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To: House Finance Committee, Chair;  
Senate Ways and Means Committee, Chair;  
Hawaii State House of Representatives & Legislative Board

Aloha Kakahiaka!

February 9, 2011

My name is Makana Duarte. I am a resident of Nanakuli Princess Kahanu Hawaiian Homestead and I am currently attending Damien High School. I am here to speak in support of the Paxen Groups Community All Stars and About Face programs that operates on the Leeward coast of O'ahu. I am a 2009 graduate of the About Face program and a 2010 graduate of the Community All Stars program which is funded by the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) budget.

I understand that funds for these programs may be reduced or eliminated in the SB1267 of the Budget Bill. The impact this will have on these programs and its future participants will be unfortunate and detrimental to all youth from our community.

I personally feel the program has given me a "head start" by empowering me with the skills that are essential for future success. From Waipahu to Ewa, moving towards Nanakuli through Kaena, there are many young adults like myself who come from middle to low income or single parent families. After graduating from high school, many struggle to get themselves established. They lack the knowledge and ability to function in society because they lack the support from home and our community. I feel it is important that funds for programs which help to educate and empower young adults with setting future goals, managing finances and everyday real life skills are vital to our success as a community and to our state. It is everyone's kuleana (responsibility).

I urge you to support the Paxen Groups Community All Stars, **About Face** programs and the young adults of tomorrow by sustaining Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) funding.

We are the future. We need to be prepared. We need the funding to continue...

Mahalo!

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February 10, 2011

**MEMORANDUM**

TO: The Honorable John M. Mizuno, Chair  
Committee on Human Services

FROM: Patricia McManaman, Interim Director

SUBJECT: **H.B. 727 - RELATING TO TEMPORARY ASSISTANCE TO NEEDY  
FAMILIES**

Hearing: Thursday, February 10, 2011; 9:00 a.m.  
Conference Room 329, State Capitol

**PURPOSE:** The purpose of H.B. 727 is to appropriate Temporary Assistance For Needy Families (TANF) funds, emphasizing direct payments to families, employment training, teenage pregnancy prevention, and keeping families intact.

**DEPARTMENT'S POSITION:** The Department of Human Services (DHS) supports the intent of the bill but defers on the fiscal implications until Governor Abercrombie's Executive Biennium Budget is finalized.

The Department would like to point out that the annual TANF block grant amount available to the State is \$98.9 million, and there is no additional TANF federal funding available through the TANF reserve, or any other federal source, therefore there must be careful consideration to setting the priorities on the use of TANF funding.

DHS would like to recommend that the Legislature consider appropriating TANF funds in a lump sum through the State Budget Bill, H.B. 200. Such a provision will allow

the Department flexibility in addressing the areas of need given the finite amount of TANF block grant funds available annually.

The Department would also advise that other priorities that must be considered for the use of TANF funds include administrative and system support for carrying out the implementation of the TANF program, as well as supplementing the funding for child care subsidies and child welfare services. The supplementing of funds for these two programs are through direct transfers to the Child Care Development Fund (CCDF) and the Social Services Block Grant (SSBG), these are the only two direct transfers of TANF funds allowed by federal law.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments on this bill.

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Family Support Services of West Hawaii

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Hale 'Opio Kauai, Inc.

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Hawaii Student Television

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Hui Malama Learning Center

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February 8, 2011

To: Representative John Mizuno, Chair  
Committee on Human Services

## TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF HB 727 RELATING TO TEMPORARY ASSISTANCE TO NEEDY FAMILIES

Hawaii Youth Services Network (HYSN), a statewide coalition of more than 50 youth-serving organizations, supports SB 922 Related to Health. While HYSN supports the entire bill, our testimony will focus on funding for teen pregnancy prevention.

Communities benefit when young people have the resources to acquire the knowledge and skills to make healthy lifestyle choices. Hawaii has wisely invested TANF funds in teen pregnancy prevention with the result that unplanned pregnancy and sexually transmitted infection (STI) rates are declining.

