Better Choices Better Health – Ke Ola Pono
The Stanford’s Chronic Disease Self-Management Education (BCBH)

Better Choices Better Health – Ke Ola Pono, also known nationwide as the Chronic Disease Self-Management Education, is an evidence-based program where individuals with chronic or ongoing medical condition can learn how to better manage their health conditions to improve their quality-of-life.

About Better Choices Better Health

Better Choices Better Health is a 6-week self-management workshop that was developed and tested by Stanford University. The workshop does NOT replace prescribed treatment. Instead, the workshop complement and supports medical-professional-recommended treatment plans. People learn skills to help them manage their health conditions and interact with their health care providers.

Who can participate?
Anyone with a chronic health condition can join the workshop regardless of ethnicity or ability to pay.

Where and When are classes offered?
Better Choices Better Health workshops are offered at sites throughout the state. Check with your local Area Agency on Aging for workshops in your area. Native Hawaiians may also contact ALU LIKE, Inc. for more information.

Why Join?
Chronic disease doesn’t have to keep you from enjoying life. This workshop will show you how to carry out your “doctor’s orders” to live healthier and manage your condition.

What Will Class Participants Have To Do?
To get the most out of the workshop, you should attend as many sessions as possible. Most of all, have fun and try to apply the things you’re learning.

What Will I Learn?
Among other things, this workshop will help you learn:

➢ Ways to deal with chronic pain
➢ Action planning
➢ Relaxation techniques
➢ Exercises for home use
➢ And more!

Fast Facts About Better Choices Better Health in Hawai‘i
- Over 3,073 individuals across the state have participated in Better Choices Better Health.
- In Hawaii, the average age of participants is 69 years old.
- 24% Hawaiian, 28% Filipino, 20% Japanese, and 32% White
- Past participants include: 52% have high blood pressure, 41% have arthritis, 36% have diabetes, and 12% have cancer.
- Diabetes-specific and cancer-specific programs are available.
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Preliminary Pre-Post Outcome Data From Hawai’i (*N=1,438*)

- Comparison of pre-post data showed a decreased number of visits to physicians’ offices and ER.

![Bar chart showing decreased times for physicians, ER, and hospital before and after 6-month follow-up.]

- At 6-month follow up, participants reported exercising more.

- Participants also reported experiencing fewer symptoms.

![Bar chart showing increased exercise times before and after 6-month follow-up for strength and aerobic exercises.]

According to Hawaii’s cost-saving analysis, estimated cost savings estimated a net saving was **$625.01** per participant.*

* Utilizing the University of Memphis School of Public Health Healthcare Cost Savings Estimator Tool: CDSMP.

For more information on Better Choices Better Health – *Ke Ola Pono*, the Chronic Disease Self-Management Program, please contact the Hawaii Aging and Disability Resource Center (808-643-ADRC) or visit our website

[www.hawaiihealthyaging.org](http://www.hawaiihealthyaging.org)