



# Department of Community Services Youth Services Center

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Center*

Honolulu, Hawaii



# Our Goals

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- To enable clients to attain a high school diploma/GED, job skills, secure a job, and/or enter post-secondary education;
- To eliminate or minimize clients' barriers to entry into employment or post-secondary education; and
- To assist clients with avoiding or further involvement in the justice systems.



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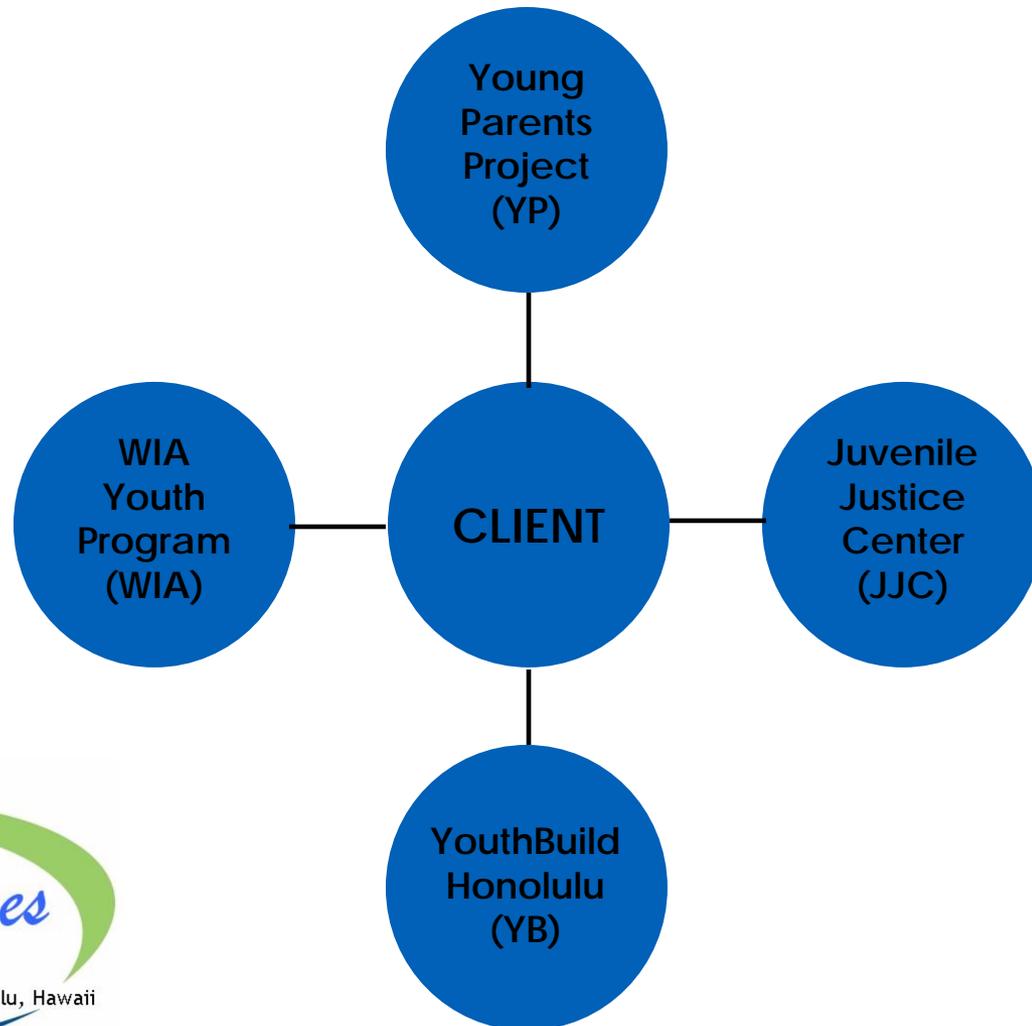
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# Youth Services Center

established in 2003

## The One-Stop Center for Youth

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# Target Population/ Funding Sources

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## Juvenile Justice Center

(State Office of Youth Services)

- Status Offenders
- First-time minor law violators

## WIA Youth Program

(State Department of Labor)

- 14-21 years old
- Low-income with one or more barriers

## YouthBuild Honolulu

(USDOL Discretionary Grant)

- 16-24 years old
- Low-Income
- Non-high school graduate

## Young Parents Project

(USDOL Discretionary Grant)