TANF funds support positive youth development and pregnancy prevention education programs. After school programs prevent pregnancy and STIs by engaging youth in positive activities such as community service, sports, and cultural programming. Pregnancy prevention education programs support abstinence as the most effective way to prevent unplanned pregnancy and sexually transmitted infections while teaching the skills needed for sexually active youth to protect themselves are effective. Both are needed to protect our youth and help them to become contributing members of our society.

Over the past five years, HYSN and partner organizations have provided pregnancy prevention education to more than 4,000 Hawaii youth using effective, evidence-based programs that encourage young people to consider how unplanned pregnancy and STIs would prevent them from achieving their goals and dreams, while teaching them decision-making, negotiation, and refusal skills. Evaluation demonstrates that after completing the program, students are more likely to delay sexual initiation and have the skills and intention to practice safer sex when they become sexually active.

In September 2010, Hawaii Youth Services Network was awarded 5 million dollars in federal funding for pregnancy prevention education. HYSN is prepared to provide training and technical assistance to TANF-funded programs to increase their capacity to provide high quality pregnancy prevention programs at no cost to the State of Hawaii.

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Unplanned adolescent pregnancy costs Hawaii taxpayers 22 million dollars a year, two-thirds in state and local costs. Prevention programs can reduce this burden on taxpayers and result in more positive outcomes for youth, such as increased high school graduation rates and fewer young adults living in poverty.

We urge you to invest wisely in the future of Hawaii's youth by continuing to fund effective, evidence-based teen pregnancy prevention programs.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify.

Sincerely,

Judith F. Clark, MPH  
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**To:** Chair John Mizuno, Vice Chair Jo Jordan and Members of the House Committee on Human Services  
**From:** Katie Reardon, Director of Government Relations & Public Affairs, Planned Parenthood of Hawaii  
**Re:** **Testimony in Support of HB 727**

Planned Parenthood of Hawaii (PPHI) supports HB 727, which appropriates Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF) funds to community organizations providing teen pregnancy prevention services. At PPHI we work on a daily basis to help teens prevent unintended pregnancy and make healthy decisions about their reproductive and sexual lives. PPHI serves the sexual and reproductive health needs of the people of Hawaii through our clinical services, education programs, and by advocating for reproductive justice. We educate youth on how to make responsible choices about sex, we assist parents to talk more openly and effectively with their children about their sexual and reproductive health decisions, and we provide teens with access to health care and contraception.

Like many local organizations, we had a contract with the Department of Human Services to do teen pregnancy prevention work. Under that contract, PPHI provided evidenced based, comprehensive and medically accurate sexual health education to adolescents in Hawaii. We use an evidenced based curriculum, Making Proud Choices (MPC). Based on national studies, MPC has been successful in changing young people’s behavior- more students who receive MPC chose to delay first sexual intercourse, more students who have had sex chose to become abstinent, and those who chose to be sexually active were more likely to practice safer sex, using condoms and other forms of contraception. Our contract for \$75,000 began on October 1, 2010. Last week we were informed that the funds were no longer available and our contract was reduced by 50% to \$37,500. We understand that we are just one of approximately 40 organizations whose contracts have been reduced or terminated.

The loss of teen pregnancy prevention programs comes at a bad time for Hawaii’s young people. The most recent Guttmacher Institute report on teen pregnancy was released in January 2010. It states that in 2006, the United States saw an increase in teen pregnancy for the first time in over a decade. In Hawaii, the teen pregnancy rate was 71 per 1000 teens ages 15-19 – giving Hawaii the 17<sup>th</sup> highest teen pregnancy rate in the country.<sup>1</sup> Also in 2010, the Hawaii Youth Risk Behavior Survey revealed more disturbing data. It found that the rate of teens participating in sexual intercourse increased in 2009.<sup>2</sup> Less than half- only 47%- of all teens are using condoms.<sup>3</sup> That’s the lowest rate of condom use in the United States. Even fewer teens are using contraceptives. 82% reported having sexual intercourse without using birth control pills or other contraceptives.<sup>4</sup> At Planned Parenthood, we see this data as alarming indicators that our youth need help when it comes to protecting their sexual and reproductive health.

