

## Updates from Hōkūpaʻa

This month, we have a Bright Spot about the recently-formed Hawaiʻi County Fentanyl Task Force that is working hard for our community, including students. We also celebrate the opportunity to get back into schools at an upcoming school career fair.

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### Bright Spots: Stories of Impact

In order for our students to thrive, their health and stability is foundational -- and a complex mix of social, economic, and pandemic-related pressures has made that foundation precarious. And it's not just our students, but also those who support their success, like their families, neighbors, and teachers.

Last month we shared the Opioid Summit, and now we follow up with a Bright Spot about the Hawaiʻi County Fentanyl Task Force that grew out of it.

#### Bright Spot: Hawaiʻi County Fentanyl Task Force

Behavioral health and substance abuse have emerged as issues of acute concern in our West Hawaiʻi community. According to one member of the Hawaiʻi County Fentanyl Task Force, "Whatever we can do to

Fentanyl kills.

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## Featured Event: Kealakehe Intermediate School Career Fair

Kealakehe Intermediate School is hosting a career fair to “expose haumāna to careers, jobs, and services in our kaiāulu to inspire them to think about how they see themselves as part of our larger community.” It’s important to help students see options for how they can thrive here after leaving school. Please consider signing up and spreading the word!



The event is **Tuesday, March 22nd, 2022 from 9:00am-2:30pm**. Presenters can sign up for whichever time slots they would like, and do not need to attend the full event.

Video submissions are welcome, too!

Sign up at <https://bit.ly/HawkCareerFair>, or click the button below to learn more.

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## Your Voice



*“When students get on a pathway that ignites their interest, they begin to make connections between their lessons in the classroom to the working world.”*

*— Hawai‘i Career Pathways*

## Reach out!

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- Let us know if you have resources, events, or other opportunities that you’d like us to share in the next newsletter or within our networks.

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