

Maui County Food Access Coordinator Outcome Harvesting Evaluation Study

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Evaluation Overview

In 2022-23, the Healthy Hawai'i Evaluation Team conducted an Outcome Harvesting Evaluation Study to understand the value of funding the Food Access Coordinator position in Maui County. The SNAP-Education Program in the Department of Health provides funding to support a Food Access Coordinator position in each county.



The Evaluation Team worked with the Maui County Food Access Coordinator and the Maui Nui Food Alliance to plan and design the Outcome Harvest.

Outcome Harvesting involves designing the harvest, reviewing documentation, engaging informants, substantiating outcomes, analyzing and interpreting data, and supporting the use of findings ([Wilson-Grau & Britt, 2013](#)).

◀ 13 key informants were interviewed for this study.

Key Findings

Overall, we found that food system stakeholders highly valued the Food Access Coordinator position in Maui County. The Food Access Coordinator contributed to 18 identified outcomes that were organized into six interconnected themes:



Building the collaborative infrastructure of the Maui Nui Food Alliance



Bridging connections among food system stakeholders in Maui County



Assessing the food system to identify gaps and needs



Helping to establish the Maui County Department of Agriculture



Supporting programs and initiatives that increase local food production and access to healthy foods for food-insecure populations



Responding to the urgent food needs during the COVID-19 pandemic