



## ANNUAL REPORT 2016

**Hawai'i Friends of Restorative Justice (HF)** – (formerly Hawai'i Friends of Justice & Civic Education) is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit established in 1980 that is committed to advancing civic behavior and improving the justice system.

**Mission of Hawai'i Friends** – increase democratic behavior by engaging people in positive civic activities and decision making advocates through developing programs, research for determining evidence-based practices that rehabilitate, heal and give hope.

**Public Health approach:** since its inception, when it piloted a [Street Law](#) program to rehabilitate family court youth, HF has used public health approaches, including cooperative education, [solution-focused](#), [restorative justice](#) and other engaging learning practices, to promote positive civic experiences and improve the justice system including helping people heal from injustice and wrongdoing.

### 2016 PROGRAMS PROVIDED

1. **Huikahi Reentry Circles** are a reentry and transition planning process for incarcerated people and their loved ones (see: [https://papers.ssrn.com/sol3/papers.cfm?abstract\\_id=2666828](https://papers.ssrn.com/sol3/papers.cfm?abstract_id=2666828)), and **Modified Huikahi Restorative Circles** (see: <http://lorenwalker.com/wp-content/uploads/2016/06/YoureGonnaMakeit.pdf>) for incarcerated people who meet with other incarcerated supporters have been provided to 144 people to date for mostly incarcerated women in Hawai'i's state prison who meet with loved ones and family. By December 2016, 627 people have participated. All 100% participants continue to report the circles are a positive process. Additionally in 2016 we provided modified circles for women in the Hawai'i women's prison (WCCC). We also provided circles for people in other countries and states that are replicating the process.

2. **12-Week Cognitive Course on Restorative Justice: Restorative Justice as a Solution-Focused Approach to Conflict and Wrongdoing** was provided in the spring of 2016 and 17 women participated with 10 women completing the training and the other 7 attending at least half of the classes (many attendance differences are due to women coming into and leaving prison). In the summer we received the research outcomes that this interactive 12-week cognitive provided for incarcerated women did not reduce recidivism. As a consequence we redesigned the into a *Solution-Focused Mediation and Restorative Facilitation Training* program. It became an intensive 18-week (2 hrs a meeting 1x a week) course that teaches the imprisoned women to be solution-focused mediators and restorative facilitators. It is much more skill intensive and challenging. The women were mediating disputes in their dorms and applying much of what they learned. The first course is not completed until spring 2017 and in our 2017 annual report we will provide information on the outcomes. We plan to also further adjust and refine the course in 2017.

3. **Community Justice Circle with Angela Davis:** We held a community circle in our state supreme court, Ali'iolani Hale for ninety minutes with selected invitees including Dr. Davis who was here from Oakland. She kindly agreed to participate and was introduced by our chief justice Mark Recktenwald who opened the circle. Additional participants included formerly imprisoned people, judges, college students and professors. A report on the circle is attached for more details.



4. **8th Annual Parolee Completion Celebration:** was held November 8<sup>th</sup> the day after presidential election last year. Participants commented it was especially appreciated after the outcome of the election. We honored the hard work of the people who completed parole and those who helped them including family and members of the justice system who encourage rehabilitation through an optimistic view of their clients. The event brings Hawai'i parole officers, members of our justice system, formerly incarcerated people, and the community, together in a positive shared process that encourages their continued best efforts.

5. **Independent Evaluation of Circle Program** on Individual's Recidivism Rates: Dr. Janet Davidson chairperson of the criminal justice department at Chaminade University of Honolulu evaluated our reentry circles for recidivism rates. Our control group were people who applied for circles did not have one, mainly due to their leaving prison before we could provide them with a circle. Her brief report on the evaluation is supra pages 7 and 8. She and the ED will prepare a paper on the evaluation to be published early 2018.

6. **Online Reentry Guidebook** for people exiting prison and jail to access resources in Hawai'i for housing, employment, treatment, identification, education and other needs for a successful clean and sober and law abiding life. The project is modeled after the one developed by Root & Rebound in Oakland, California <http://www.rootandrebond.org/>. We were able to have a student from the University of California at Berkeley help with the research through Root & Rebound's assistance. We also obtained assistance from volunteers in Hawai'i. We hope to publish the guidebook online in 2017. Root & Rebound has been a tremendous assistance for us in our efforts to provide this service that we believe is needed badly in our community

**University of Hawai'i Intern assistance from Social Work School**—our intern left late 2016 left after her first semester with us because she wanted more time client contact, which we could not provide.

