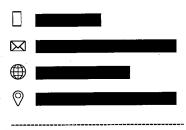
# GOV. MSG. NO. 517 TIANNA CELIS-WEBSTER

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## SKILLS

Facilitation

Ethical and Professional Attitude

3+ years of advocacy local

Articulate

## EDUCATION

Ongoing Pychology Major Hawaii Community College 2023 - CURRENT

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Initial Psych Major Grand Canyon University 1st Semester - 2018

HS Diploma Keaau High School C/O 2018

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## PROUDEST ACCOMPLISHMENTS

## 2024 Youth Mental Health Advocate Award Recepient

MHA - Hawai'i Award Ceremony

## **YPSS State Curriculum**

2024 - CURRENT

I have the opportunity alongside CAMHD and few others to create a Youth Peer Support Curriculum for the State. We will be doing our first training in August.

## OBJECTIVE

To utilize my skillset, knowledge, passion, and experience in navigating the CWS and mental health systems to serve as a advocate and peer support for youth navigating the foster care or mental health systems.

### WORK EXPERIENCE

### Pono Process Grievance Navigator EPIC Ohana Inc

2024 - CURRENT

Alongside the Pono Process Lead, we are responsible for overseeing the grievance process and ensuring its smooth execution. Within this position its really about championing youth self-advocacy by actively promoting and encouraging young individuals to express their voices and rights. all while effectively engaging with youth, young adults, service providers, and families.

I lean heavily on supplying neutral peer support to youth utilizing the Pono Process, ensuring their rights are respected and upheld throughout the process. Some other components are mastering facilitating committee meetings, trainings, and new projects introduced by EPIC 'Ohana

## NGA Mental Health Youth Policy Academy Advisor for Hawai'i

Mental Health America

2024 - CURRENT

In this role I am participating in the states yearlong opportunity desi gned to support advancing holistic efforts to protect and support strong youth mental health and emotional wellbeing across state agencies, including strategies across prevention, awareness, treatment, and community and youth engagement.

## Mental Health America., Nationwide - Youth Policy Accelerator Fellow

#### Mental Health America

2023 - 2024

In this virtual role, I learn from and built relationships with leaders in the field. I lean on my personal strengths in policy advocacy, co-create surveys, original research, and develop recommendations and a campaign to advance youth and young adult peer support policies.

## East Hawai'i HI H.O.P.E.S. Youth Leadership Board - Vice President

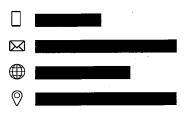
### HI H.O.P.E.S. Initiative

2022 - CURRENT

As Vice President, alongside the rest of the board members, make sure that we are educating community members on the importance of supporting youth in foster care. Advocating for improvements in the foster care system and better outcomes for foster youth on a local, state, and national level. Collaborating with several community organizations to create and fund programs and events in improving the lives of youth in the foster care system.

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## ACCOMPLISHMENTS CONTINUED..

### **JJSAC Comittee Member**

2024 - CURRENT

This comittee is dedicated to improving youth centered services, prioritising prevention, diversion, healing, and overall well-being to the Juvenile Justice State Advisory Council (JJSAC)

### **News Casting**

#### 2022 - 2023

Teamed up with KHON2 News and Living808 two years in a row to bring awareness around Hawai'is children mental health.acceptance.

## Peerpocalypse Convening workshop Host

2023

Peer Pocalypse is a convening of all peer support nation wide. Alongside other team members we were abel to eduate others on way we approach mental health and parent and youth collaborationss.

### CMHA Hui Co-Chair

2022 - CURRENT co-chair of the Children's Mental Health Acceptance Campaign for Hawaii.

### **Children Bureau Highlight**

2022 Website highlight on the Children's Bureau for 2022 National Foster Care Month

## WORK EXPERIENCE CONTINUED

### Youth Partner - East Hawaii

EPIC Ohana Inc

2021 - 2024

I engage with youth/ young adults to provide hope, one to one peer support, and mentorship. These young people were either in foster care, juvenile justice, or mental health services. I performed general office work as well as participate and facilitate in meetings, provide timely documentations, plan and host presentations.

Within this work I strived on modeling healthy behaviors, advocating for the young person, provideing peer support, and encouraging self-advocay.

### Pandemic Relief Intern - East and West Hawaii

EPIC Ohana Inc

2021 - 2021

As a Pandemic Relief Intern I contact eligible/ non-eligible young adults to see if they qualify under the Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2021. I also was able to engage in finding resources for young adults' lives as well as processing paperwork in a timely manner.

### Recreation Assistance - Hilo, HI

East Hawaii State Veterans Home

2019 - 2021

I have experience planning and managing group activities, 1:1 Social Visits with Veterans, as well as scheduling /conducting COVID safe visits. In this position I have to accommodate each resident in order to help improve their daily living skills.

## **REFERENCES UPON REQUEST**