

OPPORTUNITY YOUTH ACTION HUI POLICY PRIORITIES

OYAH and the Community Alliance on Prisons Talk Policy

The OYAH Policy Team met with Kat Brady from the Community Alliance in Prisons to talk policy and collaboration. Kat was very inspiring as she shared her experiences working and advocating through the Legislature, giving our team advice and pointing us in the direction of potential allies in our efforts.

One of the main ideas taken from this meeting was the need for impactful testimony -- something that will grab and hold the attention of legislators and those who have the power to make important decisions. We discussed the efficiency of having both personal anecdotes and research/data in order to be the most convincing. These stories and numbers, mixed with Kat's signature of colorful handouts and bold print, are sure to stand out amongst the piles of black and white papers legislators and leaders find on their desks everyday.

We have agreed to be on each others' mailing lists, hoping to meet again soon and work together this next legislative session.



"Community Alliance on Prisons (CAP) is a community initiative working to develop effective interventions for Hawai'i's offenders and to improve the quality of justice in Hawai'i. [CAP is] a diverse coalition of community groups, churches, scholars, businesses, concerned community members, service providers, families of inmates, and ex-offenders."

Legislator and Stakeholder Meetings

Here are the lists of completed and upcoming meetings with other legislators and stakeholders -- OYAH members please contact Melissa Pavlicek if you'd like to join at mpavlicek@hawaiiipublicpolicy.com:

Completed:

- Representative Hashimoto
- Community Alliance on Prisons (Kat Brady)
- Representative Onishi
- Criminal Justice Research Institute (Erin Harbinson)
- Representative Ichiyama
- UC Berkeley Policy Advocacy Clinic

Upcoming (date & time TBD):

- Women's Prison Project
- Representative Lowen
- Representative Nakashima
- ACLU Hawai'i

College student advocates were engaged by members of the Opportunity Youth Action Hui to advance initiatives in support of the hui member organizations..

**Editors: Leah Delos Santos
& Haumea Velasco**

**1099 Alakea St., Suite 2530
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813
(808) 447-1840 www.oyahpolicy.com**