

RESTORE, RECONNECT, REVIVE (R3) PROGRAM

Cohort VII Report (2025)

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Restore, Reconnect, Revive (R3) Program completed its seventh cohort between August and November 2025, serving 112 participants across two locations in Honolulu City Council District I: Nānākuli and Kapolei.

R3 continues to demonstrate the value of a place-based, collaborative outreach model that combines resource navigation, behavioral health services, housing assistance, employment support, and community partnerships. Throughout Cohort VII, participants were connected to critical services while outreach teams worked to restore public spaces and strengthen relationships with individuals experiencing homelessness.

COHORT VII KEY OUTCOMES

- **112** total participants served
- **8** individuals housed or reunited with family
- **2** individuals connected to employment opportunities
- **60** individuals connected with service providers
- **19** participants connected to behavioral health services
- **5** veterans served
- **49** Native Hawaiian participants served

BACKGROUND

The Restore, Reconnect, Revive (R3) Program Cohort VII served 112 participants between August and November 2025 across two service areas within Honolulu City Council District I, from 'Ewa to Ka'ena Point. Services were provided for 15 weeks at the LMS Samoan Church of Hawai'i in Nānākuli and at locations in Kapolei, including Dream House and the Hawai'i State Public Library. Average daily attendance was seven participants in Nānākuli and eight in Kapolei, with peak daily attendance reaching 21 participants in Nānākuli and 19 in Kapolei. The highest individual attendance recorded was 15 service days in Nānākuli and 21 service days in Kapolei.

Nānākuli has been a core service area since 2022, serving participants from Depots to Hakimo Street. Through sustained outreach and community partnerships, the area has experienced a significant reduction in visible encampments and unsheltered homelessness. In 2025, R3 resumed services in Kapolei for the first time since 2023, relocating from Dream House to the Hawai'i State Public Library. Twenty-three new participants engaged with services in Nānākuli, while 62 participants in Kapolei were new to the program. Across both locations, approximately 15 participants each week received support, services, or resource referrals.

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Cohort VII - R3 Weekly Attendance

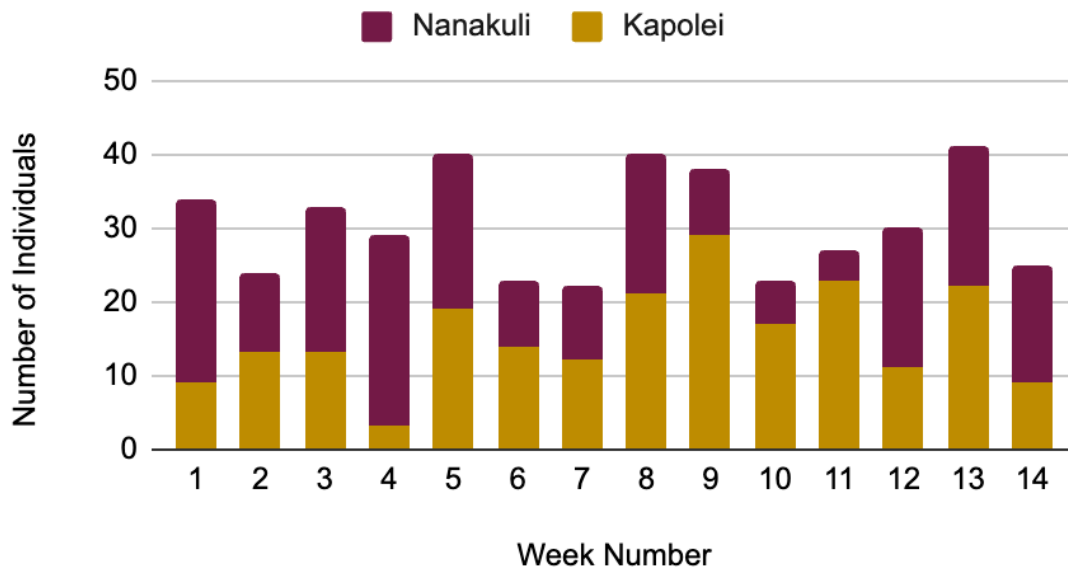


Figure 1. Weekly Attendance at Nānākuli and Kapolei locations

PROGRAM DEMOGRAPHICS

Data collection is key to the success of R3, and liability releases are signed by the participants to allow providers to give the best and highest collaborative service to the community. Over the course of the program, four participants reunited with family, one entered a shelter, one entered a drug rehabilitation program in Honolulu, and one secured employment. Three participants relocated to the Kapolei area from outside the region.

