HAWAI‘I GOING HOME PLUS PROJECT
From Institutions to Independence: Helping Persons with Disabilities Move to Subsidized Housing
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**ONE-TIME TRANSITION SERVICES**
- Housing Locator
- Housing Deposits
- Utility Hook-ups and Deposits
- Furniture & Appliances
- Moving Assistance & Expenses
- One-Time Cleaning
- Initial Food Stocking

**SERVICES PROVIDED IN THE HOME & COMMUNITY**
- Transition Coordination
- Case Management
- Nursing and Medical Services
- Personal-Care Assistance
- Environmental Modifications
- Habilitation
- Adult Day Health
- Home-Delivered Meals
- Counseling and Training
- Transportation
- Personal Emergency Response System
- Medical Equipment and Supplies
- Telemedicine
- Respite

**HOUSING: By The Numbers**
- Total of 312 Transitioned to Community (2008 - April 2014)
- 41% Young Persons with Disabilities
- 45% Female
- 37% from Hospital
- 63% from Nursing Facility
- Mean Months Institutionalized: 21
- 62% (n = 195) in Adult Foster Home
- 38% (n = 117) in Independent Housing

**Private Home**
- Owned Home: 39% (46 of 117 living independently)
- Rented Home: 45% (53 of 117)

**Public or Subsidized**
- Public Housing: 5% (6 of 117 living independently)
- Section 8 Housing: 8% (9 of 117)
- Section 202 Housing: 3% (3 of 117)

**LESSONS LEARNED:**
- 1. The individual should **actively participate** in the housing planning process from application to moving day using a person-centered approach.
- 2. The discharge planning team (e.g., social worker, nurse, physician, family members) needs to communicate clearly and **work as a team**.
- 3. Ensure that all financial and housing documents, equipment and supplies, and service agencies are **in place on the day of discharge**.
- 4. Transition coordinator should be involved and on hand on the day of discharge for support and to ensure **seamless and coordinated** transition to the independent unit.
- 5. Transition coordinator, service coordinator, or case manager assigned to the individual needs regular, and **consistent follow-up** in-person and via phone.
- 6. Build the individual’s **informal circle of support** to assist before, during, and after the move.

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