FAMILY FIRST HAWAI‘I ACCOMPLISHMENTS IN 2021

LIVED EXPERIENCE ADVISORY GROUP
- Now feel genuine partnership in the FFH initiative
- Growing engagement and trusting comfortable relationships with birth parents
- Genuine integration of LEAG/Birth Parent Perspectives, especially in the development of the FSP

CASE PATHWAYS WORKGROUP
- Revamped the FSP to be engaging and family centered
- Strategic integration of FFH into current policies and procedures
- Development of policies and procedures for IHBS, FSP and HVS
- Completion and approval of Prevention Plan

IT & DATA WORKGROUP
- FFH Service Action Codes transferring from SHAKA to CPSS
- Calculations of the FFH individual costs
- Creation of the FFH Provider Portal in SHAKA - contracted providers can now upload contract reporting documents.

CQI & EVALUATION WORKGROUP
- Created detailed list and chart of FFH data reports and where the data will be shared.
- Mapped out the details of each step of the FFH CQI Cycle

COMMUNICATIONS WORKGROUP
- Completed the Pū’olo video production
- Completed IHBS One-pager and FFH Newsletters
- Completed and published press release on FFH
FFH OVERALL PROGRESS UPDATE

Mahalo from The Department of Human Services

Substantial progress has been made in the implementation of Family First Hawai‘i because of your hard work and dedication! Together, we are rolling out aspects of FFH in a staggered approach to ensure quality of services to families and an effective implementation plan.

The federal Administration for Children and Families approved the Hawai‘i Prevention Services plan that lays out the foundation for implementation of FFH in August of 2021. Hawai‘i is one of 21 states with approved plans.

On October 1, the implementation of HOMEBUILDERS (Intensive Home-Based Services or IHBS) began in multiple Hawai‘i localities. This evidence based practice has been available in some areas for quite some time but under FFH, the service is expanding its capacity and reach.

The implementation of home visiting services through Healthy Families America (HFA) and Parents as Teachers (PAT) is scheduled to begin in March of 2022. A partnership with the Department of Health will also lead to additional availability of these services.

Monthly meetings are being held with the providers of services relevant to FFH across the State. These meetings include the benefits of information sharing, relationship building, provider feedback and promotion of collaboration.

The CWS Family Service Plan (FSP) has been revised to enhance a family-centered, strengths-based approach by incorporating family/parent participation in identifying their own goals and tying in individual and family functional strengths to meet their goals.

The Pū‘olo, a metaphor for FFH, has been developed in partnership with Nā Kama a Hāloa and the Hui Kauhale. The version included in the last newsletter will soon be alive in a video format. Coming soon in 2022!

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MONTHLY MEETINGS

FSP

PŪʻOLO

HVS

IHBS

PLAN APPROVED

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