<sup>1</sup> US Teenage Pregnancies, Births and Abortions: National and State Trends and Trends by Race and Ethnicity, January 2010, accessed from <http://www.guttmacher.org/pubs/USTPtrends.pdf> on January 29, 2010

<sup>2</sup> Youth Risk Behavior Survey, Hawaii 2009 Results, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, accessed from <http://apps.nccd.cdc.gov/youthonline/App/Results.aspx?LID=HI> on September 14, 2010.

<sup>3</sup> Id.

<sup>4</sup> Id.

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The social and economic costs of teen pregnancy are immense. Teens who become pregnant are significantly less likely to graduate from high school, with only 32% of teen mothers obtaining a diploma by the age of 30.<sup>5</sup> They are more likely to need welfare assistance, more likely to be single parents, and often have more children earlier than their peers. Their children also face obstacles as they are more likely to have physical and mental health problems, such as low birth weight and mental disabilities, are more likely to be abused or neglected, and are more likely to be placed into foster care.<sup>6</sup> As a consequence, the United States spends over \$6.9 a year providing services and care related to teen child birth.<sup>7</sup> Hawaii spends as much as \$22 million each year.<sup>8</sup> With the loss of prevention services that cost will undoubtedly increase in future years.

We recognize that our state continues to struggle with an economic crisis. Like many organizations we are doing more with less, but our commitment to the health and wellbeing of Hawaii's keiki will continue. We ask the Committee to consider the wellbeing of our young people and the certain costs our state will face without crucial teen pregnancy prevention services. Please pass HB 727 so that community organizations can continue their important work. Thank you.

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<sup>5</sup> National Campaign to Prevent Teen Pregnancy. (1997). *Whatever Happened to Childhood? The Problem of Teen Pregnancy in the United States*. Washington, DC: Author.

<sup>6</sup> *Id.*

<sup>7</sup> *Id.*

<sup>8</sup> See *By the Numbers: The Public Costs of Teen Childbearing in Hawaii*, November 2006, accessed from <http://www.thenationalcampaign.org/costs/pdt/statesihawaii/onepager.pdf>

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**Testimony**

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To: House Finance Committee, Chair  
Senate Ways and Means Committee, Chair  
Hawaii State House of Representatives & Legislative Board

Re: Speech to Save our Programs

Aloha & Greetings members of the House and Senate. My name is Flossie Steffany, Vice-Principal for James Campbell High School, Grades 11 and 12. I have been in the Department of Education for over 15 years.

I stand before you, testifying on behalf of the About Face Family of Programs. As a Vice-Principal, I can attest to the positive impact this program has had on the students of James Campbell High School. With a large population of TANF participants, About Face has served hundreds of students ranging from behavioral issues to those that have AP courses and beyond. About Face has provided numerous opportunities for participants to gain hands-on experience through various modules and curriculum such as: Decision Making, Critical Thinking, Interpersonal Relationships and Groups, Greener Pastures and so much more.

In the past four years, About Face has touched many students' lives in that they have graduated and currently attend college, serve in the military forces, and uphold positions in various community organizations. Through About Face, we have now been able to increase participation with the Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (S.T.E.M.) program.

I humbly ask that you continue to support this program. The loss of funding for this program will not only impact our community financially, but also academically.

Thank you for your consideration and support.

Flossie Steffany  
Vice Principal, James Campbell High School

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February 9, 2011

To: Committee on Human Services

Dear Maam or Sir,

I am Lehua Ka'auwai-Krueger, General Manager of Paxen Huli Ke Alo and the director of Hawaii's *About Face! Family of Programs*. And I humbly ask for your help.

