

RESTORE, RECONNECT, REVIVE (R3) PROGRAM

Cohort VI Report (2025)

BACKGROUND

The Restore, Reconnect, Revive (R3) Program Cohort VI served 122 participants from February to May 2025 in two areas in the Honolulu City Council District I (‘Ewa to Ka’ena Point). For 16 weeks at the LMS Samoan Church of Hawaii in Nānākuli and at DreamHouse in Kapolei, the average daily attendance was seven (7) at Nānākuli and six (6) at Kapolei. The highest number of participants served in a single day at either location was 14. The best attendance at Nānākuli was 24 days for one individual, and likewise at Kapolei.

Nānākuli has been the longest-standing part of the program. The program started at the Nānākuli shopping center and has served participants from the beach park to Hakimo Street since 2022. The Kapolei location resumed in 2025, and the last time that area was active with R3 was from February to May of 2023. The location was changed from Kapolei Regional Park to DreamHouse across the street. DreamHouse also played a major role in 2023. 23 new participants attended the LMS Samoan Church in Nānākuli, and everyone at DreamHouse was considered new, totaling 62 participants.

The weekly attendance rate at Nānākuli was 13 participants, and at Kapolei, 12. Both locations had a consistent attendance rate, indicating that participants consistently received support or accessed needed resources. *See Figure 1.*

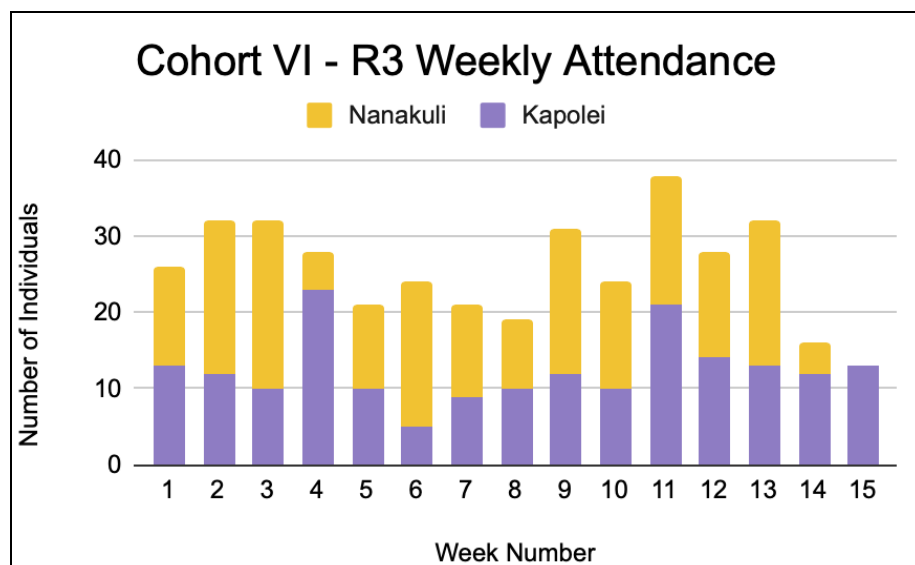


Figure 1. Weekly Attendance at Nānākuli and Kapolei locations (Note: Attendance remained consistent across both sites, averaging 13 and 12 participants per week).

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As shown in Figure 1, attendance at both sites remained steady throughout the 16-week program, indicating strong engagement and accessibility.

PROGRAM DEMOGRAPHICS

Over the 16-week program, while no participants were housed, employed, or enrolled in Community Court, progress was made in building trust and connecting them to other services. Three participants relocated from out of region to the Kapolei area; 85 were new to homelessness; 9 were veterans; 61 were Native Hawaiian; 1 was under the age of 18; 115 were between the ages of 19-65; and 16 were over the age of 65. Thirty-two (32) participants were connected to at least one service provider, and 10 participants were unsheltered for more than a year. See *Figure 2*.

