

BIG ISLAND SUBSTANCE  
ABUSE COUNCIL

DECEMBER 2024

# ANNUAL MANAGEMENT REPORT 2024



Inspiring Change. Reclaiming Lives



A Division of Big Island Substance Abuse Council



## MESSAGE FROM CEO

This year has been one of remarkable milestones and continued growth as we celebrated 60 years of service to our community, an incredible legacy of hope, healing, and transformation. A major highlight of this year was the opening of Huliha Ke Ola, the first social detox program on Hawai'i Island. This milestone reflects our unwavering commitment to meeting the evolving needs of our community and addressing critical gaps in substance use care. This annual report celebrates BISAC's growth over the decades. I recognize that the quest for a healthier and more vibrant community is a collective effort, one that requires the engagement and support of the larger community. Mahalo to our funders, stakeholders, staff, and community partners who have stood alongside us in our mission to create healthier, stronger communities.



Leading this incredible organization has been one of my greatest honors, and I am continually inspired by the dedication and passion that our team brings to this work. This year has brought its share of challenges, but it has also been a testament to our collective resilience. Through the unwavering commitment, innovation, and hard work of each team member, we have been able to adapt, thrive, and deepen our impact. Together, we have not only met the needs of those we serve but also laid the groundwork for even greater possibilities. I am excited for what lies ahead as we continue to grow, evolve, and strengthen our communities through compassion, dedication, and excellence.

With heartfelt appreciation,

**HANNAH PRESTON-PITA, PSY.D., ED, D., CSAC**  
**CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER**





## MISSION, VISION & PROMISE

*Inspiring individuals to reclaim and enrich their lives by utilizing innovative resources and harnessing the strengths within each person.*

*We envision a community where everyone can be free to live an enriched life of health, happiness and overall well-being.*

*Our highly professional and caring staff are deeply committed to delivering services that truly make a difference in the lives of persons served and make our community a better place to live.*



## LOCATIONS



### Kea'au

16-179 Melekahiwa St.  
96749  
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### Hilo

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96720  
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### Kona

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## **ADULT SERVICES:**

Non Medical Residential Detox

Substance Abuse Treatment:

Day Treatment

Intensive Outpatient

Outpatient

Residential Treatment

Therapeutic Living Program

Clean and Sober Housing

Mental Health

Vocational Services

Cultural Services

Community Engagement

## **ADOLESCENT SERVICES:**

Community Based Program

Community Engagement



# Total Unduplicated Clients Treated

836

*Adult Treatment Services*  
*Substance Treatment: 585*  
*Mental Health: 251*

141

*Adolescent Services*  
*Community Based Program*

# Demographic by Age Group and Service Types Analysis Report



## **Adolescent Services (0-17)**

123 clients received services exclusively under the Adolescent category.

## **Young Adults (18-25)**

65 clients (6.65%) were served under SA-ADULT.  
14 clients (1.43%) received MH services.  
18 clients (1.84%) participated in Adolescent Services.

## **Adults (26-35)**

190 clients (19.45%) in SA-ADULT  
87 clients (8.90%) in MH services.

## **Middle-Aged Adults (36-50)**

234 clients (23.95%) in Substance Abuse for SA-ADULT.  
103 clients (10.54%) in MH services

## **Older Adults (51-60)**

64 clients (6.55%) in SA-ADULT.  
33 clients (3.38%) in MH.

## **Seniors (61+)**

32 clients (3.28%) in SA-ADULT.  
14 clients (1.43%) in MH.

*Percentages represent the proportion of total clients served during the reporting period, based on the total client population.*



# Overall Observations

## Analysis Report

Substance Abuse for SA-ADULT: Representing 58.4% of all clients, this category shows significant engagement, particularly among the 26-50 age groups.

Mental Health (MH): Accounting for 25.7% of the total, MH services had the strongest presence in the 36-50 age group.

