

Hawai'i Food Gardens Network

Convening #7, September 6th 2024

Share back



Agenda

9-10am Opening to the space, oli, tour, and talk story about Kanewai and the importance of water

10-11am Break out group activity

- 10-10:20am: Identify challenges and barriers that we have individually experienced or observed in the work of increasing access to food gardens
- 10:20-10:40am: What some possible solutions to overcome these challenges/barriers?
- 10:40-11am: larger group share back

11am-12pm Visit to the mo'o followed by work party in the lo'i

12pm Closing and lunch time

Core Components of Collective Impact

1. **Common Agenda** - All participants have a shared vision for change, including a **common understanding of the problem** and a joint approach to solving it through agreed upon actions.
2. **Backbone Infrastructure** - Dedicated staff and strong leaders who possess specific skills to serve as the backbone for the entire initiative and coordinate participating organizations and agencies
3. **Mutually Reinforcing Activities** - The extent to which, and in what ways, are partners' activities differentiated, while still coordinated through a mutually reinforcing plan of action?
4. **Shared Measurement System (SMS)** - Collecting data and measuring results consistently across all participants to ensure that efforts remain aligned and participants hold each other accountable.
5. **Continuous Communication** - Consistent and open communication is needed across the many players and among external stakeholders to build trust, assure mutual objectives, and create common motivation.

Group 1 (Rufino, Dana, Anya, Heejung, Kyrsten)

Challenges & Barriers to Increasing Access to Food Gardens

- resources
 - database / information
 - waiting list
 - limited
 - network / relationships
 - high learning curve / mitigation & implementation
 - soil quality
 - water quality / source
 - climate zones
 - pests
 - time / capacity for engagement
 - leadership
 - paid not just volunteers
 - succession plan
 - safety / security
 - respect for space / lack of pilina / kuleana / aloha
 - vandalism
 - trespassing
 - loitering
 - culture / language
 - all indigenous
 - on a human level plan forward
- Handwritten notes and diagrams:*
- A red arrow points from "resources" to a red "\$" symbol.
 - Next to the "\$" is the text: "*overarching absence of indigenous practices/knowledge in entire food system".
 - A bracket groups "soil quality", "water quality / source", "climate zones", and "pests" under the heading "ITEK Indigenous Traditional Ecological Knowledge".
 - Below this bracket is the text: "move karaka".

Solutions

- * build pilina (relationship/woven) *
 - transparency / share resources (data)
 - trust → partner / commit
 - (time / prioritize w/ balance & respect
 - show up / consistent / honest / realistic
 - "big picture" mindset
 - resources
 - funding
 - collaborative efforts / invest
 - public / private partnerships
 - policy
 - ITEK
 - creating common language & foundation
 - public initiatives / collective goals
 - "30 by 30"
 - CNHA 500 bundles/month w/in 1 year
 - training / education at all levels of the food system
 - producer
 - consumer / buyers
 - farmer
 - nutritionists
 - chefs
- Handwritten notes:*
- The phrase "Kakou Thing" is written in the top right corner.

Group 2 (Jason, Cyrus, Shannon, Jesse)

