



Dr. Nani Lee, is the first full time Executive Director of The Food Basket Inc., Hawaii Island's Food Bank. Nani received her Ph.D. from the University of Southern California with a concentration in policy advocacy and organizational behavior and her J.D. from the William S. Richardson School of Law. She is licensed to practice law in Hawaii, the District of Columbia, the 9th Circuit Court of Appeals and in all federal courts. Her recent work and research has been in the areas of: health care financing, access and utilization to health care, developmental disabilities, organizational planning, management and capacity building, community organization, building collaborations and leadership development. Prior to returning home to Waimea full time, she was the Deputy Administrator of Beneficiary Advocacy and Empowerment for

the Office of Hawaiian Affairs, where she was also a member of the University of Hawaii's Energy Policy Committee and she served as the Director of Community & External Relations and as an Associate Professor of Behavioral Sciences at Chaminade University. She has also taught at the University of Southern California, Cal State Dominguez Hills and Capella University.

Dr. Lee is the mother of two, Kaleihi`iikapoli Pa`apuokekaiopelemalamalamamaikalani Rapoza, who is an attorney in Honolulu, Kulu`ua Ka`umealani who is a forensic scientist in Maryland and a grandmother to Tuahine`eleuokamoanalipolipo age 3 months.