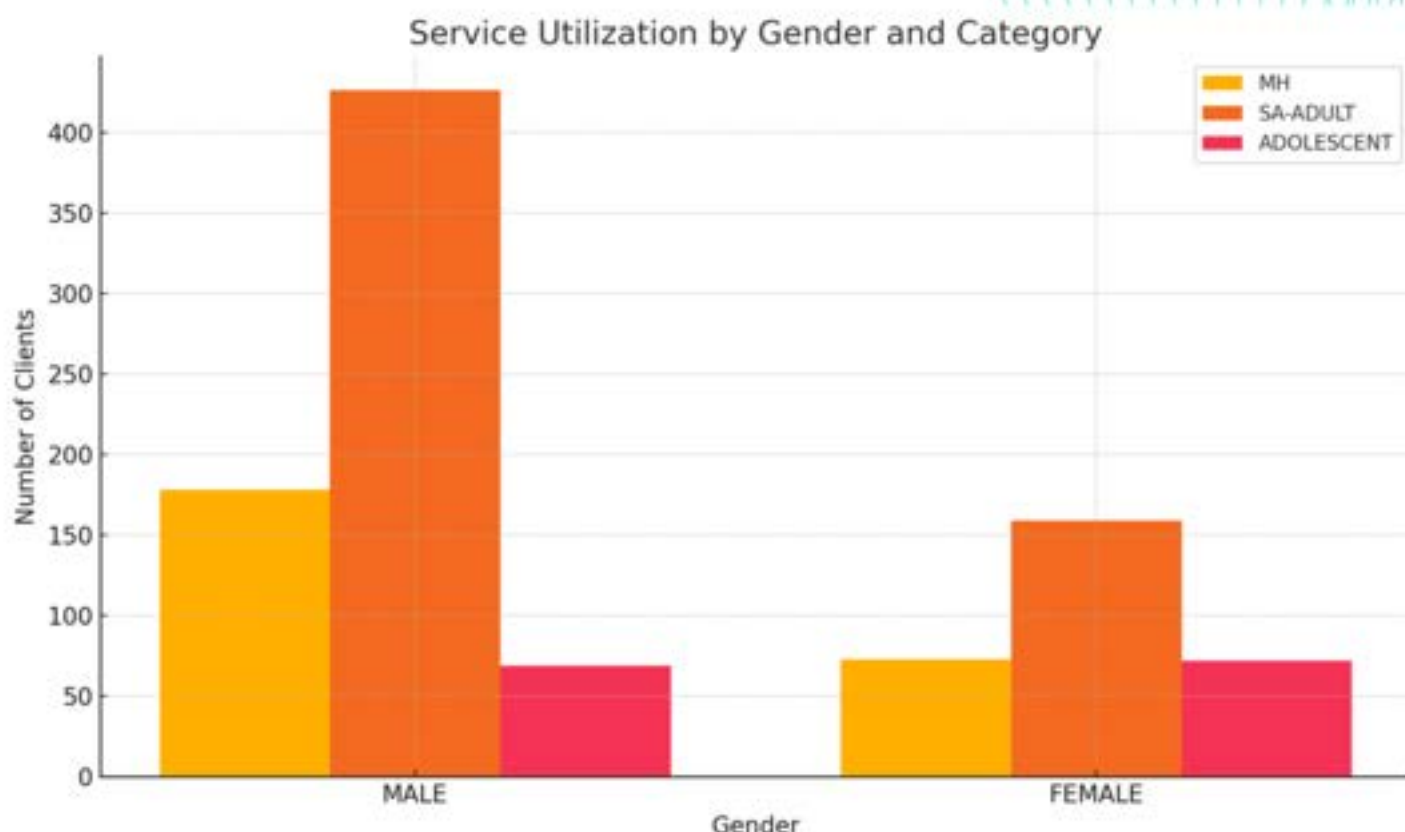
Adolescent Services: Representing 14.4% of the total, this category is concentrated exclusively in the 0-17 age group, highlighting the focus on early intervention for adolescents.

