



Culturally Responsive Evidence-Based and Community-Defined Practices for Mental Health | Session 3: Project Venture

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Participant Question & Presenter Response

Q1 *Where are the Project Venture programs in Hawaii located?*

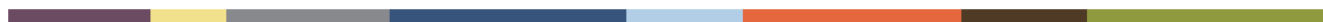
A1 Right now, Project Venture programs operating in Hawaii are all on Maui. Maui Youth and Family Services has been doing Project Venture for 10 – 12 years. Project Venture is also offered through the Kalama School and the Pa'ia Community Center. Project Venture programs have also previously operated on the Big Island and on Oahu.

Q2 *How can providers request training in Project Venture?*

A2 Project Venture offers an annual training in Albuquerque, New Mexico for three and a half days of intensive training. Project Venture is also able to travel to a provider's community to offer the intensive training there for those unable to come to Albuquerque. This intensive training is often followed up by facilitator training in the provider's community. During the facilitator training, Project Venture trainers take key staff out for a multi-day adventure activity and offer professional recommendations on which safety certifications staff should obtain. After these trainings, Project Venture offers an ongoing mentor relationship to providers. They will work with providers 24/7 indefinitely to provide any necessary technical assistance.

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Q3 *How does Project Venture find the population of young people that it works with?*

A3 Project Venture is developed for youth in 5th – 8th grades. It primarily recruits participants through schools recommended by tribal communities. Project Venture works with the teachers and administrators at schools to get them on board with the program then begins identifying and recruiting potential participants.

Q4 *How does Project Venture engage the youth that it works with?*

A4 Youth are engaged in school, after school, during school break activities, via summer camps and treks, totaling 200 hours of engagement over the course of a year. Engagement is also possible via parent meetings, school presentations, service learning projects in the community, and a mentoring program for students going into high school.

Additional Resources:

- For information about mental health training and technical assistance activities, access your MHTTC Regional Center [here](#).
- [Project Venture Program Description](#)
- [National Indian Youth Leadership Project Description](#)
- [Project Venture Overview Video](#)
- [Video on Project Journey: A Project Venture Program in Ontario, Canada](#)

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