Challenges

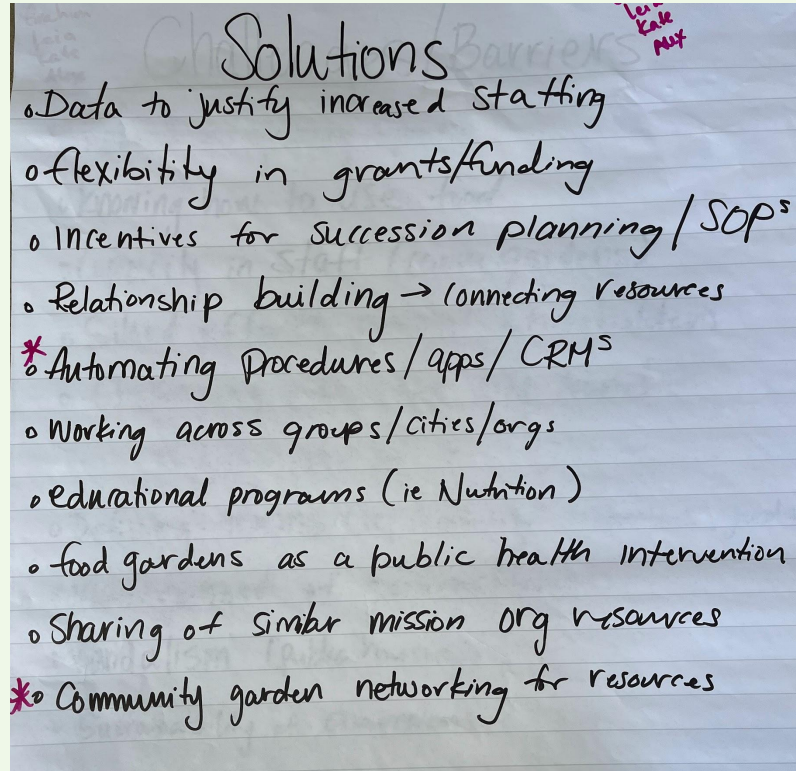
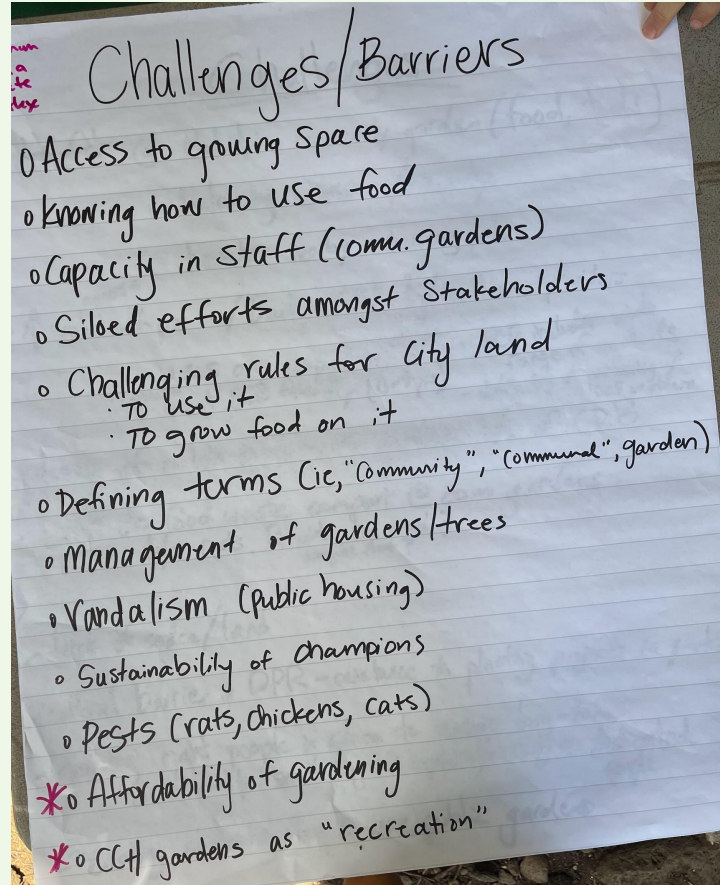
- theft @ Makiki community garden (food, tools)
balancing access w/ security
houseless nearby - showering, etc.
- ↑ ^{access +} relationships w/ Early Child Education providers
 - buses are expensive ^{lots of} _{places} - ECE includes wide range of contents
 - not ECE friendly (0-5 yrs) - difficulty of partnering w/ DOE or others
- Lack of mulch @ community gardens b/c of CRB
- can't do food waste compost @ com gardens
b/c rats. Permits required?
maybe not?
- lack of space/land
- cultural barrier in DPR - resistance to planting projects in parks
- ensuring right people in place to ensure long-term sustainability. small projects especially require dedicated people
- creating welcoming env. @ more public gardens

- owners of land (state, city, etc) not allowing access
 - ↑ control of common spaces
 - difficulty of ^{balancing w/} democracy
- involvement of facilities/custodial workers varies (e.g. at schools, etc)
- DOE - huge opportunity re: compost, food waste but no systemic effort for compost + mulch
- economics of hauling contracts
- different challenges for diff situations
 - individuals - com gardens
 - collective - Ho. U. in m.

