

The Center on Disability Studies (CDS) at the University of Hawai'i at Manoa is pleased to be moving forward with its capacity-building grant, the Alliance for Inclusion Advancement (AIA-HI).

We invite you to join with us in a ground-breaking new arena, including volunteers with disabilities as a valuable resource in your organizational efforts. We will initiate Hawai'i's first Local Inclusion Network Collaboratives (LINC), bringing together organizations that provide service with organizations that promote the capability of individuals with disabilities.

AIA-HI staff has worked with Judith Cantil of Aloha United Way, who will host the first LINC meeting, Friday March 10, 2006 from 1:00 to 3:30 p.m. Light refreshments will be provided.

We hope you'll be as excited as we are about this opportunity to learn more about this project, meet new (and old) friends, share your expertise, and discover new opportunities and resources for your organizations. Since this is an informational meeting please bring materials to share with the group about your organization!

An agenda and directions to the Aloha United Way office will be emailed about a week before the March 10 meeting date. The Aloha United Way office, 200 North Vineyard Boulevard, Suite 700. Free valet parking will be available (details will be mailed with agenda and directions).

A one-page description of the project is available in the attached document, entitled "AIA information sheet 2 3 2006 sb.doc" and at <http://www.aia.hawaii.edu/>. For examples of activities AIA-HI are already involved with, see <http://www.pacrim.hawaii.edu/> for information about the annual CDS sponsored Pacific Rim Conference on Disabilities and <http://www.pacrim.hawaii.edu/downloads/flyers/ABILITYHouse.pdf> for information on a fundraiser for Ability House, building accessible homes in Hawai'i with volunteers with and without disabilities.

Please RSVP by Friday, February 24, 2006, to Alice Ehmes at [ehmes@hawaii.edu](mailto:ehmes@hawaii.edu) or 956-5011. Please also let Alice know of any needed disability accommodations by this date.

Sincerely,

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