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KUPUNA PONO: HELPING FAMILIES TALK AND DEVELOP PLANS TO SUPPORT ELDERLY FAMILY MEMBERS

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Hawaii's elderly population is growing faster than the national rate. From 1990 to 2012, the number of people aged 75 and older increased 47% nationally but 116% in Hawaii, more than twice the national rate. In the next 20 years, one-third of Hawaii's population will be over age 60. The average person in Hawaii lives to be 82 years old. Families often need to make decisions about sensitive issues of elder care and disagreements may arise. To help elders and their families address these issues, the Mediation Center of the Pacific has developed the Kupuna Pono Program that offers mediation and family conferencing processes. Through these processes, elders and their families are assisted in talking through sensitive issues and creating custom family plans that meet the unique needs of the elder and other family members.

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