This data underscores the importance of age-targeted services, with 58.4% of clients seeking support for substance abuse, emphasizing the critical need for adult-focused recovery programs. Simultaneously, prevention and intervention for youth remain vital, as reflected in the 14.4% of adolescent participation.

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# Client Demographics by Gender and Service Type



## **Gender Distribution:**

*Males make up the majority of clients served, accounting for 68.9% of the total, while females represent 31.1%.*

## **Service Breakdown:**

*Substance Abuse for Adults (SA-ADULT): This category has the highest utilization overall, with 426 males (72.8%) and 159 females (27.2%).*

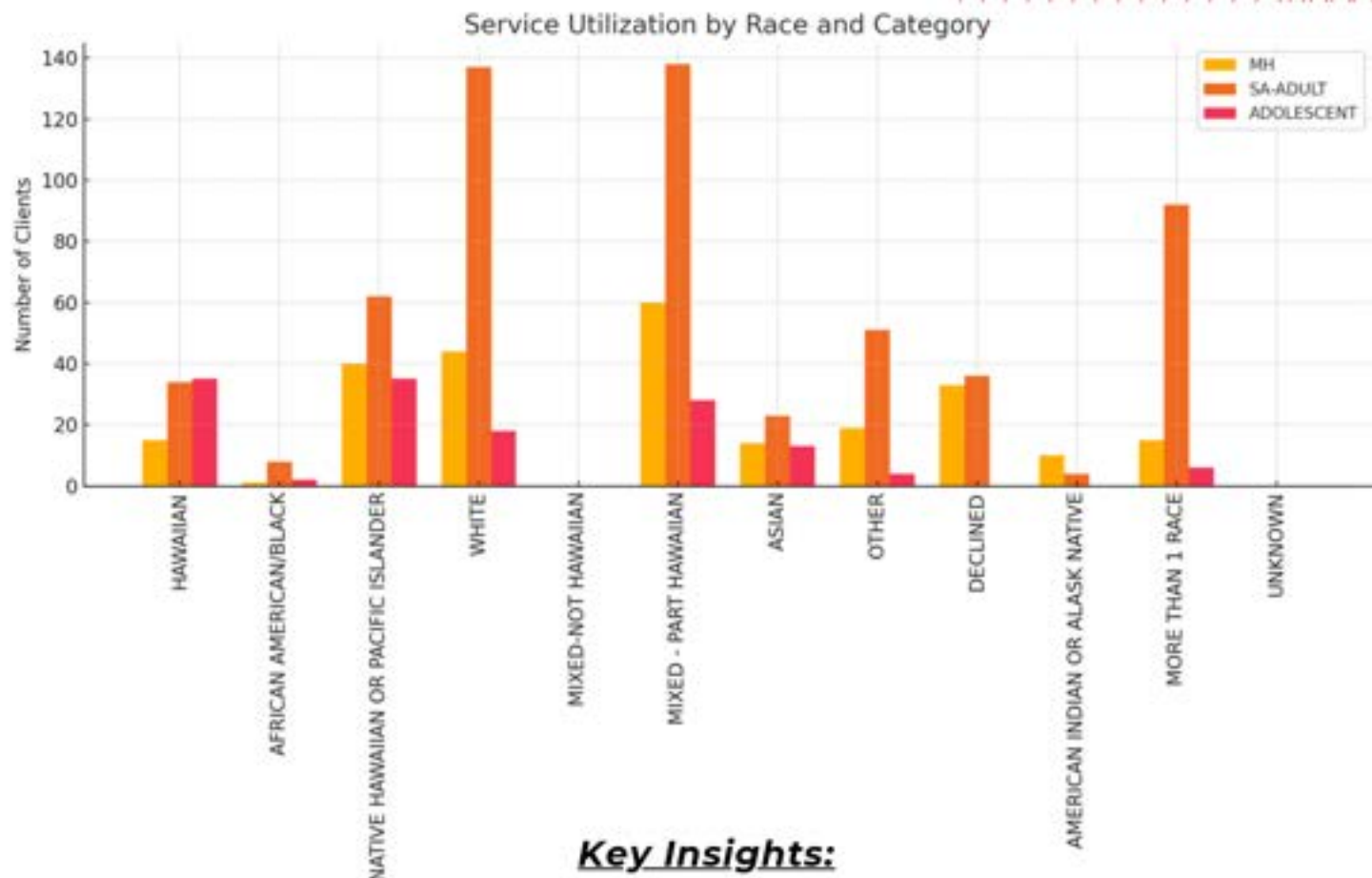
*Mental Health (MH): A total of 251 clients were served, with 178 males (70.9%) and 73 females (29.1%).*

