

# Building Connections

## A Newsletter for Resource Families

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### A Healing Collaboration

By Wilma Friesema, EPIC 'Ohana, Inc.

Nearly 15 years ago, Child Welfare Services (CWS) changed the title of "foster parent" to that of "resource caregiver." The change was more than semantics. It signaled a relational shift that CWS continues to promote and develop even today. It's a relational perspective that encourages people who are fostering children to see themselves as essential, though temporary, supporters of the children *and* their families. Instead of being replacement parents, resource caregivers are providers of a safe respite home so parents can make some needed changes in their lives. The resource caregiver's help is a gift to the children, but also to the parents. It's a gift to the entire family.

Whenever children enter foster care, it's really the family that's in crisis. The parents, for various reasons, are over-



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whelmed and unable to adequately provide the safety and security their children need. This doesn't mean they don't love their children; it means they're not able to be strong enough parents in that moment. With help and support that can change, but it often takes time for parents to get back on steady ground.

For the children, as hard as it's been at home, being separated from their parents is painful. Being cared for by loving resource caregivers may be relieving, but it's also stressful to be in a new home with new rules, new food, new ways of doing things. Not knowing what is going to happen next adds to the children's stress, as does worrying about their parents and siblings, if the siblings are placed in different homes.

Honoring the children's need for family contact and facilitating their connection, while keeping them safe, can be a challenging but gratifying experience for resource caregivers. Parents, at the onset, may feel distrustful and threatened. They may be in denial about how bad their situation is, or are staving off feelings of guilt and shame. In truth, parents are being challenged to change, and they often feel overwhelmed by what that truly means. They love their children, but their journey ahead is not an easy one and they are going to need help.

For resource caregivers, it can feel risky to engage with parents and give them that help, especially if the parents are addicted to drugs or have mental health issues. It may also feel hard not to have judgements about the parents' choices, especially when seeing, first hand, the impact those choices have on their children. Heightened feelings of distrust may also be present especially when, during the early contact, the birth parent is angry or defensive. From both the parent and resource caregiver side, it's not an ideal launching point for a new collaborative relationship.

Yet there are parents and resource caregivers who do just that. For Noreen Kamoku, a resource caregiver in West Ha-

## HUI HO'OMALU STATEWIDE GLUE COMMITTEE

*The Hui Ho'omalua Statewide Glue Committee provides support to the resource family community through identifying ongoing needs, facilitating communication and by sharing resources.*

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wai'i, working with parents is one of the hardest, but most satisfying, experiences of fostering. For her, to participate in the healing of a family is extremely gratifying, especially if it results in reunification. When families reunify the children's deepest longing to be back with their parents is fulfilled. Even more than that, the children are returning to a better home life and to parents who are more capable and responsive. It's a tremendous win for everyone.

Noreen feels it's crucial, upon first meeting parents, to greet them with an open mind and open heart. She's clear that she doesn't know their story, and that it's likely many of them are trauma survivors, just like their children. While she sets the necessary boundaries to ensure safety, Noreen strives to assure the parents that she's not out to take their children, and that she's rooting for their success. She wants them to get their children back.

Lori Himalaya, who has fostered 82 children since 2015, also sees collaborating with parents as helpful to the children. Often, she shared, it's the children who feel guilty and responsible for the separation. Having consistent and on-going contact with their parents helps the children to see they aren't to blame, and that it's their parents who need time to work on themselves.

Lori frequently talks to the birth parents and strives to develop trust. She finds out about their hurts, and how it's impacting them to be separated from their children. She gently explores with them what created their separation. She's found those delicate and honest conversations can be a doorway for parents to start imagining living their lives differently. She invites the parents to family gatherings at her home too. Spending time together, laughing, sharing a meal with their children again - all serve as a reminder to the parents of what they're missing.