#### **Academic Publications & Other Media**

##### **ED wrote the following that were published or are in press in 2016:**

Walker, (in press), Restorative Reentry Planning Circles for Imprisoned People. *European Conference on Restorative and Therapeutic Justice*, San Sebastian, Spain.

Walker & Tarutani, (in press). Restorative justice and violence against women: an effort to decrease the victim-offender overlap and increase healing. In D. Halder & K. Jaishankar (Eds.) *Therapeutic Jurisprudence and Overcoming Violence against Women*. Hershey, PA:IGI Global. (<http://lorenwalker.com/wp-content/uploads/2017/07/DRAFT-restorative-justice-and-violence-against-women.pdf>)

Walker, 2016, Brazil's APAC Prisons: Applying a Restorative Justice, Solution-Focused, and Public Health Approach. In Wright (Ed.) *Lawyers as Changemakers: The Global Integrative Law Movement*, Chicago, Illinois:American Bar Association.

Walker, 2016, Restorative Practices in Hawai'i's for Juveniles. In K. Jaishankar, (Ed.) *Interpersonal Criminology*, New York, NY:CRC Press Taylor & Francis Group. (<http://lorenwalker.com/wp-content/uploads/2017/07/DRAFT-Restorative-Practices-in-Hawaiiis-for-Juveniles-2016.pdf>)



**ED organized and developed 3 educational videos for Sage Publishing** to be produced and released in 2017:

- 1) *Restorative Justice for Schools*
- 2) *Restorative Justice for Violent Offenses*
- 3) *Restorative Reentry Planning Circles for the Imprisoned* that will feature an imprisoned woman whose life sentence without parole was commuted and who had a circle the ED facilitated and our UH MSW intern recorded (by hand on large sheets of paper during the process) that was filmed at WCCC in the spring 2016.

**ED wrote oped** Invest in ways to keep people out of prison, Honolulu Star Advertiser, December 8, 2016. Walker, Honolulu Star Advertiser, October 14, 2015.

**Other media contacts:** ED was interviewed by Honolulu Think Tech video program on how restorative justice can help decrease mass incarceration in Hawai'i September 20, 2016:  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UQsRv9zg5PE>

**Overall impact on the Community**

With minimal funding and administrative overhead to administer the organization (less than \$5000 annually), we continue to serve a large number of people in the community and educate the public to improve our justice system.

Respectfully submitted:

Lorenn Walker (by email)

Volunteer Executive Director

Hawai'i Friends of Restorative Justice

Date: January 5, 2017

**Income & Expenditures for January 1 – December 31, 2016**

<b>Income &amp; grants total:</b>	<b><u>\$85,000</u></b>
<b>Expenses:</b>	\$60,624
Operational Expenses (insurance, accounting, bookkeeping, etc.)	\$4,486
<b>Total Expenses:</b>	<b><u>\$65,128</u></b>



**Hawai'i Friends' Board of Directors:**

**Richard Turbin, Esq., President** - Rich is the founder and President of the law firm Turbin Chu where he practices in the areas of personal injury, wrongful death and malpractice in Honolulu, Hawai'i. He received his BA, magna cum laude, from Cornell University and his JD from Harvard Law School. Mr. Turbin served as the 2005 President of the Hawai'i State Bar Association, and was elected to the National Council of Bar Presidents of the American Bar Association (ABA); Chair of the ABA Tort & Insurance Practice Section; elected President of Consumer Lawyers 2002 – 2003; Civil Rights Commissioner for Hawai'i 2002 – 2006; Traphagen Distinguished Alumni speaker at Harvard Law School 2004; received Pursuit of Justice Award of the ABA Tort & Insurance Practice Section 2006; has taught numerous courses and written articles for ABA & a text book; served as Chair of Wai'alea Kahala Neighborhood Board 1994 – 2004; member MADD and Alliance Francaise of Hawai'i.

**Roger Epstein, Esq., Vice President** - Roger is a graduate of Georgetown University Law School. He has a private legal practice in Honolulu and retired from Cades Schutte, in Honolulu after 30 years. He's a cofounder of the Hawai'i Forgiveness Project (<http://www.hawaiiforgivenessproject.org>) and is dedicated to improving our community.

**Svitlana Pronina Campbell, Secretary** - Svitlana is a teacher and lawyer born in the Ukraine, who settled in Honolulu in 1999. Svitlana graduated from the University of Hawaii William S. Richardson School of Law with both J.D. and LL.M. degrees concentrating on international and business law matters. She has taught mandatory classes on basics of Preventative Law in Ukraine high schools, offered classes on drug and crime prevention, and hosted a legal radio program in her home country. She is a passionate supporter of education and preventative law in Hawaii.