*Adolescent Services: Unlike the other categories, Adolescent services show a more balanced distribution, with 69 males (48.9%) and 72 females (51.1%).*

Percentages represent the proportion of total clients served during the reporting period, based on the total client population. Gender distribution reflects self-reported identities as identified at the time of intake, recognizing the diverse identities of our clients.



# Client Demographics by Ethnicity and Service Type



## Key Insights:

*Mixed-Part Hawaiian: Largest group served, with 60 MH, 138 SA-ADULT, and 28 Adolescent clients.*

### *Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander and Hawaiian:*

*Combined, they represent 115 clients in SA-ADULT and 70 clients in Adolescent Services, emphasizing strong engagement among youth.*

*White:* *Significant participation in SA-ADULT (137) and MH (44).*

*Asian and More Than One Race:* *Moderate representation, with notable numbers in SA-ADULT (23 Asian, 92 More Than One Race).*

*Declined:* *69 clients across MH and SA-ADULT.*

## Summary Trends

*The Mixed-Part Hawaiian and Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander groups are heavily engaged across services.*

*Adolescent Services show high participation from Hawaiian and Pacific Islander youth.*

*Client demographics by ethnicity and service type are based on self-reported information provided at the time of intake. Percentages reflect the proportion of total clients served during the reporting period. We recognize the diversity of identities within these categories and aim to present this information respectfully and accurately.*



# Client Referral Sources By Service Category

## Self-Referrals

46 clients (18.3%) for MH  
179 clients (30.6%) for SA-ADULT  
10 clients (7.1%) for Adolescent Services

## Probation & Court Referrals

Probation is a significant source for SA-ADULT and Adolescent services:

134 clients (22.9%) for SA-ADULT  
20 clients (14.2%) for Adolescent Services  
40 clients (15.9%) for MH

Court Referrals also represent a major source:

69 clients (11.8%) for SA-ADULT  
22 clients (8.8%) for MH

## School Referrals

School referrals are the primary source for Adolescent Services:  
102 clients (72.3%) in Adolescent Services

## Other Referrals

59 clients (10.1%) in SA-ADULT  
75 clients (29.9%) in MH  
3 clients (2.1%) in Adolescent Services

## Driver's Education & Drug Court

Dept. of Drivers Ed: 41 clients (7.0%) in SA-ADULT.  
BIDC: Moderate referrals for both MH (25 clients) and SA-ADULT (32 clients).

## CWS

8 clients in SA-ADULT  
3 clients in Adolescent Services

Client referral sources by service category are based on information provided at the time of intake. While clients may have multiple reasons for referral, the data reflects the primary source of the initial referral facilitating entry into services. Percentages represent the proportion of referrals within each service category during the reporting period.