Joe O'Connell, a resource caregiver in Hilo, does that as well. When children enter his home, he finds out the parents' birthdays and makes sure the children call them on their special day. He also invites parents over for birthday celebrations and for other holiday gatherings. For Joe, building relationships with parents is essential. He's learned that when trust is high, drama is low. Open communication also helps keep the children safer. When youth run away, for example, it's invaluable to have the parents help find the youth and return them to his home. Joe has found with open communication there's less triangulation, and children don't feel split in their loyalties. They can love both their parents and the resource caregiver.

Melissa Mayo was one of Joe's foster youth. She said it was helpful when Joe went along on visits with her mom, who was homeless at the time. Seeing her mom eased Melissa's worries. Even though her mom was struggling, for Melissa, knowing the truth was better than not knowing. As always, Joe invited her mom over for dinners and holiday gatherings, but he also invited her to participate in parent activities at Melissa's school. For Melissa, having her mom witness her successes was powerful. Her mom had been absent for so much of her life; when she attended the school events, Melissa felt her mom was showing up for her and was truly seeing her. Just that, helped fill Melissa's heart and contributed to her budding confidence.

A collaborative relationship between resource caregivers and birth parents, with the support of the CWS social worker, doesn't guarantee a successful outcome. What it does do is lower anxieties and create greater opportunities for growth and change. With collaboration, parents feel more support and less distrust, which enables them to be more receptive to help. Children do not have to sever their deep attachments to their parents so they feel less emotionally torn and traumatized. Resource caregivers, by reaching out, can feel the joy and satisfaction that goes with being a positive agent for change. For everyone involved, a collaborative relationship can be the game-changer that starts with a simple, "Hello, I'm here to help your family." After all, it's when we heal families that we truly heal hearts.

# RESOURCES

There are many resources and support available for Resource Families on birth parent work. The following is an excerpt from the "DON'T SAY NO UNTIL YOU KNOW" Handout from the Department that address Prudent Parenting practices:

**Question 7:** Are birth parents allowed to come to their child/young person's school functions, sports activities, cultural and religious functions?

**Answer:** Yes. Birth parent involvement in their child/young person's daily life is encouraged, however Resource Caregivers shall first consult with the child/young person's CWS worker and/or GAL prior to allowing any type of contact.

Also, refer to page 9, "The Value of Shared Parenting" article by Warm Line Family Resource Specialist, Karen Kaneshiro-Soon.

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## Don't Say "NO" Until You "KNOW"

*A Guide for Caregivers to Promote Normalcy and Well-Being for Children and Youth in Foster Care*

Presented by the State of Hawaii's  
Department of Human Services  
Child Welfare Services



Don't Say "NO" Before You "KNOW" Promoting Normalcy and Well-Being for Children and Youth in Foster Care - State of Hawaii 2018-2019

*Congratulations!*

**JAN JOHNSON**

**Jan was the winner of the January edition of the Word Search!**

**Congratulations, and we hope you enjoyed your \$10 Target gift card!**

**Submit your entries by May 1st to be eligible for this quarter's prize!**

### IMPORTANT NUMBERS:

Department of Human Services  
reporting:

**Suspected Child Abuse and/or Neglect:  
(808)532-5300 or  
(toll free) 1-888-380-3088**

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(808)832-1999 or  
(toll free) 1-888-398-1188**

**Toll-free Fax: 1-888-988-6638**

**All numbers available 24 hours a day,  
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## WORD FIND

THEME: FAMILY CONNECTIONS

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# Supporting Foster Youth and Families through the Pandemic Act



## (aka Pandemic Act; Consolidated Appropriations Act (CAA) 2021)

The COVID-19 pandemic has had a negative impact in so many ways on most of us, but foster youth and former foster youth are among the most vulnerable. The October 2020 HI HOPES Match survey found that 55% of the foster youth and former foster youth surveyed experienced negative employment impact because of the pandemic, and 35% were short on money for food and rent. The Pandemic Act was enacted into law on December 27, 2020. On March 9, 2021 the federal government issued program instructions to help states implement the law. The law, and the instructions are complicated, and everyone is still working out the details. Here are the highlights, though, and here are some things that you can do if you know of a young person who may qualify for assistance.

The Pandemic Act creates a moratorium on aging out of care, either at 18 or at 21 until September 30, 2021.

