



Profile: Dynamic, visionary, and results-oriented professional with a proven track record of 10+ years in program leadership, strategic development, and community engagement. Demonstrated success in driving operational excellence and fostering sustainable growth in diverse nonprofit environments to improve health equity.

Key Skills & Core Competencies:

Operational Leadership | Strategic Planning | Program Development | Project Management | Community Engagement | Grant Administration | Grant Review | Budget Development & Management | Stakeholder Relations | Team Leadership | Public Speaking | Advocacy | Health Literacy | Language Access | Social Determinants of Health | Emergency Response | HR Functions | Microsoft 365 and Apple OS | CRMs HMIS, Salesforce | Media Design Canvas and Vimeo | Video Conferencing

Education:

- Master of Public Health, University of Hawaii at Mānoa
- Bachelor of Science in Foreign Science, Lyceum of the Philippines University

Certifications and Professional Development:

- Early Childhood Intervention LEND Equity Scholar, Association of University Centers on Disabilities/University of Connecticut (2025)
- Maternal & Child Health Leadership Education in Neurodiversity/University of Hawaii (2025)
- Finance and Accounting Certificate/Columbia Business School
- Management & Leadership Certificates/Dale Carnegie
- Global Health Certificate/Harvard EdX
- Marketing Certificate/Ateneo de Manila
- Emergency Food and Shelter Program (FEMA Credential)
- Child and Adult Care Food Program, Sponsor Training (HIDOE Credential)
- Certified Tier One, Hawaii State Judiciary Court Interpreter, Tagalog language

Community Involvement, Volunteer Work and Skills:

- Executive Board Member, Rotary of the Metropolitan Honolulu since 2016
- Board Member, Jarrett Middle School Foundation, since 2025
- Advisory Board Member, Center for Pacific and Asian Communities/DVAC since 2024
- Member, Executive Women International since 2024
- Volunteer grant reviewer for Partners in Care since 2016
- Member, One Shared Future cohort of the Hawaii Department of Human Services 2023
- Appointed Member, Multilingualism Policy Advisory Committee, HIDOE 2021
- Selected Member, Committee on Economic Assistance and Revitalization Advisory Group, Honolulu City Council 2021
- Birkman: Innovate/Create | Plan how to do things | Consider the future | Create new approaches.
- Gallup CliftonStrengths: Strategic, Context, Learner, Individualization, Achiever
- Member, Golden Key Honor Society, University of Hawaii Mānoa

Employment History:

AlohaCare

Since May 2025

Director of Health Equity

Lead the development and implementation of a comprehensive framework to improve health equity and address social determinants of health (SDOH) barriers to improve access to quality care and health outcomes for AlohaCare members.

Easterseals Hawaii and Nor California/Catalight Foundation

August 2022 - April 2024

Sr. Director, Business Development

Re-energized community engagement to increase brand presence and reinforced organizational visibility by working with the Area Health Education Center of the University of Hawaii, connecting with clinics, preschools and federally qualified health centers, medical practitioners, coalitions, and initiating conversations with insurance payers.

Palama Settlement, Honolulu, HI

January 2021 - December 2021

Programs Administrator

Led the creation and development of a digital arts program for children and youth, securing funding from private donors and foundations. Designed and implemented a strategic plan to optimize facility usage, while building collaborative community partnerships to establish a sustainable youth program. Established a scholarship fund to support low-income students pursuing arts and culture, ensuring these initiatives remain operational and relevant today. Managed day-to-day operations, including adapting programs during the COVID-19 pandemic to support elderly individuals and high school athletes. Reviewed and updated staff job descriptions, creating measurable performance indicators to align with the agency's capacity and the evolving needs of the community.

The Salvation Army

December 2015 – January 2021

Director, Oahu Family Services and Pathway of Hope

Managed two key legacy programs for The Salvation Army: the national poverty alleviation initiative *Pathway of Hope Hawaii* and the Family Services Office. Spearheaded the development of housing programs under the agency's infrastructure, including Urban Development (HUD) rapid rehousing, homelessness prevention, and emergency solutions initiatives. Established and nurtured strategic partnerships with Federal, State, and City entities, securing \$2.5M in government grants.

Ho'omaka Hou Learning Center

January 2009 - December 2015

Founder/Executive Director

Conceptualized, launched, and established a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization dedicated to promoting digital and basic literacy for adults, with a focus on workforce preparation, job search, and employment readiness. Developed and implemented workforce development programs that prioritized client self-sufficiency and self-advocacy. Built strong community relationships, serving on boards to advocate for Native Hawaiian and Pacific Island immigrants. Led curriculum design and execution, while recruiting and training volunteers to provide educational support to adult learners. Collaborated with community stakeholders to connect employers with job seekers.

American Heart Association, Honolulu, HI

July 2006 – 2009

Administrative Support Specialist and Coordinator of the Hawaii Heart Ball Gala

Collaborated with the development team and event chairpersons to plan and execute successful events. Managed donor database, conducted prospect research, and provided detailed performance reports. Recruited, trained, and mentored volunteer staff to ensure effective event operations and engagement.

Language Interpreter/Community Translator (Freelance) 2008 - Present

Facilitate clear and effective communication between parties in medical and legal settings, providing accurate translations to ensure mutual understanding and clarity.