# Drug of Choice For Adult and Adolescent Clients Combined

**Methamphetamine is the most common substance reported, accounting for 48.8% of total clients.**

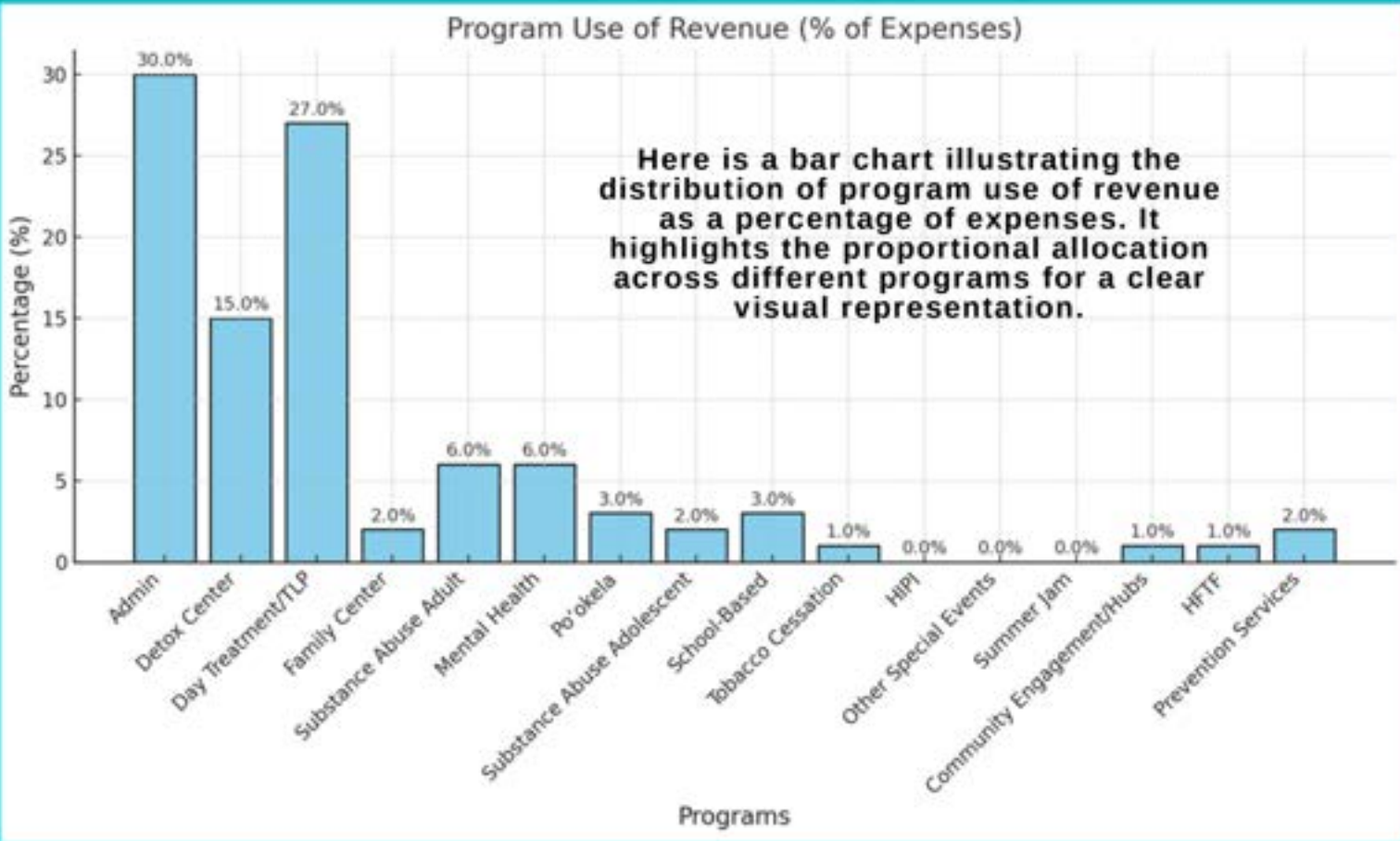
**Alcohol use is the second highest, 26.2% identifying it as their primary substance.**

**Marijuana use ranks third, representing 17.1%.**

**Other Opiates and Synthetics: 3.8%**  
**Heroin: 1.8%**  
**Cocaine/Crack: 0.9%**  
**Other Amphetamines: 0.4%**

Drug of choice data reflects the substance identified by clients at the time of intake as their primary substance of use. This information represents combined data for adult and adolescent clients and may not account for additional substances used or changes in use patterns over time





**Program Use of Revenue Summary**

The total program expenses for the fiscal year amounted to \$5,962,984.60, allocated as follows:

