

BISAC

OCTOBER 2023 NEWSLETTER

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“The urgency of the substance use epidemic is disturbing. With the recent increase of Fentanyl overdoses on our islands our biggest challenge lies in bringing awareness about this deadly drug and increasing capacity for more treatment beds. Last month, BISAC celebrated National Recovery Month and utilized it as a platform to bring awareness as well as celebrate individuals in recovery. BISAC in partnership with the Hawaii Island Fentanyl Task Force elevated our messaging and highlighted prevention, intervention, and recovery. BISAC also developed the Ace’s mentorship program which created a space for individuals and their families in recovery to celebrate their accomplishments and also provide upcoming events that support ongoing recovery. These events showcased the many who have the courage to seek treatment and demonstrated that recovery can happen. BISAC will continue the momentum to put prevention, treatment, and recovery at the forefront and together with our community will improve access to care and build the infrastructure necessary to support recovery services.”

Dr. Hannah Preston-Pita

UPCOMING EVENTS

SATURDAY 10-28
3-5 P.M.

DRIVE-THRU 

TRUNK OR TREAT

***Shipman Business
Park***

***Nicotine & Drug Free
Community Event***

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COMMUNITY



MENTORSHIP

The mission of our mentorship program is to connect with others who seek excellence in sobriety and support each others healing, growth, and leadership. We believe that everyone deserves a chance to heal, grow, and thrive in supportive and compassionate environments, so we aim to create safe spaces where people can share their stories, learn from each other, and build meaningful connections.

For more information about the program, please contact:

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LATON KAAUKAI
CALL CENTER - ADMIN RELIEF

TEAM MEMBER OF THE MONTH

“Always goes above and beyond”

Laton is a valuable member of our team who always helps others without hesitation. He has a positive attitude that inspires his colleagues and makes him well-liked by everyone. He is flexible and adaptable, ready to assist wherever he is needed, even if it is outside his comfort zone. Laton was selected as the Team Member of the Month because he demonstrates dependability, efficiency, and a humble spirit in his work. He consistently delivers high-quality results and exceeds expectations. We are lucky to have him on our team.

CLIENT SPOTLIGHT

“When things change inside you, things change around you.”

Reference: I recall in class at BISAC one day, Dr. Hannah asked us, “What does integrity mean?” I raised my hand and answered, “Doing the right thing even when no one is looking.” I remember that moment vividly” - Michelle

Michelle came to our program with a background of 15 years in addiction and three felony convictions. She attempted treatment three times until she finally received a clinical discharge in 2012. Since then, Michelle has been the House Manager for our Women’s Clean and Sober, and currently is the Director of Finance at Going Home Hawaii and Treasurer for Friends of Big Island Drug Court.



MICHELLE MANALO