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**NO NA PUA
(For the kids)**

Maui, Hawaii – On Jan 7th, Lloyd Sodetani, the Hawaii National Guard Youth/Adult Education & Health Programs Area Coordinator for Maui, along with Paxen staff, held an event called No Na Pua (for the kids) at the Puunene Armory.

The celebratory event brought local business leaders and elected officials up to date on the phenomenal work that has been taking place in the County through its partnerships with the federal, state and local agencies that support at-risk youth.

For the more than 50 people in attendance, the event ignited inventive new approaches for expanding existing services through added agency partnerships, and for increasing the number of locations and youth served.

Honored attendee, Brigadier General Gary Ishikawa, helped answer questions about the various programs including 'Forward March'. Not yet offered in Maui County, the Forward March program teaches necessary life and work skills so that out of work adults can rejoin the workforce as productive and well-adjusted members of the community.

For more information on the programs, and how participants can earn monetary incentives while enrolled, please contact The Paxen Group's office in Kahului @ 873-2127.

The Paxen Group is a recognized leader in the creation, training and delivery of learning materials and custom programs, and has been serving the islands since 2003. Paxen is a sub-contractor to the Hawaii National Guard/Department of Defense, the sponsor of several programs here in Maui County. Currently the Programs being offered in Maui County are: Jump Start (Middle School Age), Community AllStars (ages 12-18) and About Face (ages 13-19).

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