Our programs, which each year educate nearly 2,000 at-risk Hawaiian youth in key areas of academic, life, and career skills and drive a direct economic benefit to our state of \$208 million annually and an additional, indirect benefit of \$2 billion annually, are themselves at-risk—of closing.

As you know, Gov. Abercrombie's proposed budget would eliminate a host of social-service offerings, including ours. Our programs, which have served 11,000 learners continuously since 2003, receive annual funding through the Department of Defense, which in turn obtains TANF funding through the Department of Human Services. The proposed cuts would eliminate TANF funding—and, with it, our programs effective April 1—leaving hundreds of Hawaiian youths at greater risk than ever. These learners in 20 communities across our state no longer would have access to core academic, life, and career skills programming and all the benefits—academic gains, independent living, and job placement and retention—that they provide. Among the vast benefits to Hawaiian students, their families, and communities:

- More than 800 learners graduate each year from the *About Face! Family of Programs*, producing an annual economic impact of \$208 million; diverting 800 at-risk youth from lives of crime results in a further economic impact of \$2.1 billion.
- Of learners who complete the *About Face! Family of Programs*, 94 percent realize at least a single-grade gain in the core tested areas of Reading and Mathematics.
- Nearly 60 percent of learners in the *About Face! Family of Programs* land meaningful employment, almost double the national figure.
- In 2010, nearly 4,000 Hawaiian teens participated in the Summer Youth Employment Program, landing jobs in high-interest industries at a time when teen unemployment exceeded 30 percent.

I am requesting a brief meeting with you this week to review the potential impact of this situation on our communities and youths. If closure were to occur, hundreds of youths and adults no longer would receive key services. In addition, more than 60 deeply talented educators would lose their jobs.

Warm regards,

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Hello, my name is Kelsey Wong. I am currently living in a Transitional housing in Waianae. I am a 19 year old single mother.

Coming into the About Face family of Programs really opened a lot of doors for me. I completed the Forward March program for adults in March 2010. My entire experience has been filled with multiple opportunities. It helped me enroll, complete financial aid and scholarship opportunities, improve my parent skills, and become job ready.

In summer 2010 I had the most awesome experience of working with youth participates as an assistant instructor. I watched participates learn and grow through the life coping skills. The program also embarked on working relations as a employee, supervisor, and business owner.

In addition later that summer, Paxen Learning Group hired me through the Department of Defense Summer Youth Employment Program as a Support System Specialist.

My amazing journey hasn't stop since. I am so proud to speak of my accomplishments on behalf of the About Face Families of Programs and look forward to my future career opportunities.

Everyone deserves an opportunity to experience these beneficial programs as it gives young adults like me a vision, set my mind on goals, and become a mentor and a role model for others.

Mahalo,

**Kelsey Wong**

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Attn: Senate House

Health and Human Services Committee

RE: ABOUT FACE FAMILY OF PROGRAMS

The purpose of my testimonial letter is to share of my generational story of my three children and myself. My two sons Tyrone and Theron Britt, my daughter Thanisha McNear has altogether experienced full circle the About Face Family of Programs.

I was a participant of The Forward March Program. I learned so much about the curriculum and how to apply the knowledge that was taught in life application formed. The program was well planned and organized and very beneficial to me.

It helped me to embrace the skills I learned and given me an opportunity to showcase my talent now as an instructor of such a empowering program.

I stand here today not as a student but as an Instructor for Community All Stars. I believe in these programs. I trust these programs so much for my children as well as myself. I believe wholeheartedly that these programs changes lives and making a difference in many lives.

My family is a product of the success from the About Face Family of Programs. Prior to my experience with the Forward March Programs both my daughter and I have obtained gainful employment and my sons are both college bound and career oriented.

