

DR. CHRISTIAN KIMO ALAMEDA, PhD

Dr. Alameda currently serves as the County Executive on Aging for the County of Hawaii. He heads the Office of Aging which is responsible for developing a comprehensive system of services for older persons in Hawaii County. Staff conduct needs assessments, write grants, administer contracts, develop training programs, manage a senior citizen database, and perform advocacy functions. The Office of Aging is located in Hilo, Hawaii. Dr. Alameda was appointed in 2015 to the post.

Background:

Biracial and bicultural, Dr. C. Kimo Alameda grew up on the Big Island, a living example of multicultural Hawaii.

His Portuguese and Hawaiian ancestry meant he grew up in two different cultural traditions. These childhood experiences prepared him for his early work as a school counselor. After many years in the Department of Education, Dr. Alameda went back to school and received a doctorate from the University of Nebraska. His work with the Department of Health started in 2000 as a transition and behavioral specialist for the Child and Adolescent Mental Health Division. In 2005 he moved to the Adult Mental Health Division and accepted the role as the Director of the Office of Multicultural Services. In 2008, Dr. Alameda was presented with an award from Mental Health America as the Outstanding Government Leader for his work in increasing cultural awareness in state government. In 2010, Dr. Alameda was asked to expand his role by heading up the Department's Office of Health Equity. Dr. Alameda served 15 years with the State Department of Health before being appointed by Mayor Kenoi to the position of County Executive on Aging.

On the weekends, Dr. Alameda coaches a number of youth sports and most impressively, he is the proud father of seven children.