For young people who age out of foster care at 18 we already have Imua Kākou which is extended foster care to 21. In Hawai'i, the procedure has not changed and qualified young people at age 18 are offered extended care to 21. Of course, this is a choice, but please help young people you know understand the benefits of extended care.

For young people in Imua Kākou who are turning 21 or turned 21 after the pandemic started, they may return to Imua Kākou or remain in the program until September 30, 2021, no matter how old they will be on September 30, 2021.

**WHAT TO DO:** If you, or someone you know turned 18 or 21 during the pandemic, please contact your Independent Living Provider for help to re-enter extended care. If you need help locating your Independent Living Provider, check out the Foster Hope Hawai'i app or visit [www.ilpconnections.org](http://www.ilpconnections.org). (Hale Kipa on O'ahu, Hale 'Opio on Kaua'i, Maui Youth and Family Services for Maui, Lana'i, or Molo-ka'i, and Salvation Army for Hawai'i Island.) Applications are available on SHAKA at [www.ShakaTown.com](http://www.ShakaTown.com)

Additional funding for Educational Training Vouchers. Educational Training Vouchers (ETV) are similar to scholarships that help qualified foster youth attend post-secondary institutions or programs. The Pandemic Act temporarily relaxes some of the requirements for the program, and expands the amount available to each student.

Vouchers may be increased up to \$12,000 per student.

Students who were unable to attend school, or whose program was interrupted because of the pandemic may still be eligible for ETV for a temporary period of time.

The definition of what qualifies for educational expenses has been made more flexible for a temporary period of time.

**WHAT TO DO:** If you, or someone you know is in a post-secondary program and is either already on ETV or applied for ETV, or postponed going into a program, please contact your Independent Living Provider. More instructions will become available soon, so watch for announcements on ShakaTown, on the Foster Hope Hawai'i App, and [www.epicohana.org/youthpandemicsupport](http://www.epicohana.org/youthpandemicsupport).

Chafee dollars for flexible support for foster youth and former foster youth. Hawai'i was awarded recovery act dollars to provide flexible support for foster youth and young adults who experienced foster care after the age of 14. Flexible support could help with rent, food, and other urgent expenses. EPIC 'Ohana is assisting Child Welfare Services with distributing these funds. Like most federal recovery funds, the total amounts are limited, so priority will be given to those with the greatest and most urgent needs.

One part of the Chafee recovery money is designated to help foster youth and former foster youth obtain drivers licenses. Up to \$4000 can be spent on driver education, insurance, and other related expenses for young people in care over the age of 15, or for former foster youth who entered foster care after 14, and left foster care after 16, even if they were reunified, adopted, or in guardianship.

**WHAT TO DO:** Fill out the survey at this link <http://bit.ly/pandemicassurancesurvey> to let us know of your interest in receiving assistance, and to help us assess your needs.

Once we receive the survey, EPIC 'Ohana will work to confirm your eligibility, provide you with further information, and connect you to assistance. Everyone who fills out the survey will also receive a free ticket to the "Voices of Hope," HI HOPES virtual event on April 29, 2021.

For more information:

Call EPIC: 844-588-4682 (toll free) or 808-218-6895

Visit the website: <http://www.epicohana.org/youthpandemicsupport>

Fill out the survey: <http://bit.ly/pandemicassurancesurvey>  
SHAKA at [www.ShakaTown.com](http://www.ShakaTown.com)



# MAHALO FOR YOUR GENEROSITY



MAHALO to Gloria Kobayashi of RK woods in Hilo who donated Koa heart boxes for the East Hawai'i National Foster Care Month giveaway event. Visit [www.rkwoodshawaii.com](http://www.rkwoodshawaii.com) to see their beautiful products, or visit them on Keawe Street.



## RALPH LAUREN

Mahalo Nui Loa e Ralph Lauren for your very generous clothing donation for our children, youth and families involved with Child Welfare Services!

Distribution of the clothes will be from April 5 to April 9 and is being coordinated through your child's social worker. Pick up will be scheduled. If you would like to "shop" for clothing, please contact your child's Social Worker to schedule an appointment.





