

Biography – APHA 2009

Palama is Native Hawaiian and lives with his family on the windward side of the island of O`ahu. His family genealogy is as follows: Kaiakea family (Moloka`i), Kalama family and Palama family (Maui), and Keawekuloa family (Hawai`i). He is a clinical social worker and the director of the Native Hawaiian Health Scholarship Program (NHHSP) of Papa Ola Lokahi. His areas of experience include Native Hawaiian health, co-occurring mental health and substance use disorders, Deafness, and HIV/AIDS. Presently, he is a PhD student in Social Welfare at the University of Hawai`i at Manoa. Palama has been an APHA and AIANNHC member since 2001.

