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New State Offices and Jobs on Hawaii Island

The Department of Human Services, Child Welfare Services (CWS) Branch is expanding its Hawaii Island footprint. Two new offices are scheduled to open in Waimea and Ka`u by the end of summer.

“A CWS presence in Waimea and Ka`u will provide better protection for our keiki by increasing response time, assuring access to services, and expanding our connection to the local pulse of the community,” said CWS Administrator Kayle Perez. “We are rebuilding the staff base on Hawaii Island after having many positions cut during the 2009 reduction in force.”

To meet staffing needs of the new offices and to rebuild staff across the State, the CWS is actively recruiting for [Social Worker III](#) and [Social Worker IV](#), and [Human Service Professional III](#) and [Human Service Professional IV](#). Social Workers and Human Service Professionals “engage families in building protective capacity through a network of informal and formal resources coupled with community engagement with our families,” said Perez.

An estimated 3,324 cases of child abuse or neglect were reported to CWS in FY 2011, down from 4,199 the previous year. More than half (58%) of 2011 reports were from Oahu, followed by Hawaii Island (22%).

Less than half of the reported cases (1,345) were confirmed for child abuse, neglect or threatened harm. An annual review of 2011 DHS program data identifies *Inability to Cope with Parenting Responsibilities* (66%) as the number one precipitating factor to an incident of abuse or neglect.

CWS deputy administrator Cynthia Goss stated, “While social work can be challenging, it’s also a profession filled with reward and wonderful outcomes. Seeing a smiling child in the arms of their parents following CWS’ successful engagement with the family is a wonderful experience that makes the work worthwhile and fulfilling.”

The Social Worker and Human Service Professionals are on continuous recruitment through the Department of Human Resources Development. To apply, visit www.hawaii.gov/hrd/main/esd/. For additional information call the DHS Personnel office at 586-4969.