- 16-24 years old
- Parent or expectant Mother/Father

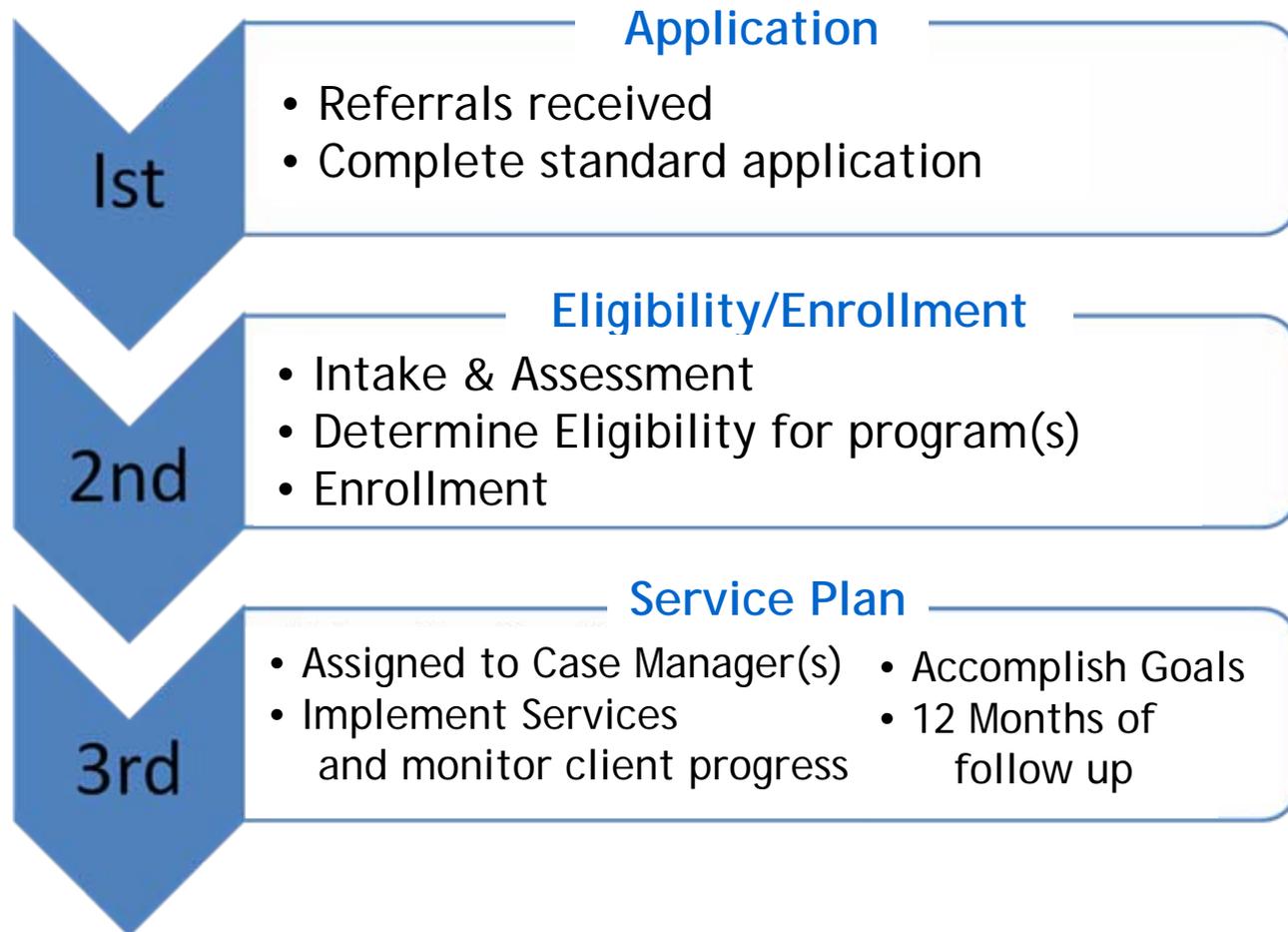


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# 3-Phase Client Flow for All Programs

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# Wrap Around Services:

**John Doe**

## Facts:

- 16 yrs old
- Non-High School Graduate (5<sup>th</sup> grade reading math level)
- Family, Self-Esteem and Anger Issues
- No Work History
- Young Parent
- Complete 20 hrs of community service
- Interested in Construction

