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# Opportunity Youth Action Hawai'i Policy Initiative

## Annual Report of the Office of Youth Services Highlights

### Programs & Services Areas:

- Positive Youth Development (PYD)
- Project-Based Cultural Programs
- Truancy Prevention and In-School Suspension
- Community-Based Outreach and Advocacy
- Intensive Mentoring Program
- Parent Partnerships
- Wraparound Services
- Community-Based Residential Services
- Hawai'i State Youth Commission
- Hawai'i Youth Correctional Facility (HYCF)
- Kawaihoa Youth and Family Wellness Center (KYFWC)
- Federal Grant Programs

### OYS Achievements and Continued Projects:

The policies in Act 201 advance priorities:

- Reduce the use of secure confinement and protect public safety
- Strengthen community supervision and probation practices
- Sustain effective practices and cultivate stakeholder collaboration

Achievements and Projects:

- Community Collaboration
- Training
- Continuing Philosophy

### Looking Ahead: OYS Focus in SFY23:

- Civil Citation/Diversion System Improvement
- Kellogg Foundation Racial Equity 2030 Challenge Partnership
- Ending Girl's Incarceration
- Act 130, Safe Spaces for Youth Pilot Program

**Here is the link to the full OYS report:**

[https://humanservices.hawaii.gov/wp-content/uploads/2023/01/OYS-2022\\_combined\\_signed.pdf](https://humanservices.hawaii.gov/wp-content/uploads/2023/01/OYS-2022_combined_signed.pdf)

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## State Legislative Milestones and Deadlines

The legislature is scheduled to adjourn on May 4 unless it extends. Bills must be finished in their non-originating house by April 6 or they won't advance for this session. Priority bills still alive include:

- HB 349, Youth Emancipation
- HB 470 and SB 129 Minor right to shelter
- SB 712, Correction officer, trauma-informed certification program
- HB 948 Youth Mental Health
- HCR 72: Urging OYS and Family Court to collaborate in identifying processes, procedures, and strategies for partnering with community organizations to maximize rehabilitation and minimize recidivism for juvenile offenders.
- We are also monitoring an expungement bill that is advancing: SB 410.



Melissa Pavlicek with Representative Linda Ichiyama, introducer of our youth emancipation priority bill.