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News Briefs & Notices

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✓ **Emerging Planners and AICP**

In August, fifteen Emerging Planners met to learn about the American Institute of Certified Planner (AICP) exam from Peter Flachsbart, the APA-HI Chapter Professional Development Officer, and Aki Marceau, a newly Certified Planner. This informational session covered the basics of the exam, including its benefits and scheduling as well as preparation courses and study tips. A number of attendees are scheduled to take the exam this November, while others were educating themselves in preparation for next May's exam. The Emerging Planners Group plans to continue to meet informally for pau hana events and requests that any suggestions for events be sent to Rebecka at rejelouar@gmail.com.

✓ **CDC and APA Together for Health**

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) have announced the awardees of a highly competitive set of grants, and the American Planning Association is among that select group. APA has been awarded Year 1 funds in the amount of \$3 million to advance community-based strategies to improve health and prevent chronic disease. The project will focus on improving the capacity of planning and public health professionals, and will be implemented in partnership with the American Public Health Association (APHA). We are very excited about this new opportunity to take APA's work on health to a new level and support our chapters in their efforts to help residents live healthier lives, and we look forward to working with you as we develop the nuts and bolts of the project. A press release is online here:

<https://www.planning.org/newsreleases/2014/statementsep25.htm>

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✓ HUD and APA

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) has generously provided local APA chapters links to selected articles of interest to planners. Reading through the selections, I came across a great article about *the Ohana Learning Center at Palolo Homes*. The article is located here:
http://www.huduser.org/portal/casestudies/study_08212014_1.html.

HUD encourages planners to visit the HUD USER website (www.huduser.org) to explore research, data sets, and publications which may be of interest to you. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to email Melissa Zilke at rbcssubmit@huduser.org.

✓ Need CM Credits in Law and Ethics?

There is a great website that brings together many APA Chapters and allows free CM webcasts over their YouTube Channel. The webcasts are sponsored by APA – Utah Chapter. Do a web search of “Utah APA webcasts” for links to these courses. APA Hawaii Executive Committee is currently looking into being a co-sponsor of this Planning Webcast Consortium – the prime sponsor of the webcasts.