

Maeona (Mae) Mendelson, Ph.D.

Maeona (Mae) Mendelson is President of Travel & Learn, an intergenerational study tour company. She is also Visiting Professor at Chaminade University of Honolulu to develop The Intergenerational Center. Mae is the former Executive Director of the Hawaii Intergenerational Network and adjunct professor at Hawaii Pacific University where she taught program design for the human services and intergenerational studies.

Her civic and community activities include serving as an elected member of the National Board of AARP and former State President of AARP Hawaii, an organization of seniors age 50 and above with a membership of 157,000 individuals in Hawaii and 38 > million members in the United States.

In 1999 she co-created the Millennium Young People's > Congress (MYPC) held in Hawai'i in October 1999. The purpose of this congress was to assist young people to take action on achieving the United Nations Millennium Development goals. The MYPC launched the World Youth Congress series that has convened young people from around the world in Morocco in 2003 and Scotland in 2005. In 2008, the WYC will convene 600 young people in Quebec City. Mae continues to work with the WYC as a member of the Advisory Board.

Mae Mendelson has a Ph.D. in the Philosophy of Social Welfare from the University of Hawai'i. She graduated with a BA from the School of International Service, American University, Washington, D.C. and received an MSW from the School of Social Work, University of Hawai'i.

Her awards include a Commendation from the Department of Economic Development for the City and County of Honolulu for her direction of the Millennium Young People's Congress 1999.

Resolution and Commendation from The House of Representatives, State of Hawai'i commending her for contributions to international affairs, culture, education, and trade on behalf of Hawai'i 2004.

Award from the Moroccan Youth Forum of the Third Millennium (youth parliament) for strengthening the cooperative relationships between the Kingdom of Morocco and the state of Hawaii, May 27th 2005

Social Worker of the Year Award in Gerontology, NASW-Hawaii 2007.