



DPA members stand with Hawai'i Psychological Association and the people of Hawai'i as they face the aftermath of the wildfires on Maui. The PREP committee wanted to reach out and let our membership know ways that they can provide support in this difficult time. There is still a need for volunteers to help in the Maui Disaster Response. Please see the need below from our colleague in Hawaii, Dr. Julie Takishima-Lacasa:

Our 24/7 zoom room needs support with coverage! Many shifts are full but we have some openings today and throughout the week. Please help us keep this valuable resource running by checking the [24/7 Support Sign Up](#). Our procedures have been updated to protect from "zoom bombers" and allow greater overlap in our coverage (there are 2 hour shifts daily, and if you scroll down, 1 hour shifts for the same day). Please consider signing up if your schedule allows.

This opportunity is to provide talk story support to helpers seeking a compassionate ear. This is NOT a mental health service. Volunteers do not need to be licensed (or licensed in this state) because you are NOT providing psychological services. We envision this space as the virtual equivalent of placing a few chairs under a tent outside a community center and posting a "Talk Story" sign where all are welcome. Helpers would not seek *therapy* in such a public place, and you (our volunteers) would never provide *therapy* in that space (whether or not you are trained or licensed to do so).

The [Guidelines for 24/7 Volunteers](#) contain information on the room as well resources available if requested. Even if no helpers drop in during your shift, our volunteers have reported how helpful it's been to connect with peers and colleagues across the world for their own support and engagement. This time can also be used to participate in the [PFA training](#) online, watch cultural introductory [videos](#), or catch up on chart notes or TikToks or ridiculously long emails sent by us. Obviously if a helper drops in, they're your priority, but otherwise make the best of your time!

If you haven't yet, we encourage you (right now!) to click the [zoom link](#) to see the disclaimer that all drop in helpers AND volunteers see and acknowledge to access the space. You can read it and close out without entering the room and disturbing any participants, but we also encourage you if you have some free time to drop in, connect with the volunteers, make sure there's coverage, and just say hi. We couldn't offer this incredible service without these incredible volunteers, so please help us thank and acknowledge them.

After each shift, volunteers are asked to complete a [check out form](#) so we can track how many helpers we're reaching and provide invaluable feedback that the admin volunteer team reads, responds to, and incorporates every night. If you have feedback (even if you're not a formal volunteer), you can always complete this form yourself or just email us directly. We want to hear from you!

We will not be able to keep this going without you. Please check for [openings](#) regularly as many people cancel the day before when we send out confirmations of the time slots they signed up for (we're still having time zone conversion issues with SignUpGenius - if you sign up and are not absolutely certain of the time, send us a quick email and we're happy to confirm to avoid any confusion later).

Again, we really need help especially for our evening and overnight hours this week. Please sign up and/or share this with your communities of providers, grad students, and allied mental health professionals to distribute the workload and make sure the shifts are full for our community. Mahalo!

MAUI STRONG LINKS

[Google Group](#) - Join, email access

[Availability Form](#) – HI licensed providers

[Volunteer Form](#) - Open to all, share widely

[Call for Help](#) - Admin, trainings, groups

[24/7 Support Sign Up](#) - Volunteer to cover shifts

[Guidelines for 24/7 Volunteers](#)

OTHER IMPORTANT LINKS

[OWR Email](#)

[OWR Volunteer Sign Up](#)

[OWR Provider Disaster Resources](#)

[Donation Options](#)

FOR THE COMMUNITY:

[Referral Request](#) - Request licensed care

[24/7 Support for Helpers](#) - 24/7 zoom room (NOT THERAPY)

[Hawai'i Cares Crisis Services](#)

MauiRapidResponse.org

TRAINING AND SUPPORT:

[Google Calendar of Events](#) - Browse groups and trainings, [email](#) to add

[5-hr PFA Course](#) - On-demand, free, for all experience levels

[Hawai'i Trauma-Informed Task Force](#) Presentations at 31:43 and 1:03:29

Sincerely,

The PREP Committee

[If you have a Facebook account you may want to check out this video of people in Oahu sharing their aloha with the people of Maui.](#)