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<p>B.E.S.T (Being Empowered and Safe Together)</p> 	<p>Overview: The BEST program provides a service model that addresses the challenges that individuals face as they return to the Maui community from incarceration. The goal is to provide support by increasing opportunities for successful reintegration while promoting public safety. Services to remove barriers for individuals may include substance abuse assessments and referral, tuition support, fees and other financial assistance to help clients obtain a driver’s license and other required identification. It also provides work clothing, food, bus passes and personal hygiene items. Eligibility: There is no income guideline criteria. Incarcerated or previously incarcerated individuals must be an adult male or female (18) years or older. Previously incarcerated individuals may seek assistance either through walkin/telephone request or agency referral. Case management begins immediately after the initial intake and eligibility has been determined. Individual Service Plans (ISP) are developed, implemented and maintained by the case manager. Timely follow ups and reviewing the client’s ISP is ongoing to ensure the client is actively working towards accomplishing their goals. Hours of Operation: 7:45 am - 4:30 pm/Monday - Friday, excluding Holidays. <i>(Program times may vary based upon program needs)</i> Contact Information: Bishop Pahia III, Case Manager Specialist III; (808) 243-4358/bishop.pahia@meoinc.org</p>
<p>CSBG CARES ACT COVID19 Rental and Training program for Returning Citizens</p> 	<p>Overview: Rental and Training assistance and supportive services for reintegrating returning citizens. Eligibility: The Cares Program administers services to present and formerly incarcerated individuals impacted by COVID-19 with income at or below <u>200%</u> of the federal poverty level. Hours of Operation: 7:45 am - 4:30 pm/Monday - Friday, excluding Holidays. <i>(Program times may vary based upon program needs)</i> Contact Information: Anselm Yazaki, Case Manager; (808) 243-4355/anselm.yazaki@meoinc.org</p>
<p>Enlace Hispano</p> 	<p>Overview: Enlace Hispano (Hispanic Link) was created to assist the Hispanic/Latino population to achieve self-reliance by providing them with education, outreach, intervention, referrals, notary public and other direct services. Through this the quality of life for the Hispanic community and the general population on Maui will also be improved by fostering opportunities for inter-cultural experiences. Eligibility: There is no income guideline criteria. Individuals may seek assistance through walkin/telephone or agency referral. The case manager will conduct an assessment with individuals to identify and determine service needs. Individual Service Plans (ISP) are developed, implemented and maintained by the case manager. Timely follow ups and reviewing the client’s ISP is ongoing to ensure the client is actively working towards accomplishing their goals. Hours of Operation: 7:45 am - 4:30 pm/Monday - Friday, excluding Holidays. Appointments recommended. <i>(Program times may vary based upon program needs)</i> Contact Information: Tamara Juarez Garcia , Program Specialist; (808) 243-4320 tamara.juarezgarcia@meoinc.org</p>






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<p>M.I.L.C</p> <p>(Maui Independent Living Center)</p> 	<p>Overview: MILC has a mission to ensure that persons with disabilities are full social, civic and economic partners, both within their families and in a fully accessible community. Creating access and choice.</p> <p>Eligibility: There is no income guideline criteria. Disabled individuals may seek assistance through walkin/telephone or agency referral. The program coordinator will conduct an assessment with an individual to identify and determine service needs. Once needs are determined, the program coordinator will develop a (PIP) Personal Independence Plan and connect disabled individuals with applying for needed benefits and program enrollment.</p> <p>Hours of Operation: 7:45 am - 4:30 pm/Monday - Friday, excluding Holidays. Appointments recommended. <i>(Program times may vary based upon program needs)</i></p> <p>Contact Information: Evalina Watanabe, MILC Coordinator; (808) 243-4362/ evalina.watanabe@meoinc.org</p>
<p>N.F.J.P</p> <p>(National Farmworkers Job Program)</p> 	<p>Overview: The National Farmworker Jobs Program (NFJP) is a nationally-directed program of job training and employment assistance for migrant and seasonal farmworkers (MSFWs). NFJP assists MSFW's and their families attain greater economic stability. The program assists farm workers acquire new job skills in occupations that offer higher wages and a more stable employment outlook. In addition to skills training, the program provides supportive services that help farmworkers remain and stabilize their employment in agriculture. The NFJP also facilitates coordination of services through the American Jobs Center system for MSFWs so they may access other services of the workforce system.</p> <p>Eligibility: Individual must have worked on a farm or ranch for 30 days and received pay for work within the last two (2) years from application date and meet the income requirements based upon the 100% Federal Poverty Guidelines. Individuals may seek assistance through walkin/telephone or agency referral. Recruitment efforts are also conducted by the NFJP Staff. The case manager will conduct an assessment with individuals to identify and determine service needs. Employment Service Plan (ESP) or Individual Service Plan (ISP) are developed, implemented and maintained by NFJP Staff. Timely follow ups and reviewing the client's ESP or ISP is ongoing to ensure clients are actively working towards accomplishing their goals.</p> <p>Hours of Operation: 7:45 am - 4:30 pm/Monday - Friday, excluding Holidays. Appointments recommended. <i>(Program times may vary based upon program needs)</i></p> <p>Contact Information: Dee Kahuhu, Program Manager; (808) 243-4368/ dennise.kahuhu@meoinc.org,</p>
<p>P & CC</p> <p>(Planning & Coordinating Council)</p> 	<p>Overview: The P & CC assists senior clubs with recruitment and membership enrollment, advocacy, education and social activities and events. The objective of this program is to enhance the quality of life for our seniors where they can obtain the benefits of knowledge, companionship, and better health. The senior coordinators help the 60 clubs to get organized, elect officers, schedule guest speakers on a variety of topics critical to senior living, organize activities and excursions to improve their quality of life, and arrange transportation to meetings and events. The coordinators also assists in the collection of data for an annual community assessment of senior needs, and facilitates involvement in government budget hearings and other public meetings.</p> <p>Eligibility: The target population is women and men 60 years of age and older residing in Maui County. Senior individuals may contact the Senior Planning Coordinator for Senior Club opportunities.</p> <p>Hours of Operation: 7:45 am - 4:30 pm/Monday - Friday, excluding Holidays. Appointments recommended. <i>(Program times may vary based upon program needs)</i></p> <p>Contact Information: Zilpah Kaimiola, P&CC Senior Coordinator (808) 243-4313/ zilpah.kaimiola@meoinc.org</p>




