



HPGS Research & Teaching Awardee, UH Center on the Family

The University of Hawaii's Center on the Family is most noted for developing and establishing the Aging Data Center. The Aging Data Center is a research tool that is used by research gerontologists, public policy makers, and legislators in Hawaii and elsewhere to assess the status of Hawaii's long-term care delivery system. It maintains county level data on scores of indicators tracked over time and also has the ability to compare values with other counties, as well as the United States averages as a whole. It is a tool with which Hawaii can improve the infrastructure of its existing long-term care delivery system. While other states have created something similar using state level data, the Aging Data Center is unique in its ability to assess at the county level. This is particularly important since long-term care delivery systems are usually county-wide in function.

In addition, the Aging Data Center has created a huge digital repository of Hawaii relevant publications, which will become an important basis for research and planning.

According to their nominator, "the University of Hawaii Center on the Family should be commended on its leadership in seeking external funding to invest in this initiative and hiring the staffing required to implement its vision for a better Hawaii using these unique research tools."