

# Homeowners Design Center



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**RANDALL AND JESSICA OMOTO, OWNERS OF HOMEOWNERS DESIGN CENTER**, aim to provide Island *ohana* with beautifully designed homes for every stage of life. With experience in residential builds and remodels focused on aging-in-place and multigenerational living, Homeowners Design Center is a valuable resource for home amenities that combine accessibility and aesthetics. Visit [homeownersdesign.com](http://homeownersdesign.com) to learn more.



An open-concept kitchen is the perfect gathering space for multigenerational families.

## Ohana Building Q&A

**Q: What are three important safety concerns to consider for aging-in-place?**

**A:** Three main concerns to address when it comes to aging-in-place at home are: 1) Preventing slips and falls; 2) Keeping things in easy reach for all ages; 3) Ensuring steady mobility in indoor and outdoor spaces.

**Q: What makes aging-in-place ideal for multigenerational living in Hawaii?**

**A:** Just as you wouldn't go shopping for batteries during a hurricane warning, it's wise to plan early for aging-in-place features at home. The benefits are clear: 1) Peace of mind; 2) Keeping family close; 3) Saving money on care and housing in an assisted living facility; 4) Welcoming visitors and extended *ohana*; 5) Enjoying a better quality of life in the comfort of home.

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**Q: What aging-in-place upgrades should Hawaii homeowners prioritize most?**

**A:** The bathroom is the most strategic thing to plan for in aging-in-place. It is important to have a bathroom on the ground floor to accommodate residents who do not have the mobility to navigate stairs. Create a space plan to include the following features: a shower conversion with a seat; a wheelchair-accessible, convertible vanity; ample surrounding space for wheelchair movement; and grab bars throughout the bathroom.



Installing a shower with a seating area supports aging-in-place for *kupuna*.



Choose durable materials for cabinets and surfaces in homes designed for aging-in-place.

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