

THERESA C. KOKI BIO

Theresa Koki was appointed as the county's anti-drug coordinator by Mayor Bryan J. Baptiste on January 16, 2007. Prior to that Koki served as a community response specialist for Ka Leo O Kaua'i in the central, south and west-side communities. She was later reappointed by Mayor Bernard Carvalho after Mayor Baptiste's untimely death. The Anti-Drug Program was renamed Life's Choices Kaua'i in 2012

Before joining the Baptiste administration in 2003, Koki served as an information specialist on Gov. Linda Lingle's transition team. Prior to that, she was an information specialist in former Gov. Ben Cayetano's Kaua'i office.

Koki also worked within the Hawai'i Health Systems Corp. as the executive secretary at Kaua'i Veterans Memorial Hospital and has held various positions in the visitor industry.

After graduating from Waimea High School, she attended Kauai Community College. She is also an alumnus of the inaugural class of Leadership Kaua'i. She is a trained Certified Emergency Response Team (CERT) Member, and graduated from the Kauai Police Department's Citizens Police Academy.

Koki is the only Certified Prevention Specialist (CPS) on Kauai. Her CPS certificate is accepted throughout the U.S., as well as in a number of other Countries.

She developed a curriculum for the Pi'ina Hoku Youth Leadership Program and produced the video "Wasted ... Time is Always Wasted if You're Wasted All the Time." And inspired the Veterans Video called "Still Serving".

Born in Waimea and raised in Pakala, She is the mother of 4 adult children, and "nana" to 8 grandchildren.