**Administrative Costs (30%):** \$1,809,796.70 supports essential operations to ensure program effectiveness.

**Core Programs:**

**Detox Center:** 15% (\$921,578.39) reflects our commitment to critical care for individuals starting recovery.

**Day Treatment/Therapeutic Living:** 27% (\$1,604,872.72), the second-largest allocation, supports long-term recovery.

**Substance Abuse and Mental Health Programs:**

**Adult (6%):** \$358,441.11; **Adolescent (2%):** \$114,219.12.

**Mental Health Services (6%):** \$354,410.59 address co-occurring disorders.

**Prevention and Community Engagement:**

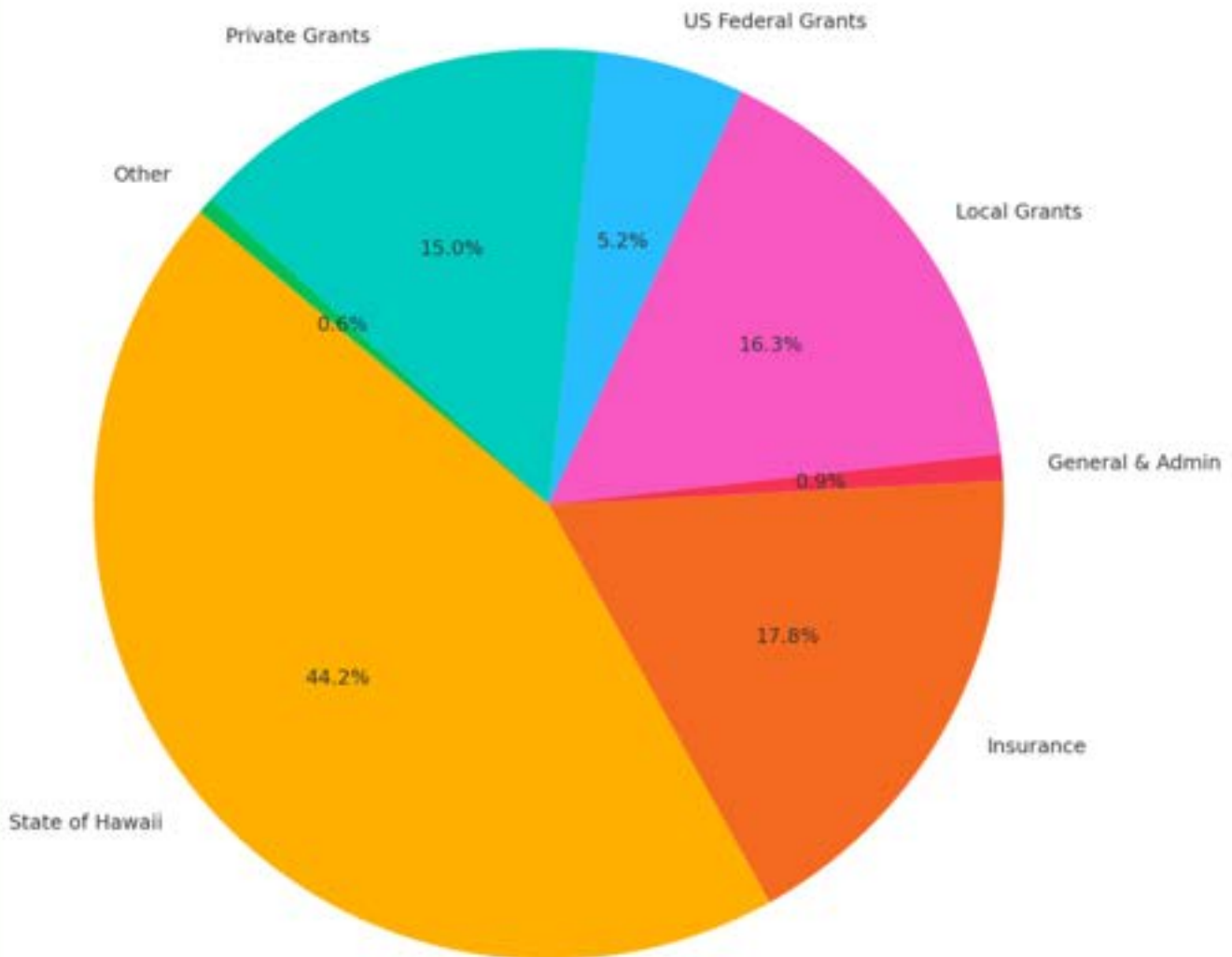
**School-Based (3%):** \$175,846.29 and **Tobacco Cessation (1%):** \$84,662.97 target early intervention.