## GET ME OUT OF HERE!

By Krystal Alcayde

COVID-19 has brought many uncertainties to our everyday lives and our families. Parenting has taken a different direction as we face new challenges. With many schools and workplaces adjusting their schedules due to the pandemic, many of us have found ourselves dealing with a new, and often very stressful, family situation.

As well as having to work from home and running the household, parents are likely trying to keep their kids on track with their virtual school work, all while enduring the restrictions of social distancing and even being cut off from the support of friends and loved ones. With the whole 'ohana often occupying the same space day after day, the strain can seem unrelenting.

With our 'ohana being cramped indoors for the majority of the day, it's important to find some time to enjoy the outside! Even infants and toddlers can play and learn in nature. Nature sculptures can be built with twigs, leaves, cones, rocks and more by sticking the collected items into a play dough base. Or, let your keiki play in mud with old pots, pans, utensils, and household tools to develop senses and motor skills. Bike or walk with your 'ohana while keeping your distance from others. Describe what you see along the way to your baby or preschooler. Use a lot of details to help them learn new words. Take story time outside. Grab a blanket, some books and find a shady spot to share a story with your keiki.

Challenge your older keiki and teens. Take advantage of this time to bond over games and activities you all enjoy! If public hikes are open and available, take advantage of the opportunity! Our teens and older keiki will thank you for the time outdoors. It allows them to stretch, take in the fresh air and run around. Even kicking a soccer ball or playing catch together can be fine if you are apart from each other and avoid sharing sports equipment with others outside your household.

*Krystal is an Oahu Community Liaison with Partners In Development Foundation. Krystal conducts recruitment activities to bring awareness to the community about the need for more Resource Families.*



*Abbey Diaz is an 'Oahu Community Liaison for Partners In Development Foundation. She works with General Licensed families that are working through the assessment process. She is one of the kind, warm voices you hear when you contact the 'Oahu office. Thank you for being willing to share your onolicious recipe, Abbey! Happy Baking everyone!*

### *Abbey's Banana Cream Pie Recipe*

#### Ingredients

##### Shortbread Crust:

- 2 sticks unsalted butter
- 2 tbsp. sugar
- 2 cups sifted all-purpose flour
- Walnuts (optional)

##### Filling:

- 8 oz. pkg cream cheese
- 3 cups milk
- 2 (3 oz.) boxes instant vanilla pudding
- 1/8 tbs. vanilla extract
- 5 to 6 large ripe bananas, sliced
- 2 cool whip containers

#### Directions:

Mix crust ingredients well. Press firmly in a 9x13 inch pan. Bake at 325°F until brown and cool. Whip together the cream cheese, milk, pudding and vanilla. Place banana slices on crust. Pour mixture over bananas. Top with Cool Whip and refrigerate.

**Do you have a recipe you'd like to share? Email us at [rac@pidfoundation.org](mailto:rac@pidfoundation.org)**







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## Wendy's Wonderful Kids®

### Corey

Corey is a fifteen year old boy of Hawaiian/Caucasian descent. He was raised on the Big Island of Hawaii, and entered into care at the age of fourteen years old. He currently resides on the island of Oahu. He has black hair and brown eyes, and stands approximately 5 feet tall. Corey has a quiet and shy demeanor, but will engage with you in conversation when approached.


Corey loves hanging out with his friends at the park, or riding his bike around with his buddies. His ultimate love is video games, and he admits he can get very lost in them when given the opportunity. School is currently a struggle for him, but he has a strong support group around him to help him achieve what he is capable of doing. He loves all kinds of animals, and find they bring a lot of peace to him.

Corey reports making friends easily, and likes hanging out with people who are creative. His biggest dream right now is to find a loving, stable family that he knows genuinely cares about him, but he admits trusting people is often a challenge. If he could have one wish fulfilled in life, it would be "to be rich." When asked why that was important, Corey stated because that would allow him to buy a house of his own where he could be a safe place for people like him who needed a place to stay.


