

Save Haven's Mission

Safe Haven's mission is to provide persons with serious mental illnesses, who have been living on the streets with a secure, non-threatening, residential environment.

More specifically, as part of a continuum of care, it serves as the point of contact for engaging this population in treatment, rehabilitation and supportive services. With such services, it is expected that persons who have been homeless and are mentally ill will be able to move to more traditional housing resources in community settings.

Opportunities to Begin Again

Safe Haven is a project of Mental Health Kokua. Founded in 1973, Mental Health Kokua is committed to helping people with the opportunity to begin again.

Through specially designed, highly professional and culturally sensitive services and settings, we assist people with mental illness to achieve optimum recovery and functioning in the community, and to live independently. Also, we strive to eliminate the stigma attached to those living with mental health challenges.

Our state-wide services include housing, case management, psychosocial rehabilitation, psychiatry, and counseling.

Safe Haven Outreach

We're available everyday,
24 hours a day:

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Honolulu, HI,
96813
808-524-7233

KONA

75-188 Kalani St.
Kailua-Kona, HI
96740
808-769-5728

How Can You Help?

Safe Haven is always in need of monetary donations, as well as gifts of goods and services. Donations of clothing are always welcome.

Tax deductible donations for Safe Haven can be made through Mental Health Kokua Please call us for more information.

Contact us at one of our Safe Havens, you may visit and have a tour, and:

- Visit: www.mhkhawaii.org.
- Visit: www.facebook.com/mentalhealthkokua.



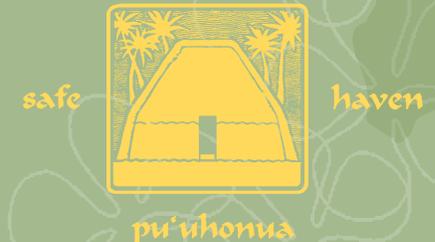
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What is Save Haven?

Mental Health Kokua's Safe Haven is a Supportive Housing Program that serves hard-to-reach homeless persons with severe mental illness who come primarily from the streets and have been unable or unwilling to participate in housing or supportive services.

To be eligible as a Safe Haven program, requires the following must criteria:

- Must be located in a facility meeting HUD standards.
- Must allow 24-hour residence for an unspecified duration;
- Must have private or semi-private accommodations;
- Must limit overnight occupancy to no more than 25 persons;
- Must prohibit the use of illegal drugs in the facility;
- Must provide access to needed services in a low demand facility, but cannot require program participants to utilize them; and
- May include a drop-in center as part of outreach activities

Who Safe Haven Helps

People with mental illnesses who are homeless tend to be vulnerable, disoriented and fearful. Many are victims of robbery, rape or attack. They are overwhelmed by the expectations of traditional programs. Many lack insight into their mental illness and therefore decline available services and treatment.



How the Community Benefits

- Safe Haven is a cost-effective way of serving a population that might otherwise end up in our prisons or state hospitals.
- Trained, professional staff are on site to respond to residents' needs as well as community concerns.
- Safe Haven staff reach out to and engage homeless persons with mental illnesses with the goal of providing appropriate treatment so they can access resources away from the streets and downtown businesses.
- Safe Haven is successfully serving mentally ill persons while working in cooperation with local residents, businesses, families and social services agencies.
- Hawaii's sons and daughters who are homeless and mentally ill can eventually live successfully in the community with on-going support.

A large percentage of people who are homeless have mental illness. In Hawaii, that percentage amounts to up to 3,000 individuals.

Safe Haven acts as a "portal of entry" to housing and treatment. It provides a secure, non-threatening, supportive environment, as well as access to psychiatric, medical and social services.

Safe Haven also provides specially tailored outreach, case management, residential, medical and psychiatric services for this segment of Hawaii's homeless population.

Save Haven's Components:

- Case Management and Community Placement Services include outreach, gradual engagement, case management, and assistance with accessing permanent housing.
- Residential, clinical and medical care, provided by Mental Health Kokua, include transitional housing and 24 hour on-site staffing for up to 25 people. Social rehabilitation services assist participants in developing skills that will help them to stabilize and attain/succeed in permanent living situations. Psychiatric and medical care are available to eligible residents.
- Activity Center offers social rehabilitation, mentoring/peer support and community placement and reintegration. Basic needs services include meals, mail services, laundry and shower facilities.