

**ALU LIKE, Inc., TEMPORARY ASSISTANCE FOR NEEDY FAMILIES (TANF)
INFORMATIONAL BRIEFING REPORT ON TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 2009
TO THE
COMMITTEE ON HUMAN SERVICES
OF
THE HAWAII SENATE AND HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
REGULAR SESSION OF 2009**

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Aloha,

ALU LIKE, Inc., is a private non-profit service organization that has assisted Native Hawaiians in their efforts to achieve social and economic self-sufficiency since 1975.

ALU LIKE, Inc., receives \$88,000 from the Department of Human Services, through RFP: HMS 903-08-08-0 for Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) Maintenance of Effort (MOE) Services. The period of funding is from July 1, 2008 to June 30, 2009.

Two (2) major questions related to our TANF funding from DHS, and respective answers follow:

1. WHAT DOES ALU LIKE, Inc., DO WITH THEIR TANF FUNDS?:

- Provide the community with Financial Literacy classes.
- TANF funds cover staff salaries and benefits costs – mainly a Financial Literacy Coordinator -, mileage, and indirect costs.
- As of December 31, 2008, 114 participant households, 167 individual participants have participated in these financial literacy classes.
- Provide participants with resource referrals to relevant ALU LIKE, Inc., and other community resources.
- Provide Money-Smarts Curriculum.
- Provide financial literacy classes on weekdays, and weeknights and weekends to accommodate schedules of working parents.

2. HOW IMPORTANT IS IT FOR ALU LIKE, Inc., TO CONTINUE THE TANF PROGRAM?:

- Continue to show successes in meeting the goals of the TANF program.
- Continue to show the positive impact the TANF program funds have had on assisting individuals and families on O'ahu work toward self-sufficiency.
- Continue to expand the existing financial literacy classes for the purpose of ending dependency by needy parents, and assisting them out of poverty.
- Continue to focus financial literacy classes on budgeting, saving, managing debt, and short-term and long-term goal and objectives setting.

REPORTED THIS 3RD DAY OF FEBRUARY 2009 BY AL MORENO, INTERIM DIRECTOR, ALU LIKE, Inc., MULTI-SERVICES PROGRAM.