The Kua`ana Project is a social service program of Life Foundation that provides support for the transgender communities on Oahu. Through the Kua`ana Project, peers of the transgender community are able to kokua (assist) other trans people to achieve success using their own personal experiences as a guide.
Services we provide
- Gender Affirming Service
- Health Care Linkage Services
- Support Services
- Education & Advocacy
- Hygiene Supplies & Food bank

Direct services by
- Peer counseling
- Smoking cessation
- Name Change
- Homeless Re-engagement
- Bus passes
- Disability bus vouchers
- Food bank
- Hygiene closet
- Emergency assistance
Local Trans Issues

- Lack of Knowledge
  - Services
  - Risk
- Gender Affirming Care
- Mental health & Trauma
- Intimate Partner Violence
- Lack of Family Support System
- Care homes for elder trans folx
Barriers to Receiving Services

- Being judged
- Not being understood
- I deserve it...
- **Not being addressed as they present**
- Myths
- Limited access, uninsured, money
- Guilt by association
- Lack of training on Transgender and non-Binary communities
Tips on Providing Services
• Provide a safe place.
• Address people by their choosen name and gender. Use the correct pronouns.
• “People First” language
• Standardize questions – ask everyone every question.
• Go with client to appointments
• Employ “local” LGBTQ staff member.
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