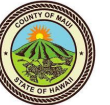


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<p>Other Senior Programs</p> 	<p>Attorney visits Overview: Pro bono legal services are available for simple wills or living trusts (no probate), or deeds (to change name on real property), advance care directives and other simple legal matters. Services offered by Brad Ing (Ing and Associates). Eligibility: There is no income or age criteria. Individuals may contact MEO Community Services for additional information or to schedule an appointment. Hours of Operation: 2:00 pm - 3:00 pm By Appointment ONLY Contact Information: MEO Community Service; (808) 249-2970</p> <hr/> <p>Senior discount RED cards Overview: MEO solicits merchants to participate in this program which offers senior citizens 60 years of age or older and residents of Maui County discounts on food and merchandise when using the MEO Red Card. Eligibility: There is no income criteria. Senior citizens 60 years of age and older residing in Maui County are eligible to apply. Senior individuals may complete and submit an application to the Program Coordinator. RED Cards are distributed via mail to the applicant. Hours of Operation: 7:45 am - 4:30 pm/Monday - Friday, excluding Holidays. Appointments recommended. <i>(Program times may vary based upon program needs)</i> Contact Information: Zilpah Kaimiola, Program Coordinator (808) 243-4313/zilpah.kaimiola@meoinc.org</p>
	<p>Persons in Need 60+(PIN) Overview: The PIN program assists low-income senior citizens 60 years of age or older achieve economic security through supportive services which include subsidies for hearing aids, glasses, scooters and dental work. Eligibility: Senior citizens 60 years of age or older residing in Maui County or Permanent resident alien may apply. Households with TANF, SSI or SNAP shall be categorically eligible for an income exemption. Income must be at or below the 150% Federal Poverty Level. Hours of Operation: 7:45 am - 4:30 pm/Monday - Friday, excluding Holidays. Appointments recommended. Contact Information: MEO Community Service; (808) 249-2970</p>
<p>L.I.H.E.A.P (Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program)</p> 	<p>Energy Crisis Intervention (ECI) Overview: A crisis program to assist households who are on the verge of utility termination or has been terminated within sixty (60) days from the date of application. Eligibility: Individuals applying must complete an application and provide a current original (within 60 days of issuance) "Final Notice before Disconnection" notice, photo identification (for all household members 18 years and over) proof of residence, Social Security verification and proof of income. Case Manager will determine eligibility. Individuals may seek assistance through walkin/telephone or agency referral. Hours of Operation: 7:45 am - 4:30 pm/Monday - Friday, excluding Holidays. Contact Information: MEO Community Service; (808) 249-2970</p>