Wendy's Wonderful Kids seeks to find **good homes for great kids** in tough situations. If you are interested in learning more about Corey and his need for permanent, nurturing connections, please contact Mindy Chung, WWK Recruiter at 808.521.9531 or by email at [mchung@familyprogramshi.org](mailto:mchung@familyprogramshi.org)

*Wendy's Wonderful Kids offers proactive, child-focused recruitment of adoptive families for children who have been placed in long-term foster care. Sponsored by the Dave Thomas Foundation, this unique program provides intensive social work services to find the best adoptive home for a child by exploring all facets of the child's family, school, and friendship circles, as well as recruiting families from the broader community. The State of Hawaii Department of Human Services is a Wendy's referral partner.*


**We invite you to join our event that celebrates youth voice,  
building resilience and changing the lives of foster youth.  
Get ready to be inspired!**



**Voices  
of Hope**



**A Virtual Celebration of Youth  
Leadership and Empowerment**



**When: April 29, 2021  
Time: 6:30pm - 7:30pm**

**Joined by the talented: Kapena, The Tonga Sisters, Nā Wai and Lina Girl Langi.  
Learn more: [Epic 'Ohana- Voices of Hope](#)**



Need a little extra parenting support during this crisis? Child & Family Service operates a phone service for all parenting questions. The Parent Line is a free, confidential resource funded by the Hawai'i Department of Health, Maternal and Child Health Branch. The experienced phone line staff can help problem-solve challenges like: Addressing child behavior, development, parenting and caregiver support; the experienced staff can help with new challenges like:

“How can I keep my child in a routine when home from school?”

“What services are offering lunches or food for my children?”

“What are some good activities to keep kids entertained throughout the day?”

“I’m feeling overwhelmed with the global pandemic and trying to take care of my kids all day. Where can I find support?”

If you have your own parenting question, call the free telephone line at 808.526.1222 or 1.800.816.1222 (toll free), M-F: 8 a.m. to 6 p.m., Sat: 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. and NOW OPEN SUNDAYS THROUGHOUT THE CRISIS from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. You can also visit us online at [www.theparentline.org](http://www.theparentline.org) to speak to a specialist through our LIVE chat feature, learn more about what we do, access our flyer resources, and check out the schedule of our virtual parenting workshops. We’re just a phone call away and ready to strengthen families through support and our message of HOPE.



Grab the attention of your social media friends with free, easy-to-use graphics. The graphics at the web page below can be downloaded and added to your websites, blogs, newsletters, emails, social media pages, and other digital communications. Each graphic uses the National Foster Care Month 2021 branding and style that is approved by the Children's Bureau. Pair each graphic with a social media post from the National Foster Care Month page.

<https://www.childwelfare.gov/fostercaremonth/spread/socialmedia/>

<https://www.childwelfare.gov/fostercaremonth/spread/graphics/>

Also, don't forget about the 'Ohana Rewards Program! If you refer a family that becomes General Licensed, you are eligible to receive a \$200 Costco Gift Card!\*

Contact PIDF at (808)441-1117 for more information!

*\*Staff of DHS, Hui Ho'omalū agencies are not eligible*







## Welcome to FPH's Resource Family Support Services Corner

By Karen Kaneshiro-Soon, Family Resource Specialist

Resource Family Support Services (RFSS) is funded by the Department of Human Services



# The Value of Shared Parenting

Resource Caregivers (RCGs) ask: "Why is Shared Parenting with my foster child's birth parents so important and what does it look like?"

Family Programs Hawaii hosted a recent 2-part training webinar titled "The Importance of Family Connection for Children in Foster Care" by Sue Badeau, a noted speaker, trainer, and writer who specializes in trauma, hope and healing. Sue and her husband have 2 birth children, have been resource caregivers to 50+ children, and have adopted 20. In her trainings, she related that the child's birth family is central to the child and *will always be* ~ regardless of the permanency plan. "Foster, kin, and adoptive parent's role in partnering with birth parents can help both parents and children to heal." A powerful lesson learned is that despite potential difficulties in building a positive relationship with

birth parents, **the quality of visits with a child's birth family is the single most important indicator for successful outcome of foster children.** Remember that it's likely that your children in care have parents who also have histories of trauma which may be expressed in their behavior and communication styles. RCGs are so critical in encouraging healthy, positive family connections by mentoring, partnering with, and supporting birth parents in their journey towards reunification or other permanency outcomes for children in care.

