

RESTORE, RECONNECT, REVIVE (R3) PROGRAM

Cohort VIII Report (2026)

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Between February and May 2026, the Restore, Reconnect, Revive (R3) Program wrapped up Cohort VIII, reaching **136** individuals at two sites within Honolulu City Council District I Mā'ili and Kapolei. Mā'ili marks a new service area for R3, with the program launching outreach at Paradise Chapel for the first time. In 2026, R3 returned to Kapolei for the second time, having previously operated out of Dream House and the Kapolei Public Library.

Cohort VIII reflects R3's commitment to fostering lasting change through trust, accountability, and purpose-driven outreach. Participants are empowered to take ownership of their personal journey and the public spaces they occupy by actively engaging in services that address mental health, substance use, housing, and self-sufficiency. Through strong partnerships and individualized support, R3 helps participants build a foundation for long-term stability while restoring District I's parks and beaches for the benefit of the entire community.

ATTENDANCE

The Restore, Reconnect, Revive (R3) Program Cohort VIII served **136** participants between February and May 2026 across two service areas within Honolulu City Council District I. Services were provided for 15 weeks at Paradise Chapel in Mā'ili and at the Kapolei Public Library in Kapolei. In Mā'ili, the average daily attendance was 5 participants, the highest daily attendance was 15 participants, and the highest attendance recorded from one individual for this cohort was 13 days attended. In Kapolei, the average daily attendance was 6 participants, with the highest daily attendance of 17, and the highest attendance recorded from one individual during this cohort was 20 days!

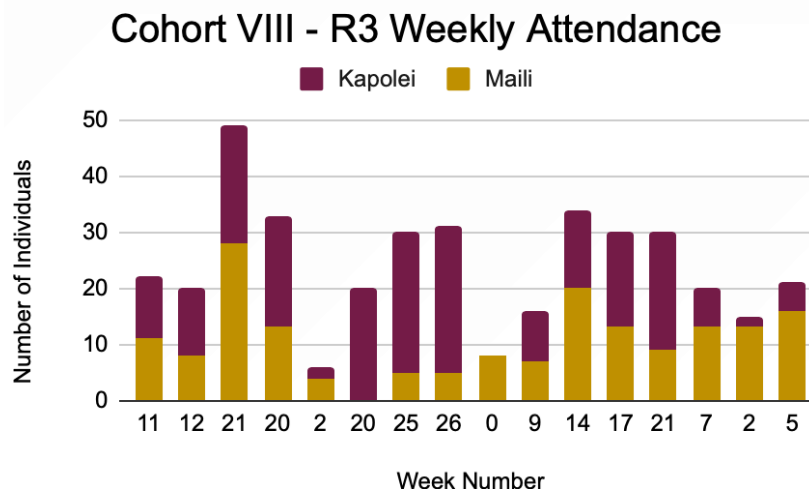


Figure 1. Weekly Attendance at Maili and Kapolei locations

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DATA ANALYSIS & OUTCOME

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. Across both locations, a total of 136 individuals participated in the R3 Cohort across the two sites: 85 at Kapolei and 51 at Paradise Chapel. At both locations, 21 individuals were currently connected to one or more service providers, and an additional 21 individuals at each site had previously been connected to housing through a service provider. Two individuals in Kapolei and none in Paradise Chapel had been unsheltered for more than a year, while 43 individuals in Kapolei and 28 in Paradise Chapel had been unsheltered for less than a year. Of the individuals served, 8 in Kapolei relocated to another location during the cohort and none relocated at the other location. Over the course of the program, five participants reunited with family, one entered a shelter, one entered a drug rehabilitation program in Honolulu, and four secured employment.

	Cohort VIII	Cohort VII	Cohort VI	Cohort V	Cohort IV	Cohort III	Cohort II	Cohort I	Totals
Housed etc	5	8	0	3	10	9	14	16	65
Providers	41	60	32	30	50	28	76	44	361
Employment	4	2	0	1	9	6	4	7	33
Comm Ct	2	1	0	4	7	5	5	4	28
New to Area	3	6	3	5	2	13	48	7	87
Recent	71	85	85	57	4	54	51	30	437
U.S Vet	4	5	9	6	2	3	7	1	37
Hawaiian	63	49	61	104	50	81	95	89	592
Under 18	0	0	1	0	2	5	3	1	12
19 - 65	114	103	115	127	103	123	152	93	930
Over 65	14	9	16	10	6	2	3	6	66

Figure 2. Demographic Comparison of R3 Cohorts I–VIII (2022–2026)

(Source: R3 Program Data, 2022–2026)

OVERVIEW

The Restore, Reconnect, Revive (R3) Program helps individuals experiencing homelessness achieve lasting change through a compassionate, accountable, participant-centered approach. R3 connects participants to housing, employment, behavioral health services, identification assistance, and other critical resources through strong partnerships and individualized case management — while restoring District 1 parks and beaches for safe public use by helping participants move beyond living from beach to beach toward healthier, more stable futures.

BEST PRACTICES

- Maximize Westside community resources to end homelessness

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- Focus outreach in small zones to restore public spaces
- Prioritize work and income opportunities, not just housing
- Aim for solutions and connection around mental health and drug abuse

SUCCESS STORIES

Every success story reminds us that behind every outreach effort is a human life, a family, and a future worth believing in. This is why R3 exists not simply to provide services, but to restore hope, reconnect people with opportunity, and remind people they are seen, valued, and never forgotten. During outreach at Mā'ili Beach Park, we met a mother and her two sons who had recently been displaced from a cleared area. With everything they owned in a single wagon, they shared that they had nowhere to go. Yet despite their circumstances, the mother continued commuting to Waipahu for work, her 17-year-old son worked at Burger King, and her youngest attended Nānāikapono Elementary School. Their resilience in the face of hardship was inspiring.

On their very first day, through our partnership with Catholic Charities, they were welcomed into transitional housing at Mā'ili Land. The relief and joy on the faces of those two boys and their mother is something we will never forget. Their story reminds us that transformation begins with compassion, grows through partnership, and is sustained by a community that refuses to give up. At R3, we know that lasting change happens one step at a time but with hope, consistency, and people willing to walk alongside one another, those small steps become new beginnings.

Consistency in the process One Step at a Time

R3 is founded on the belief that lasting change is not measured by how quickly someone reaches the finish line, but by the courage to take the next step. Transformation takes time, perseverance, and a community willing to walk alongside each person through every challenge. That is the heart of R3 to provide consistent support, encouragement, and an unwavering belief in every participant's potential.

We first met Ronnie at our River of Life R3 location in 2025. His journey was not an overnight success; it took nearly a year of commitment, perseverance, and unwavering determination. Through the support of R3, Ronnie completed Community Court, obtained his state ID, secured employment with SURECAN LLC, and recently moved into a place of his own. To celebrate these hard-earned milestones, Ronnie was presented with a Certificate of Achievement by Auntie Gail and AJ Amina, who faithfully lead our Mā'ili R3 location. His story is a powerful reminder that when people are met with compassion, opportunity, and a community that refuses to give up on them, lives can truly be transformed one courageous step at a time.