What is the YES Project?

The Hawai‘i Department of Education in SY 2021-22 identified 3,254 students in unstable housing across the state (LDS May 2022). Compared to their housed peers, many struggle with regular attendance and full participation in school.

The YES Project works to address this issue with community outreach. Two-way communication between school staff and Community Homeless Concerns Liaisons (CHCL) helps identify students and coordinate delivery of available resources directly to their communities. Outreach bridges home and school, building relationships and increasing access to student supports for school readiness from preschool to graduation.

What does the YES Project provide?

For students in unstable housing, CHCL across the state connect to:

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How does the YES Project work?

- **Kaua‘i**
  - One bus with regular weekly community stops

- **O‘ahu**
  - Two buses providing mobile outreach
    - Islandwide & Nānākuli-Wai‘anae
    - Ke‘elikolani: Wednesday in June and July
    - New for 2022: Mobile Closet

- **Moloka‘i**
  - Working on building collaborative mobile outreach

- **Maui**
  - Maui liaisons joining existing community outreach teams

- **Hawai‘i**
  - School-led outreach program concentrated in Ka‘u

Want to get involved?

The YES Project seeks places to park, partners and ideas. Where do you fit in?

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