Solutions

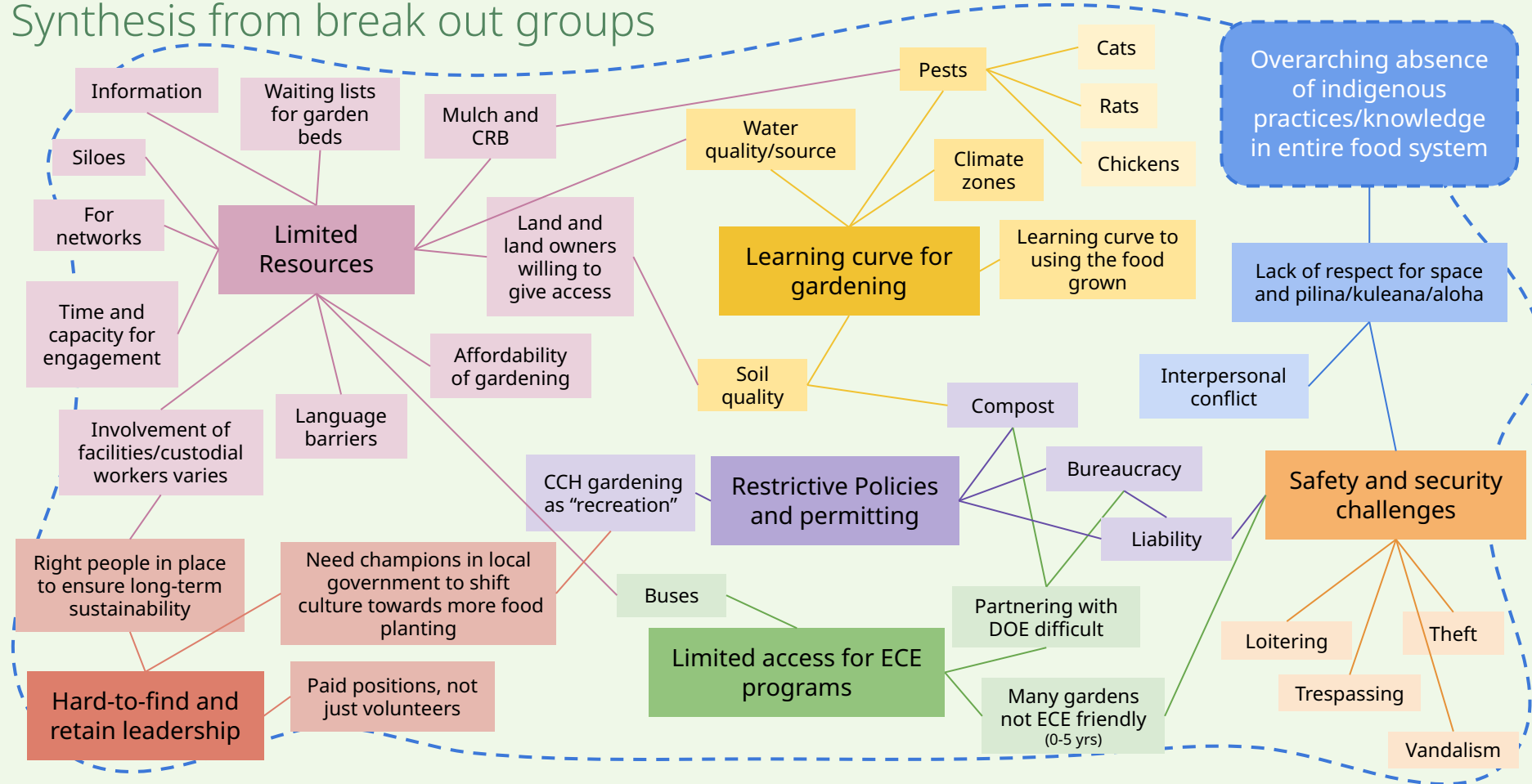
- community gardens - think of houseless as a resource - build relationships
 - create a culture of sharing that values abundance. Abundance mindset
 - support services for houseless - access to green space
 - aina is part of mental health healing
 - com. gardens for m. health
- social infrastructure for long-term sustainability
 - building programming around the garden (e.g. ECE, students, tutoring, etc)
 - incorporate it into workforce development
 - gov't decision-makers disconnected. seeing admin out in gardens more participate in meetings held outside in gardens. provides inspiration.
 - incentivizing the incorporation of gardens into programming through contracts
 - encourage more guerrilla gardening. just do it!

Group 3 (Alex, Kate, Leigh Ann, Ram)



