

**ALLIANCE FOR INCLUSION ADVANCEMENT-HI/LINC  
INFORMATION SHEET  
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The overall purpose of the Alliance for Inclusion Advancement—Hawai`i (AIA-HI) three-year project 2005-2008) at the Center on Disability Studies (CDS) at the University of Hawai`i at Manoa is to be a catalyst to include volunteers with disabilities in their programs. One way of doing this is to establish LINC.

**A LINC is:** A group of organizations and individuals who collaborate to integrate volunteers with disabilities into a wide spectrum of volunteer community activities.

**BECAUSE...**

- ✓ Many people with disabilities offer a wealth of resources that may increase the quality of your organization, and that benefits everyone.
- ✓ Involving individuals with disabilities may increase their community involvement, and that benefits everyone.
- ✓ Everyone benefits when we utilize the wealth of **all** community resources, including human ones.
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**The ultimate goal of the LINC is for these collaborations to continue after AIA-HI no longer exists.**

Below is a list of AIA-HI/LINC achievements thus far:

**First year accomplishments** – (October 2005- September 2006)

- Established LINC on O`ahu and the Big Island of Hawai`i;
- Held 3 LINC meetings; 2 on O`ahu and 1 in Hilo;
- Developed a survey to determine the needs of O`ahu LINC members;
- Served as a conduit leading to more than 110 volunteers with disabilities participating in all kinds of volunteer service opportunities;
- Launched and maintained AIA-HI website;
- 65 O`ahu organizations and 40 Big Island organizations in each LINC;
- Initiated LINC listservs;

**2<sup>nd</sup> year accomplishments (so far):**

- Established Maui LINC;
- Continue LINC management on O`ahu and the Big Island;
- Facilitated LINC meetings on all 3 islands;

For more information on AIA/HI visit <http://www.aia.hawaii.edu/> and for information about the Center on Disability Studies visit [www.cds.hawaii.edu](http://www.cds.hawaii.edu).

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