**Community Engagement/Hubs and HFTF combined:** 2% (\$69,639.60) focus on family and community wellness.

**Specialized and Cultural Programs:**

**Po'okela:** 3% (\$185,411.40) supports culturally specific services.

## Revenue Funding Categories (% of Total Revenue)



*Here is a pie chart illustrating the distribution of Revenue Funding Categories as a percentage of total revenue. It highlights the dominant contribution of State of Hawaii funding (44%) and the importance of other sources such as insurance and grants.*

### Revenue Funding Summary

The total revenue for the fiscal year is \$6,213,682.78, sourced from the following categories:

**State of Hawaii: \$2,745,535.35** – The largest funding source, contributing 44% of total revenue.

**Insurance: \$1,103,764.14** – Reflects 18% of revenue, showcasing the importance of reimbursements.

**Local Grants: \$1,011,116.75** – A significant source, contributing 16%.

**Private Grants: \$934,092.68** – Comprising 15% of the funding.

**US Federal Grants: \$325,074.85** – Representing 5% of revenue.

**General & Admin Fees: \$57,915.09** – Accounting for 1%.

**Other: \$36,183.92** – Miscellaneous sources contributing 1%.

*This diversified funding portfolio demonstrates a strong reliance on state support, while leveraging grants and insurance for sustainable operations.*



# Highlights



**SAVE *a* LIFE**

**BISAC offers FREE Narcan**

Operational 24/7, located safely outside of two Hilo Clinics

**VENDING MACHINE LOCATIONS**

- 📍 **Hulihia Ke Ola Detox Clinic**  
45 HOKU Street  
Hilo, HI 96720
- 📍 **Outpatient Facility/Wellness Center**  
257 Waiholuana Avenue  
Hilo, HI 96720

In a response to the pressing opioid crisis, BISAC has introduced two Narcan vending machines, situated outside of its two clinics.

This innovative approach provides our community with free and anonymous access to Narcan, a lifesaving medication that counteracts the effects of opioid overdoses.

## BISAC Awarded \$1.2 Million for Hulihia Ke Ola Detox Clinic



Lahela Kruz, BISAC Clinical Director, and Dr. Hannah Preston-Pita, BISAC's Chief Executive, are standing outside of the Hulihia Ke Ola Detox Clinic, the first of its kind, right in the heart of Hilo on Hoku Street. For more information about BISAC and the Hulihia Ke Ola Detox Clinic, please visit the link in our bio.

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**Hawaii Island Fentanyl Task Force  
meets to strategize on its 6 key  
priorities.**

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**Team INSPIRE attended Going Home  
Hawaii's 2023 Re-Entry Summit in  
Kona**

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**Mahalo for letting us kokua  
Relay For Life 2023**

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## **BISAC TO LEAD FENTANYL EFFORT ON HAWAI'I ISLAND**

In a July 6 press conference alongside the Hawai'i Island Fentanyl Task Force and the University of Hawai'i at Hilo, Mayor Roth announced the Big Island Substance Abuse Council as the new leader to help combat our island's fentanyl crisis. Learn more about this critical partnership at the link in our bio.





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**This past Saturday at  
Kea'au's Christmas  
Parade**

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**Powered up at the Pro  
Recovery Power  
Conference**

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**This past weekend we wrapped up  
our final fundraiser to support  
Maui.**



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