WIA  
Youth  
Program

### •Remedial Tutoring

**Goal: Increase grade level to 7-8<sup>th</sup> grade.**

Youth  
Build  
Program

### •Construction Training

### •High School Diploma (CBHSD)

**Goal: 16 Weeks Construction Training and attain diploma**

Young  
Parents  
Project

### •Mentoring

**Goal: Enhance parenting skills**

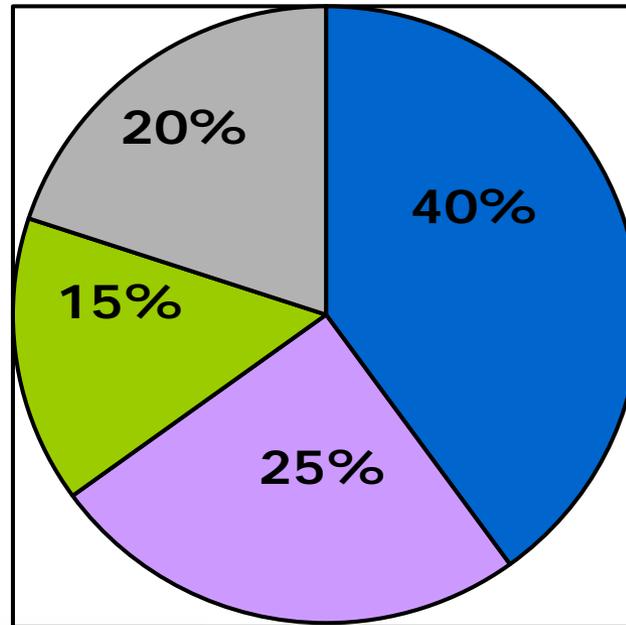


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# Referrals:

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- Police, Courts, & Prosecuting Attorney- 40%
- Partnering Agencies-25%
- Dept. of Education- 15%
- Self-Referrals-20%



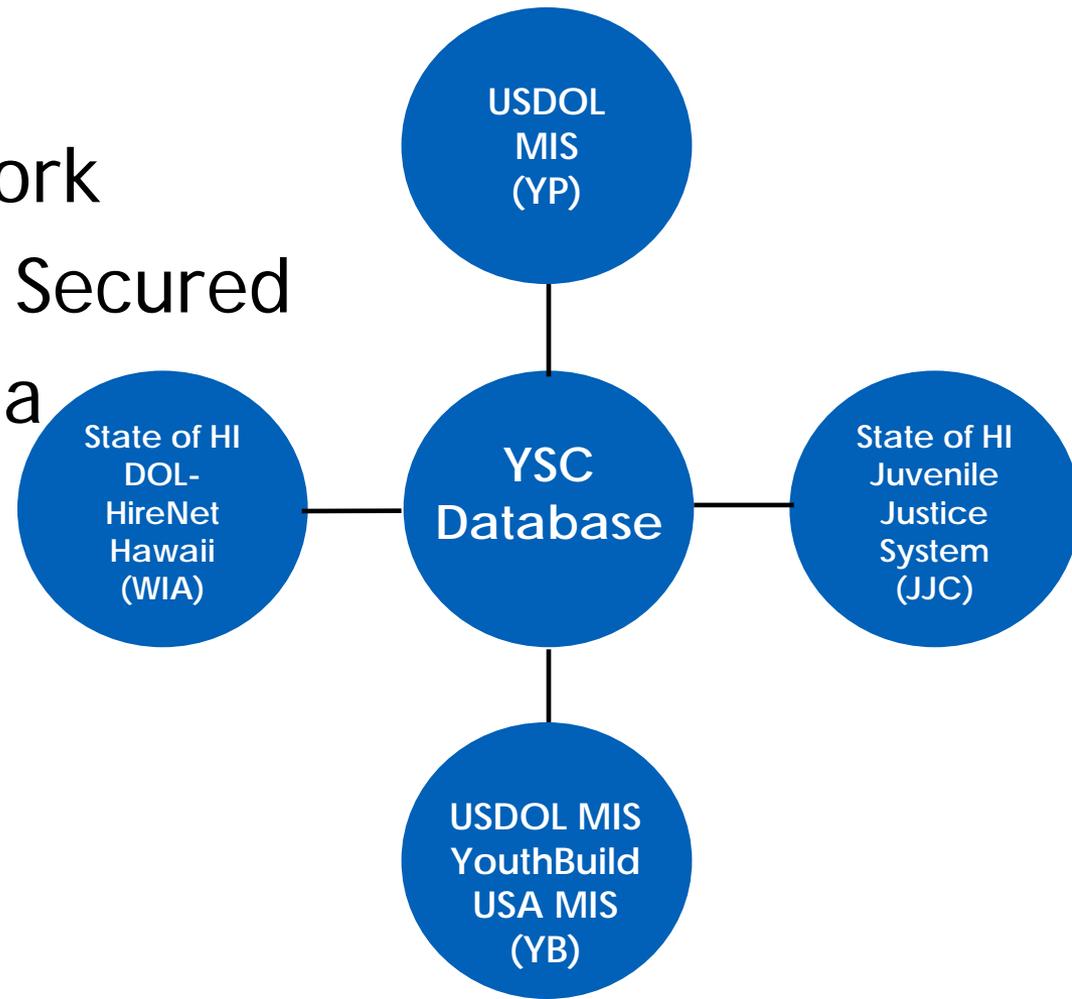
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# Centralized Web-based Case Management Database



