

O'ahu Community Coalition

Serena Chen's Visit

Serena Chen, Regional Policy Advocacy Director for American Lung Association in California and the project director of the Bay Area Smoke-Free Housing Project, was one of our keynote speakers at the Coalition's annual meeting. Serena also gave a presentation tailored to property managers, condominium board members and resident, public housing residents, and lawmakers.



(l-r) Megan Inada, Debbie Odo, Serena Chen, May Rose Dela Cruz, & Jessica Yamauchi

Smoke-Free Housing Media Coverage

KITV's Keoki Kerr interviewed Serena Chen and Daria Fand (a public housing resident suffering from second hand smoke). Serena Chen was also on KITV's morning news and on Hawaii Public Radio's the "Conversation".



Serena's interview with KITV's Keoki Kerr

Smoke-Free Condominiums:

If you know of any smoke-free condominiums (no smoking allowed in units and/or lanais), please let us know! Please contact Jessica Yamauchi at jessica@tobaccofreehawaii.org or 591-6508 x202.

National News:

"HUD Charges Florida Property Owner, Managers with Disability Discrimination"

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) has filed a lawsuit charging a Florida property owner, the management company and their employees for violating the Fair Housing Act. The property management company refused to allow a resident to move to another apartment when her neighbors' second-hand smoke sent her to the emergency room twice. The property is a 144-unit low income housing tax credit property. The property management company stated that moving her would require them to treat her as a new applicant, charging a new fees and security deposit.