At the Nānākuli location, 57 people attended over the 15-week program, of which a provider was servicing 33 individuals, everyone was over the age of 19, and 6 were 65 or older, 23 had at least a part-time job, 21 were Native Hawaiian, 22 had a form of healthcare, and 17 did intake with Ohana Health to receive mental health services. At the Kapolei location, 55 people attended over the 15-week program, of which a provider was servicing 27, everyone was over the age of 19, and 3 were 65 or older, 28 were Native Hawaiian, 34 had a form of health care, and 2 enrolled with Ohana Health for mental health services.

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	Cohort VII	Cohort VI	Cohort V	Cohort IV	Cohort III	Cohort II	Cohort I	Totals
Housed etc	8	0	3	10	9	14	16	60
Provider	60	32	30	50	28	76	44	320
Employment	2	0	1	9	6	4	7	29
Comm Ct	1	0	4	7	5	5	4	26
New to Area	3	3	5	2	13	48	7	78
Recent	85	85	57	4	54	51	30	366
U.S Vet	5	9	6	2	3	7	1	33
Hawaiian	49	61	104	50	81	95	89	529
Under 18	0	1	0	2	5	3	1	12
19 - 65	103	115	127	103	123	152	93	816
Over 65	9	16	10	6	2	3	6	52

Figure 2. Demographic Comparison of R3 Cohorts I–VII (2022–2025)

(Source: R3 Program Data, 2022–2025)

OVERVIEW

R3’s vision is to restore public spaces, reconnect participants with essential resources through dedicated follow-up, and revive community-centered outreach through accountability and measurable outcomes. 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 VII LEARNING POINTS

Review and evaluation are essential components of growth and progress. With each cohort, we strive to integrate new service providers, faith-based organizations, and nonprofit partners into the R3 network to expand outreach efforts, strengthen collaboration, and improve resource sharing throughout the community.

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During Cohort VII, R3 expanded implementation of the Assisted Community Treatment (ACT) framework through coordinated outreach, referral pathways, and behavioral health partnerships. Weekly assistance services were provided on Mondays at the Nānākuli (LMS) Church, while outreach activities were conducted every Wednesday at the Ulehawa Beach Park parking lot.

Through collaboration with 'Ohana Health Plan, R3 strengthened its capacity to identify, refer, and support individuals who may benefit from ACT services. While this collaboration provided valuable insight and increased our capacity to connect individuals with appropriate services, we continued to encounter challenges related to participant engagement, eligibility requirements, and the complexity of navigating available resources.

Additionally, Cohort VII implemented a more comprehensive and person-centered approach by providing participants with the opportunity to share their personal stories through reflective letter writing. This initiative allowed individuals to express their experiences, challenges, and journeys in their own words. Elsie Foster facilitated this process by creating a safe, supportive, and nonjudgmental environment where participants could write letters to loved ones, reflecting on the circumstances that led them to their current situation and the steps they are taking toward recovery and stability. This therapeutic approach encouraged self-reflection, accountability, emotional expression, and the opportunity to begin healing from past and present trauma. For those who participated, the exercise served as an important step toward finding closure, rebuilding relationships, and fostering hope for the future.

The Kapolei location continued to make strides through consistent outreach efforts with new leaders Jesse and Ashley's organization, To The Top. However, one of the ongoing challenges remains helping participants maintain their commitment to scheduled appointments and follow through with recommended services. Despite these obstacles, we continue to see promising outcomes among individuals who remain engaged and committed to the plans they developed alongside our volunteer service providers.

SUCCESS STORIES

One notable success story from Cohort VII is that of Uncle Ralph "Kalani" from R3 Nānākuli and Debbie from R3 Kapolei, both of whom successfully obtained housing vouchers and are now on the path toward stable housing placement. This achievement is particularly significant given that both individuals experienced homelessness for more than ten years.

Another encouraging success story is Sunny, a participant at R3 Kapolei. Although he has faced numerous challenges, the R3 program has been able to assist him with a free cell phone, clothing, transportation support through bus passes, and part-time employment opportunities. While he continues to work toward securing permanent housing, Sunny remains a strong example of the positive outcomes that can occur when participants actively commit to and follow through with the individualized plans they create with R3 staff and volunteers.

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The Ulehawa Beach Park outreach site continues to serve a population that is often resistant to accepting assistance, largely due to complex substance use disorders and mental health challenges. The cleanup of Ulehawa Beach Park involved multiple agencies over a three-day period and resulted in significant improvements to the area, including new landscaping and enhanced accessibility for public use. These efforts contributed to the restoration of shoreline areas from Depots to Hakimo Street and demonstrated the value of coordinated community partnerships in improving public spaces.

RECOMMENDATIONS FOR COHORT VIII

- Expand mental health services and support.
- Improve transportation assistance.
- Increase employment opportunities through community partnerships.
- Continue focused outreach in high-need areas.
- Strengthen housing support for voucher recipients.
- Improve tracking of participant outcomes and program results.