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<p>W.A.P Weatherization Assistance Program</p> 	<p>Overview: This program helps to reduce efficiency costs for low-income families, particularly for the elderly 60 and over, people with disabilities, and children, by improving the energy efficiency of their homes while ensuring their health and safety. An in-home energy audit is conducted that evaluates and recommends specific energy saving measures.</p> <p>Eligibility: Individuals applying must complete an application and provide photo identification (for all household members 18 years and over), birth verification and proof of income for all household members. Household income eligibility no more than 200% of the Federal Poverty Level guidelines.</p> <p>Hours of Operation: 7:45 am - 4:30 pm/Monday - Friday, excluding Holidays. Appointments recommended. <i>(Program times may vary based upon program needs)</i></p> <p>Contact Information: MEO Community Services; (808) 249-2970</p>
<p>R.A.P Rental Assistance Program</p> 	<p>Overview: MEO Inc. is one of the administrators of the County of Maui Rental Assistance Program grant. This program is designed to help individuals and families in Maui County with assistance on rental deposit, utility deposit and rent subsidy at a declining schedule and contingent upon the applicant's circumstances. All assistance is paid directly to the landlord of the rental or the utility company. This program is part of a homelessness prevention initiative, helping residents get into and sustain permanent housing.</p> <p>Eligibility: Maui County residents may apply by providing a current rental agreement and meet the 80% Median Family Income guidelines. Applicants must have a stable source of income and the ability to pay the required percentage of each month's rent payment. The Housing Specialist will verify eligibility, gather intake data and provide case management that will incorporate a financial literacy component. Qualifying households assisted will be maximized at six (6) months. Applicants must have resources to assume the responsibility for his/her welfare subsequent to the receipt of the rental assistance.</p> <p>Hours of Operation: 7:45 am - 4:30 pm/Monday - Friday, excluding Holidays. Appointments recommended. <i>(Program times may vary based upon program needs)</i></p> <p>Contact Information: Kathy Jimenez, Housing Specialist; (808) 243-4367/kathy.jimenez@meoinc.org</p>
<p>CDBG COVID19 Mortgage and Rental Assistance Program</p> 	<p>Overview: Up to 6 months of Rent at \$1500 maximum or Mortgage at \$2500 monthly in assistance for Maui County Residents whose income was affected by Covid-19.</p> <p>Eligibility: Maui County Resident(s), COVID-19 Income affected household, No duplication of benefits from any other federal program.</p> <p>Hours of Operation: 7:45 am - 4:30 pm/Monday - Friday, excluding Holidays. Appointments recommended. <i>(Program times may vary based upon program needs)</i></p> <p>Contact Information: Kathy Jimenez, Housing Specialist; (808) 243-4367/kathy.jimenez@meoinc.org</p>
<p>Maui Emergency Rental Assistance (MERA) In-person Application Assistance</p> 	<p>Overview: MEO Housing staff will assist with in- person assistance with completing applications, uploading documents and support for those with limited access to virtual submissions. Pre screening and initial eligibility determination support.</p> <p>Eligibility: Maui County Resident(s), COVID-19 Income affected household, No duplication of benefits from any other federal program.</p> <p>Hours of Operation: 7:45 am - 4:30 pm/Monday - Friday, excluding Holidays. Appointments recommended. <i>(Program times may vary based upon program needs)</i></p> <p>Contact Information: Kathy Jimenez, Housing Specialist; (808) 243-4367/kathy.jimenez@meoinc.org</p>



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<p>S.C.S.E.P (Senior Community Service Employment Program)</p> 	<p>Overview: SCSEP fosters and promotes part-time employment opportunities in community service activities for low income senior citizens fifty-five (55) years of age or older. We also assist older workers in transitioning to unsubsidized employment.</p> <p>Eligibility: Individuals must be fifty five (55) years of age or older. Must be income eligible based upon the 125% Federal Poverty Level. Applicants must complete an intake, screening and background clearance to determine eligibility. Applicants will complete a program orientation and potentially be assigned to a host agency for work experience. Individual Employment Plans (IEP) are developed, implemented and maintained by the Case Manager. Timely follow ups and reviewing the client’s IEP is ongoing to ensure the client is actively working towards accomplishing their goals.</p> <p>Hours of Operation: 7:45 am - 4:30 pm/Monday - Friday, excluding Holidays <i>(Program times may vary based upon program needs)</i></p> <p>Contact Information: Carmelei Leano, Program Specialist; (808) 243-4355/carmelei.leano@meoinc.org</p>
<p>Employment Services for Low-Income Persons & Legal Permanent Residents</p> 	<p>Overview: MEO will provide comprehensive services on the islands of Maui and Moloka’i to improve employment possibilities for low-income persons and legal permanent residents by enhancing their employment skills and helping them overcome barriers to language and culture, and to gain and maintain meaningful employment that will lead to self sufficiency. Participants exiting the program will earn a living wage to support themselves and their families. They will be less likely to be dependent on social and governmental systems for support. Participants will have learned the skills, behaviors, and methods of obtaining and keeping gainful employment.</p> <p>Eligibility: Family household income is at or below 200 percent of the applicable Federal Poverty Guidelines for Hawaii. Eligible persons are identified and enrolled; the required information to verify eligibility is obtained; a formal assessment of the individual is performed and completed; and a determination of the individual's job choice made. An Individual Service Plan is developed (ISP) to determine participant's needs, skills, career/employment goals, barriers to employment, and specific individual and family support needed. CASAS data is assessed and recorded. In addition, the specific supportive services the individual needs to obtain to be successfully employed for one month or more.</p> <p>Hours of Operation: 7:45 am - 4:30 pm/Monday - Friday, excluding Holidays <i>(Program times may vary based upon program needs)</i></p> <p>Contact Information: MEO Community Services; (808) 249-2970</p>