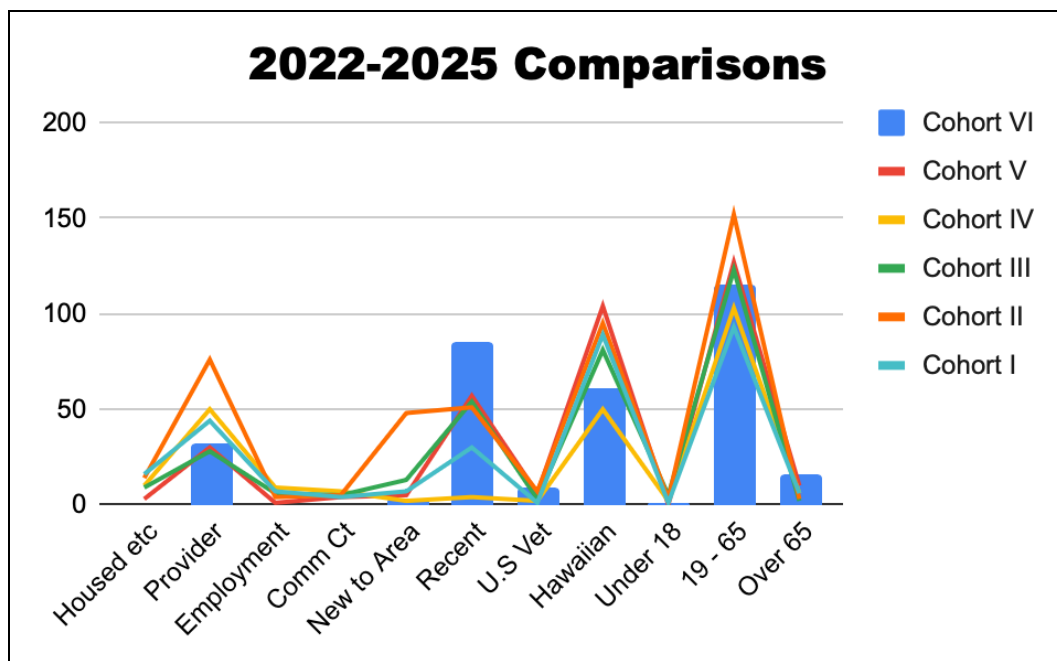


Figure 2. Demographic Breakdown of Cohort VI Participants from 2022 to 2025. (Source: R3 Program Data, February-May 2025)

As shown in Figure 2, the demographic breakdown of this year's participants compared to previous years.

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OVERVIEW

R3's vision is to **restore** three areas as public spaces with overnight camping prohibited, **reconnect** participants with resources through dedicated follow-up, and **revive** the outreach process by adding accountability and timelines. R3's mission is to create a **community resource hub** that provides opportunities for (1) work, (2) housing, (3) mental health services, (4) documentation, and (5) welfare services. The goals are to provide resources to families in need, restore District I parks for public use, and house at least 100 individuals or families.

R3 BEST PRACTICES

- Maximize Westside community resources to end homelessness.
- Focus outreach in small zones to restore public spaces
- Prioritize work and income opportunities, not just housing.

COHORT VI LEARNING POINTS

Review and evaluation are essential for progress. Each cohort, we strive to integrate new providers, churches, and nonprofits into the R3 network to expand outreach and resource sharing.

In this cohort, we attempted to incorporate the Institute of Human Services' (IHS) **Assisted Community Treatment (ACT)** framework. However, we encountered challenges, including delays in intake assessments and lengthy legal processes, which hindered timely access to treatment. These issues highlighted the need for a more efficient, streamlined system in future cohorts.

ACTIVITY WEDNESDAYS AT ULEHAWA BEACH PARK

We successfully launched "**Activity Wednesdays**" at Ulehawa Beach Park, supported by our Nānākuli location, which provides outreach and assistance every Monday and Wednesday. Participants were encouraged to attend Monday sessions at the church, after which they gained access to Wednesday activities. Engagement events included **Tent Beautification Projects, Connect 4 Tournaments, and Speed Card Tournaments**. Winners received **bus passes and donated community items**, encouraging participation and providing tangible, immediate support.

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CLEAN AND SOBER BOOTH – FAITH-BASED OUTREACH

We partnered with **Anchor Hope Clean**, a Wai‘anae faith-based nonprofit, to set up a Clean and Sober Booth. This served as a direct connection point for individuals seeking substance abuse support, offering on-the-spot guidance and treatment services.

KA‘ALA FARM WORK DAY – GIVING BACK TO THE ‘ĀINA

Participants also took part in a **workday at Ka‘ala Farm**, which not only removed them temporarily from the hardships of daily life but also allowed them to give back to the ‘āina (land). The event was both healing and purposeful, reinforcing cultural values and providing a sense of pride and contribution.

SUCCESS STORIES

Qualitative data helps us understand why or how something happened. At our Ulehawa Beach location, we’ve encountered a population that often resists assistance, largely due to **complex substance use and mental health challenges**. Despite these barriers, consistent outreach has created **valuable points of contact and trust** that we plan to deepen over time. We realized that despite our efforts with medical services, **additional support is needed to make measurable progress**.

One critical area of improvement is the **development of a more responsive intake and referral process for the Assisted Community Treatment (ACT) program**. Delays and legal complexities slowed early progress, but we are committed to refining this system. Our goal is to launch a more accessible ACT pathway in the next cohort—ensuring individuals in urgent need of mental health and substance use treatment can receive timely, coordinated care.

We have set up a **meeting with the Attorney General’s Office and the Institute for Human Services** to explore how we can improve access to psychiatric and medical insurance services.