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MAUI YOUTH & FAMILY SERVICES AWARDED \$330,000 ADAD CONTRACT
• **Targets substance abuse treatment for adolescents**

MAKAWAO, MAUI, HAWAII –(November 21, 2007) --Maui Youth & Family Services, Inc. (MYFS) was recently awarded a \$333,000.00 contract by the Hawaii State Department of Health's Alcohol and Drug Abuse Division (ADAD). The contract allows MYFS to deliver outpatient substance abuse treatment services over the next two years. The proposal calls for MYFS to rebuild a model that is more effective in the treatment of adolescents with substance abuse problems, and outlines a new approach which is more engagement-focused and includes working with the family, as well as the adolescent.

This program will provide outpatient substance abuse treatment for youth and families at a level of intensity that is most appropriate. Services for adolescents and their families include an outpatient/intensive outpatient substance abuse program; education groups for those who are court-referred; and substance abuse assessments. Treatment may occur from one hour per week up to 11 hours per week depending on the needs of the youth.

Tim Murphy is the MYFS Interim Chief Executive Officer. "I would like to commend our staff for their effort in securing this contract, in particular Daryl Selman, who wrote the proposal, Karrie Palmer, Audrey Malasnik, and Mark Moser," he said. "Receiving this award is a strong vote of confidence in the treatment direction that MYFS has embarked upon."

Maui Youth & Family Services is a comprehensive social services agency whose mission is to "Build better lives with Hawaii's families." MYFS has been accomplishing this mission for 29 years by offering a continuum of services for adolescents and their families, including residential and outpatient treatment for substance abuse and behavioral health treatment.