Save this program because it has impact on individuals, their families, as well as the lives they touch in the community, through their jobs. Their impact speaks volume as they influence our state, our government, and our country.

KEEP ABOUT FACE ALIVE

THANK YOU FRANCINE BRITT AND FAMILY



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To: House Finance Committee, Chair  
Senate Ways and Means Committee, Chair  
Hawaii State House of Representatives & Legislative Board

Re: Speech to Save our Programs

Aloha Kakou!

Good afternoon ladies and gentlemen of the House & Senate. My name is Caitlin Delicata-Alvarado. I am a resident of Iroquois Point in Ewa Beach and I attend James Campbell High School on the Leeward Coast. I stand before you today in support of the About Face Family of Programs, testifying for so many of the youth whose lives have been transformed through these programs. I am a 2010 graduate of Community All Stars and current participant of the About Face program, funded through the Temporary Aid for Needy Families (TANF) budget.

I am here to advocate for these programs because I can attest to its importance and relevance in my life. As the eldest child whose parents struggle on a daily basis to provide a home and meal for my siblings and I, Community All Stars and About Face have been vital in my growth as a young adult both in school and off-campus.

Through these programs I have learned the importance of life-coping skills, and have helped my younger brother and sister be a part of the program as well. Through the modules used: Business Perspectives, Critical Thinking, Greener Pastures and much more, I have gained a vast amount of knowledge in taking better care of myself, my family, and my future. In these programs we gain hands-on experience through life simulation activities, understanding checks and balances and the importance of budgeting ones finances.

I truly believe that these programs are vital in the growth of young people especially in the public schools. I feel it is extremely important that funds are not cut for these programs, to ensure that your children, my friends, our future leaders are well equipped to lead the next generation into a sustainable and successful community and state.

I urge you to support the Paxen Learning Group: About Face Family of Programs and especially the youth of today by sustaining Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) funding.

We are not only the leaders of tomorrow...we are leaders of today. Help us prepare and please continue to fund our programs.

Mahalo nui loa & Thank you,

*Caitlin E. Delicata-Alvarado*

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**Comments:**

TANF Funding especially for Paxen Group on Molokai is crucial for our youth and their families. About Face and Jump Start on Molokai have given positive support to our youth and their families. Limited resources available to our youth and families puts our community at risk. Our youth are our future. Our investment in their development depends on funding like TANF to insure that opportunities are available to them to make good choices, to be productive and contributing citizens, to access training and employment leading to improving our economy. Favorable decision to fund TANF will contribute to our economy and continue building strength in our families.

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February 10, 2011

## MEMORANDUM

TO: The Honorable John M. Mizuno, Chair  
Committee on Human Services

FROM: Patricia McManaman, Interim Director

SUBJECT: **H.B. 728 - RELATING TO ASSET BUILDING**

Hearing: Thursday, February 10, 2011; 9:00 a.m.  
Conference Room 329, State Capitol

**PURPOSE:** The purpose of H.B. 728 is to establish a three-year pilot project within the Department of Human Services to conduct and expand asset building classes statewide to serve individuals with disabilities and the parents of children with a disability. This bill would appropriate Temporary Assistance For Needy Families (TANF) funding for the pilot program.

**DEPARTMENT'S POSITION:** The Department of Human Services (DHS) supports the intent of this bill but does not have the TANF funding required to establish the pilot program proposed in this bill.

The Department would like to advise that the use of TANF funds is limited to TANF-eligible families with children not individuals.

The Department already provides employment case management services for our disabled eligible TANF families through our statewide First to Work (FTW)

Vocational Rehabilitation Services contracts. These contracted services provide case management services that monitor the FTW participant's progress with their medically prescribed treatment, perform functional and employability assessments, develop individual service plans, and assist with the placement in job readiness training, vocational training, community work experience placements, and in some cases, employment. These FTW participants are able to access work support services such as transportation, child care, and assistive technology, in order for them to eventually obtain employment.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments on this bill.