**Madonna Castro Perez, Treasurer** - Madonna works at the Legal Aid Society of Hawai'i (LASH) in the Fair Housing unit as a Civil Rights Advocate. Prior to working at LASH, Madonna interned in Washington, D.C. at the American Legislative Exchange council and doubled majored in Political Science and History. Shortly after, she moved to Hawai'i for graduate school and received her Masters in Pacific Islands Studies. A passion to serve others, she volunteers at random places and events. From holding a sign for three hours on the side of the road in Hawai'i Kai to waking up at 5:30 am to count whales; there is always something interesting that she helps out with. In her spare time, she likes watching Korean dramas, eating delicious food with friends, running, and documenting her cooking and eating adventures on [thenosyfoodcritic.blogspot.com](http://thenosyfoodcritic.blogspot.com)

**Cheri Tarutani, MSW, LCSW** - Cheri is an Instructor with the University of Hawaii Manoa, School of Social Work Distance Education program. Prior to joining the UH faculty, she was a Child and Adult Protection Specialist for Child Welfare Services for 7 years. During that time, she was the designated Family Drug Court worker and was part of the Family Drug Court team that was awarded the Natural Collaborative Leader Award in 2004 from the Mediation Center of the Pacific. Ms. Tarutani has a Bachelor of Arts in Women's Studies from the University of California, Los Angeles and a Masters in Social Work from the University of Hawaii, Manoa.

**Kellen Kashiwa, OD** - Dr. Kellen Kashiwa is a low-vision specialist. As a licensed doctor of optometry, he is trained in the examination and management of patients with visual impairments that cannot be corrected with pharmaceutical or surgical interventions, conventional prescription eyeglasses or contact lenses. Born and raised in Hawaii, Dr. Kashiwa earned his Doctor of Optometry Degree from Pacific University College of Optometry in Oregon, where he concentrated in low vision and retinal disease. He previously served as a technician and diagnostic photographer at the Retina Institute of Hawaii from 2008 to 2009. Dr. Kashiwa completed internships in Japan and China, and has seen over 3,000 patients doing optometric humanitarian work in the Philippines, Peru, and Nicaragua.



**Ian Crabbe** - grew up in Pearl City, played football for Foothill College in California. He is a Hawai'i licensed electrician. He is very proud of his only child, who works in forensics for the FBI. Ian had one of the first restorative reentry circles in 2005 at Waiawa Correctional Facility where he was imprisoned for drug related offenses. He spent three years in prison with little family contact. The circle enabled him to make amends and rebuild relationships with his family. He became his father's caregiver before he passed away. In 2014, Governor Neil Abercrombie pardoned Ian's criminal convictions. Ian has been an important supporter for Hawai'i Friends of Restorative Justice for over ten years.

**Elizabeth Naholowa`a Murph** - Elizabeth is Native Hawaiian and originally from Honolulu. She received her B.S. in Computer Science & Information Systems Science from East Tennessee State University in 1983. She lives in Hilo and has worked with numerous non-profits.

**Lorenn Walker, Volunteer Executive Director (ED)** –public health educator and restorative lawyer ([www.lorennwalker.com](http://www.lorennwalker.com)) who develops, implements, researches and publishes the results of social learning processes using restorative justice and solution-focused approaches. Lorenn is a Senior Fulbright Specialist for international peacemaking training. She first became involved with Hawai'i Friends in 1994 when she was the mock trial attorney coach for Waialua High School and was working as trial lawyer for the state of Hawai'i attorney general's office. Since then Hawai'i Friends has changed its name and has shifted its focus from law related education, e.g. mock trial, to more of a public health approach using restorative justice. Lorenn donates her ED time to the Hawai'i Friends and receives minimal compensation (basically stipends) from grants and donations for her other work providing the programs we develop and provide.

#### **Goals for 2017:**

##### **Family Law Clinic at the Women's Community Correctional Center (WCCC)**

Serves imprisoned women's family law needs and assists women with personal and legal post incarceration issues. Developing comprehensive reentry guidebook. Provide law clinics and individual consultations at the Kailua women's prison. Assist imprisoned women in preparing legal forms and other family law assistance.

**Reentry Circles in Brazil** Provide a five day training to 40 people in Brazil on reentry circles. Sponsored by the Brazilian government.

