

HAWAII ACEP 2023 LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES

Expand Behavioral Health and Substance Abuse Treatment Resources

- Advocate for a comprehensive, wrap-around behavioral health care system including mental health screening and preventative care, outpatient maintenance treatment, and crisis stabilization.
- Expansion of substance abuse treatment resources and education.
- Recognizing the impact that homelessness plays in mental health disorders, support measures that:
 - offer evidence-based solutions to improve housing security for those at risk of homelessness
 - provide safe housing for those experiencing homelessness
 - reduce the likelihood of recurrent homelessness.

Improve Access to Care by Reducing the Physician Shortage

- Support legislation that provides evidence-based solutions to improve healthcare accessibility, including the following:
 - Increase recruitment and retention of physicians
 - Ensure availability of high quality care that is both affordable and accessible