholarship
- \$350,000 Hawaii's Promise Scholarship
- \$600,000 College opportunity grants
- \$120,000 College counselor salary
- \$85,000 Campus space for HINET





Reimbursement #1 to campus

#2 Expense plan for reimbursement 1 received

- \$100,000 HINET staff salary
- \$450,000 HINET student scholarship
- \$65,000 Student emergency fund
- \$52,500 Tutoring for HINET
  - **\$667,500** 50% reimbursement request



Reimbursement #2 to campus

+ \$333,750

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## Mahalo!

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