**Develop reentry guidebook with Roots & Rebound assistance** <http://www.rootandrebounce.org/>

# HAWAI`I FRIENDS OF RESTORATIVE JUSTICE

Supporting Healing for Individuals and Communities Harmed by Wrongdoing and Social Injustice

## **Brief Report on Independent Evaluation of Reentry Circles Affect on Recidivism:**

### **Issue**

Tough on crime and punitive measures do not reduce crime. Programmatic measures, including ones involving restorative justice practices, have been shown to reduce repeat crime. Like other states, Hawai'i, embraced tough measures to deal with crime, leading to an increase of incarceration of 654% from 1978 to 2014.<sup>1</sup>

### **Background**

One restorative justice practice in Hawai'i, *Huikahi reentry circles*, asks imprisoned individuals to look toward their future by setting personal goals. These goals include employment, housing, physical and emotional health, maintaining a clean and sober lifestyle and positive relationships with loved ones and the community. The primary objective of the reentry circle is for the individual to take responsibility for their life, their choices, and healing for their loved ones and the community. Each goal is specific to the individual. The circles are solution-focused and the individual's strengths are identified to help them achieve their goals while also making amends for past criminal behavior.

### **Recommendation**

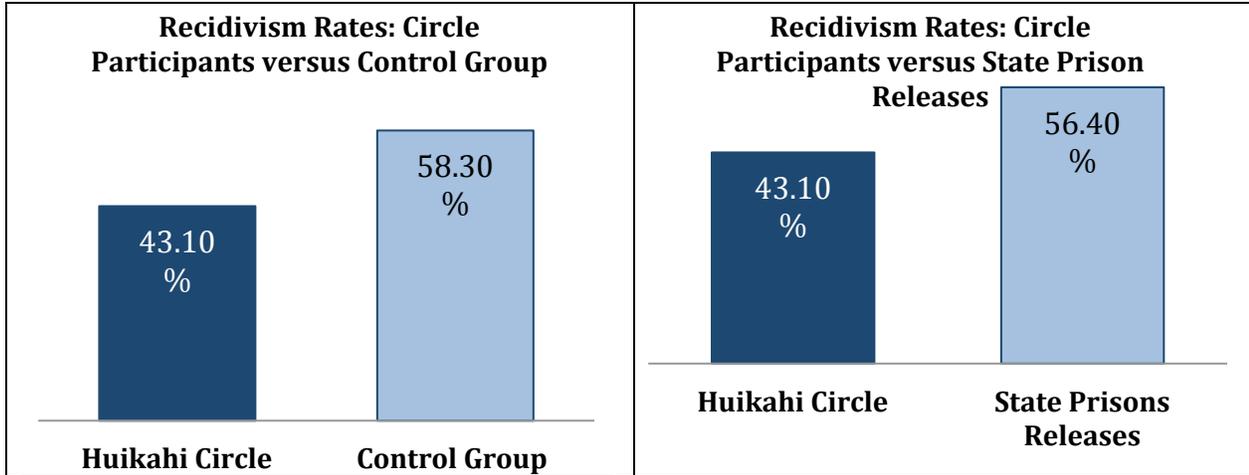
A recent independent evaluation of the reentry circles demonstrates that they effectively reduce recidivism. Re-arrest rates three years after prison release are significantly lower for circle participants compared to a control group who wanted, but did not receive, the restorative treatment ( $t=-1.660$ ,  $p < .05$ ; Figure 1). Importantly, circle participants also demonstrate lower recidivism rates than people released from state prison, using the same three-year follow-up protocol.<sup>2</sup> The research demonstrates the effectiveness of the reentry circles and the need to both continue and broaden these efforts. Support to continue this treatment is needed from within and outside of the system, which will translate into lower recidivism rates and overall greater public safety for the community.

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<sup>1</sup> <http://www.bjs.gov/index.cfm?ty=nps>

<sup>2</sup> <http://icis.hawaii.gov/wp-content/uploads/2013/07/Recidivism-Update-2010.pdf>

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## APRIL 13, 2016 JUSTICE IN HAWAI'I COMMUNITY CIRCLE SUMMARY

*Restorative Justice (R J) values being accountable and taking responsibility, being respectful, and repairing harm and relationships as possible. R J asks: Who is responsible? Who was affected? How were they affected? What can be done to repair the harm?*

On April 13, 2-16 Hawai'i Friends of Restorative Justice convened a ninety-minute circle event to consider how restorative justice might be used in Hawai'i.

The circle was held at Ali'iolani Hale, the Hawai'i Supreme Court, with 35 people including Angela Davis, iconic scholar and justice advocate, and Mark E. Recktenwald, Chief Justice state of Hawai'i. Participants included former justice system consumers including parolees, people who work in the justice system, students, academics, and community activists whose names are attached.