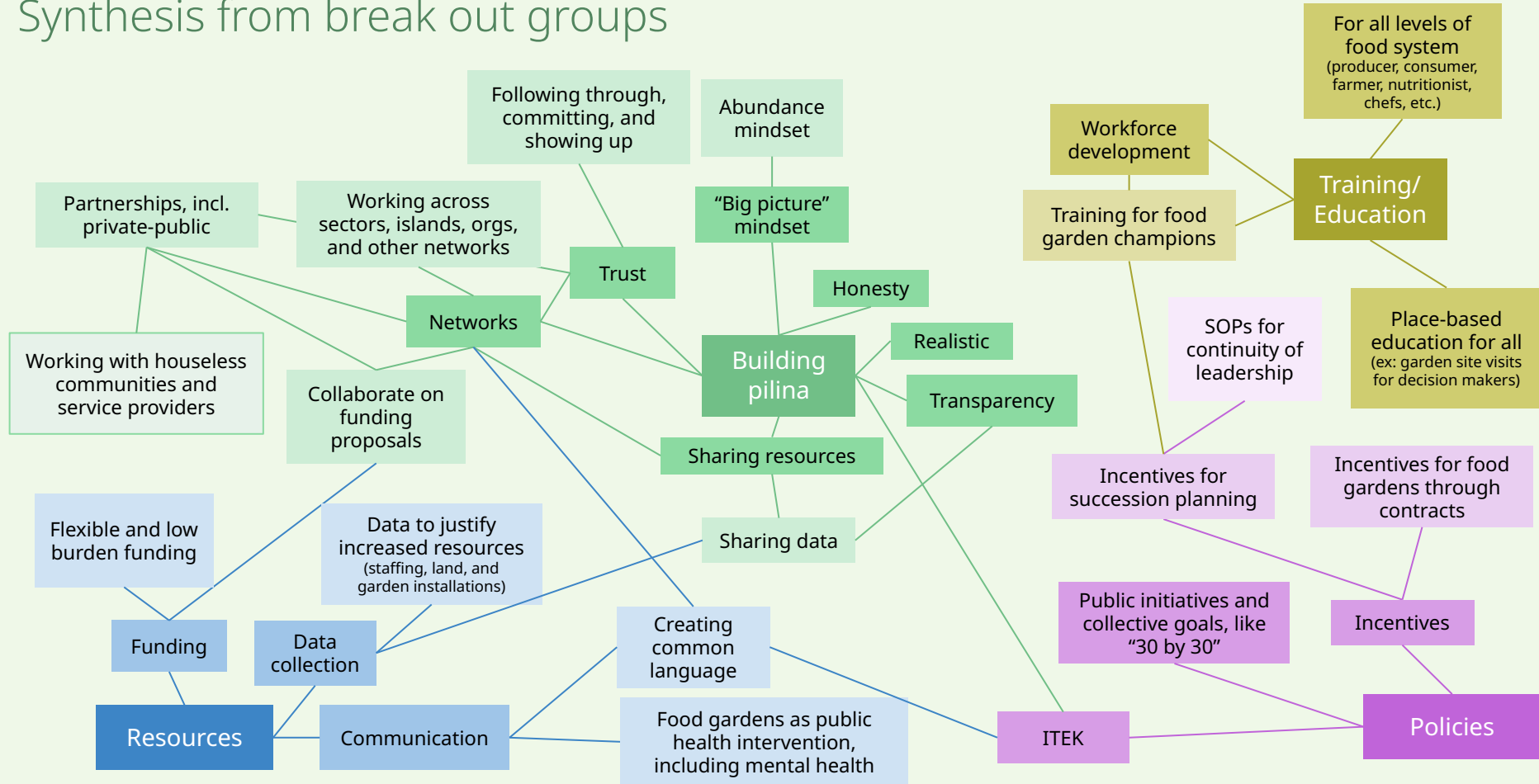
Challenges and barriers to increasing access to food gardens

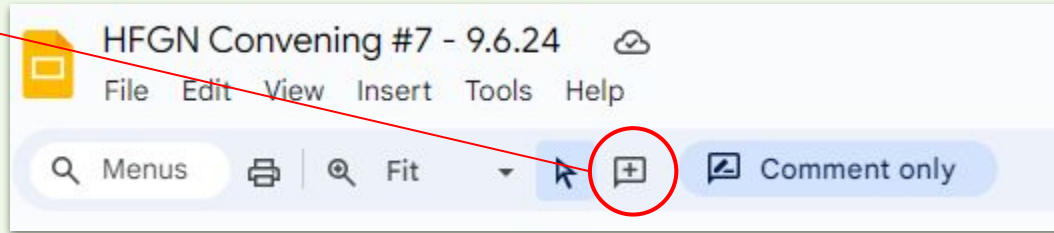
Synthesis from break out groups



Solutions to these challenges and barriers

Synthesis from break out groups





**Anything you would like to add to slides 7, 8 or 9?
Leave a comment!**

Overarching absence of indigenous practices/knowledge in entire food system

Restrictive Policies
and permitting

Limited
Resources

Hard-to-find and
retain leadership

Safety and security
challenges

Learning curve for
gardening

Limited access for ECE
programs

Closing & Baseline Survey

For new participants:

<https://forms.gle/KHE1TLUzGwRcusDp7>

Resources:

- Ka Papa Lo'i O Kānewai [website](#)
- HFGN [Google folder](#)
- Working group [spreadsheet](#)

Next convening:

October 11th 9am-10:30am ZOOM



