

OUR HISTORY: 1972 - 2000

BEFORE THE HEALTH CENTER

During Hawaii's sugar plantation era, the sugar company provided housing, schools and medical care for its employees and their families. When the Waianae Sugar Mill closed in 1948, the community lost not only a major employer but also its access to health care. Residents were forced to drive 1 ½ hours to Honolulu to see a doctor.

In 1966, with only two part-time doctors in the community to serve a population of 18,000, concerned residents formed a Health Task Force and began developing the framework for a comprehensive health care facility. In 1968, a Model Cities Program federal grant provided the funding to move forward and in 1970, a public election was held for the Health Center's first Board of Directors.



First physician with a staff of 5

First clinic opened with 1 physician and a staff of 5 in a temporary building



Original Clinic Building

Construction completed on original clinic building at the current main campus location and opened with 33 employees

160 employees served 13,222 patients

Opened first Adult Day Care Site in Maili



Emergency Room Expands Hours

Emergency Room expanded hours to 24 hours a day, 365 days per year

Wai'anae Health Academy established with an interagency agreement between the Health Center and Kapi'olani and Leeward Community Colleges



Wai'anae Health Academy Graduates

A grant from the Harry and Jeanette Weinberg Foundation funded construction of the Laboratory and Dental Building

A grant from the Campbell Foundation funded development of the Nanakuli satellite clinic, now named the James and Abigail Campbell Clinic

Opened first satellite clinic in Nanakuli

272 Employees served 17,909 patients at three clinic sites



WCCHC Employees

305 Employees served 21,473 patients at four clinic sites

2000



OUR HISTORY: 2001 - 2017

OUR HEALTH CENTER TODAY

Thanks to the legacy of our founders and the dedicated efforts of our community board and staff, we continue to expand to meet the growing needs of those we serve. In addition to our main campus in Wai'anae, we have satellite clinics in Nanakuli, Kapolei and Waipahu and school-based health centers at Wai'anae High and Intermediate Schools. Plans are being developed for new clinics in Nanakuli and Kapolei.

As the largest employer on the Wai'anae coast with 600 employees, we are an economic driver in our community. We continue to build on our long history of health career training with entry level job certificate programs, residency training, fellowships and even our own medical school.