### **In one large circle, the 35 participants shared what they found hopeful about justice in Hawai'i.**

While expressing a variety of hopes, the following challenges to justice were expressed:

- New prison construction costing \$1.5 - \$2 billion sought by the state without plans to reduce the approximately 6000 incarcerated
- New privatized prison - no oversight, no referendum, no transparency - lots of lawyer lobbyists work for Corrections Corporation of America in Hawai'i
- Saguaro Prison case - Hawai'i prisoners on mainland impedes rehabilitation & harms families and communities
- Prison can further criminalize non-violent incarcerated people

**After the large circle, small circles of 5 - 7 people, which most of the participants engaged, discussed: *What could you do to further your hope for justice in Hawai'i, and how RJ might used?***

### **The small circles consistently found the following solutions:**

**ORGANIZE:** Intentional regular meetings of interested parties that plan, organize, asset map, and carry out agreed upon strategies to move the justice system from one that is punitive in nature, to restorative. Examples of restorative approaches: innovative, therapeutic courts, indigenous approaches, alternative sentencing, mental health and substance abuse treatment

**TRAIN:** all players in the system (teachers of criminal justice, judges, police, medical professionals, lawyers, clerks, bailiffs, parole officers), on RJ language, on historical trauma, other RJ principles. Engage youth in civics and peace education, promote **prevention** strategies.

**COMMUNICATE:** build more community communication mechanisms, circles, build personal connections, **tell your RJ story**, post on social and other media, share



**LEGISLATURE:** educate legislators, invite them into circles, make case for **lower costs** associated with RJ strategies

One participant summarized the value of RJ: *“restorative justice circles promote connection - circles create sacred spaces – circles help people heal.*

Hawai'i Friends of Restorative Justice plans to convene another circle event before the end of the year, possibly in October 2016.

Mahalo for your participation!

Please call or email me if you have any comments, questions, etc., phone: (808) 218-3712 and [lorenn@hawaiifriends.org](mailto:lorenn@hawaiifriends.org)

Aloha, Lorenn Walker, JD, MPH  
Director, Hawai'i Friends of Restorative Justice

**Participants at 4.13.16 community circle on restorative justice in Hawai'i:**

1. Angela Davis, professor
2. Mark Recktenwald, Hawai'i chief justice
3. Leslie Kobayashi, federal district court judge
4. Bert Matsuoka, Hawai'i parole board chair
5. Ken Lawson, Hawai'i innocence project director
6. Jackie Young, Former legislator & cancer assn. director
7. Momi Cazimero, graphic artist
8. Amy Agbiami, PhD, Univeristy of Hawai'i diversity director
9. Rich Turbin, Esq. & Hawai'i Friends president
10. Roger Epstein, Esq. & Hawai'i Friends vice president
11. Faye Kennedy Daly, sister Florynce Kennedy who defended Dr. Davis 1970s)
12. Nancy Alec, Hawai'i People's Fund foundation director
13. Sharon Hicks, Author, administrator of numerous non-profits & Hicks Homes
14. Merton Chenin, Hawai'i office youth services director



15. De mont Connor, paralegal & community activist
  16. Momi Connor, community activist Leeward Coast
  17. Sandra Simms, retired state court judge
  18. Tim Ho, Hawai‘ chief deputy public defender
  19. William (Bill) Harrison, Esq.
  20. Patty Lyons, founder Consuelo foundation
  21. Sonny Ganaden, Esq. & journalist
  22. Rai St. Chu, Esq.
  23. Henry Curtis, Life of the Land director
  24. Ian Crabbe, electrician
  25. Matt Taufeete, pastor & half way house director
  26. Allison Jacobs, Hawai‘i legislative minority researcher
  27. Toni Bissen, Esq., Pu‘a foundation, founder & director
  28. Patricia Boone\*, 3L Northwestern University extern Judge Steven Alm
  29. LA Giles\*, MSW student & Hawai‘i Friends intern 2015 – 2016
  30. Cheri Tarutani\*, Hawai‘i Friends board member & professor
  31. Kat Brady\*, Community Alliance on Prisons,
  32. Melody Kubo\*, state judiciary
  33. Erin Ka‘ahea Gross, MSW student and 2014-2015 Hawai‘i Friends intern
  34. Dawn Slaten\*, Esq. & Hawai‘i Friends facilitator
  35. Lorenn Walker, Hawai‘i Friends director
- Mahalo Robyn Pfhall, Esq. & photographer and Lisa Jensen, conflict management consultant for help with photos and organizing

\* Mahalo for facilitating small circles