- Free!
- On City Network
- Maintained & Secured
- Real time data
- Total Control



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# Services

- Social/life skills training
- Individual and family counseling
- Academic instruction
- Occupational skills training



- Community service
- Mentoring
- Post-secondary counseling & placement
- Leadership/Personal Development
- Employment services



# Why Build a Youth Center?

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- One access point to programs eliminates the intimidation and confusion associated with asking for kokua
- The numerous needs of young people are more effectively addressed through a mix of services and resources from various programs
- Consolidating similar stand-alone programs maximizes the use of resources- human and funding
- Staff has more opportunities to expand their skills and knowledge through their work with other Center Programs



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# How to Sustain a Youth Center

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- Relax and have fun; we serve youth!
- The Boss works long hours
- Never lose your “can do” attitude when battles are long and tough
- Apply clear and consistent practices and/or procedures across all programs
- Apply a “center” versus “program” approach to developing programs, maintaining staff morale, and resolving issues
- “There is no box” attitude keeps you open to the Universe



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# 2009 ARRA Summer Youth At A Glance

- 6 week program
- \$7.25/hr; 30 hours a week
- 359 participants
- 322 participants completed
- 56 worksites



Hazel, age 15, youth with disability receives her 1<sup>st</sup> check



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# 2009 ARRA Summer Youth Positions

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- **Tripler Badge & Vehicle Office-**  
Vehicle Registration Aide & Police Control Aide
- **Blue Planet Foundation-**  
Clean Energy Canvasser
- **Honolulu Police Department-**  
Firearms Registration Clerk
- **Youth Vision-**  
Agriculture Technician
- **Hawaii Fi-Do Service Dogs-**  
Animal Trainer
- **Olelo Television-**  
Video Production Trainee



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# 2009 ARRA Summer Youth Worksite

## YOUTH VISION



- 8 youth placed at worksite
- Learned agriculture and entrepreneurial skills
- Planted & grew vegetables & flowers
- Created business plans & cards to market product



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# Green Job Training

ETC Course: Working Green, Living Green - Home - Microsoft Internet Explorer

File Edit View Favorites Tools Help

Address: <http://etcworkgreen.weebly.com/>

WINDWARD COMMUNITY COLLEGE  
Employment Training Center

Course: **Working Green, Living Green**

The [Employment Training Center](#) (ETC) of Windward Community College is pleased to announce this new and innovative course exploring green jobs while living and working in a more sustainable lifestyle. This course is suitable for adults and youth alike. Visit [ETC's web site](#) for other courses or training opportunities.

**Course Objective:**  
Welcome to ETC's newest course offering, Working Green, Living Green. This short, 3-week, non-credit course will explore the many job opportunities in "Green" fields and increase one's awareness of how our daily choices have impacted the environment and our world. Through [project-based learning](#), students will also learn about energy saving and conservation tips, clean energies, and green job opportunities. (see course description below).

**Course Description**  
*The Working Green / Living Green course will provide a hands-on, "learn-by-doing" approach to living and working with minimal impact on our environment. Students will also explore career opportunities in the emerging "green jobs" market and learn how they may prepare themselves for employment. Instruction will cover topics such as Island values, climate change, carbon footprint, consumable energy, man's environmental impact, sustainability, "green movement", conservation*

- Partnership with Windward Community College
- 100 youth
- 3 week class
- Hands on approach
- Explore opportunities in "Green Job Market"
- May 2010 to August 2010



<http://etcworkgreen.weebly.com>

# Sustainable Saunders

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- Mentoring partnership
- Teaching sustainable principles & concepts
  - Dumpster diving-waste audits
  - Energy audit of buildings
  - Building picnic tables from recyclable plastics
  - Designing posters and t-shirts with recyclable materials



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# Participants in Action



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# Community Service Training



# Community Service Project





# Attending A Construction Fair

# Building Affordable Housing



12 2:47PM

# Rehabilitation of Public Housing



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18 2:27PM  
**Rehabilitation of Public Housing**

# Former Youth Build Participant- Rondi Botelho

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# Mahalo!

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