Sue's trainings are now available on Vimeo through the Resource Family Support Services Programs' (RFSS) Lending Library. We highly encourage you to visit the Lending Library via our mobile app, Hawaii Foster Care Connections (HFCC), or call the Warm Line (Oahu: 808 545-1130 or Toll-free: 866 545-0882) for assistance or access to additional training options such as FosterParentCollege.com, an online library of approved trainings. These trainings are provided at no cost to you as resource and permanency parents, will assist in meeting your annual relicensing requirements, and contribute to your overall knowledge in supporting your child's care and development.

Here's what some RCGs had to say about Shared Parenting:

"Always try to make it positive or friendly for the children."

"Just be open to different parenting styles that may be different from your own, not judge."

"Each family and situation is different. No matter how difficult, the RCG has to make that extra effort to maintain family relationships for the benefit of the children."

"Remember they (birth parents) also love the child and are having difficulty."

"All parents and kids are different, sometimes people fall off the path. I tell (birth) parents I'm taking good care of their children, they'll be safe, they can trust me, they can ask me questions."

"We still support the birth parents (after reunification), they will contact us to babysit and assist them for school registration."

"Being respectful as much as possible."

"Keep an open mind when dealing with birth parents."

"Yes, building the relationship (with birth parents) is for the kids."

Lending Library\_ VIDEOS

Engaging with Your Child's Birth Family/The Importance of Family Connection for Children in Foster Care by Sue Badeau

Pilina: Supporting Sibling Connections in Foster Care by EPIC 'Ohana and High Hopes

Importance of 'Ohana and Kuleana by Dr. Tammy Martin, Venus Kau'ioakewiki Rosete-Medeiros, Noelani Realin, Ekela Kaniaupio-Crozier

2011 Annual Conference Best of Both Worlds: Resource and Birth Families Working Together for Children by Norma Ginther

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Hawaii Foster Care Connections is a place for Resource Families to connect with helpful support services, community resources, and most importantly, each other.




# Calendar of Events

## STATEWIDE

- Apr 13 (Tues)** **Online Grandparents Resource Families Support Group:** 6:00pm-8:00pm. Zoom Web-Conference. RSVP to the Warm Line at 1-866-545-0882 or at <https://tinyurl.com/FPH413> by 4/12.
- Apr 24 (Sat)** **Medical Needs for Youth in Care Webinar:** 10:00pm-11:30am. Zoom Web-Conference. RSVP to the Warm Line at 1-866-545-0882 or at <https://tinyurl.com/FPH424> by 4/23.
- Apr 28 (Wed)** **Medical Needs for Youth in Care Webinar :** 6:00pm-7:30pm. Zoom Web-Conference. RSVP to the Warm Line at 1-866-545-0882 or at <https://tinyurl.com/FPH428> by 4/27.
- May 8 (Sat)** **Online Coffee with a Caregiver Session:** 8:30am – 9:30am. Zoom Web-Conference. RSVP to the Warm Line at 1-866-545-0882 or at <https://tinyurl.com/FPH508> by 5/7.
- May 26 (Wed)** **Statewide Online Support Group:** 6:00pm-8:00pm. Zoom Web-Conference. RSVP to the Warm Line at 1-866-545-0882 or at <https://tinyurl.com/FPH526> by 5/25.
- June (TBA)** **Talking to Youth in Care about Sex Webinar**

## O'AHU

- Apr 22 (Thu)** **Online Central Oahu Resource Families Support Group:** 6:00pm-8:00pm. Zoom Web-Conference. RSVP to the Warm Line at 808-545-1130 or at <https://tinyurl.com/FPH422> by 4/21.
- May 8 (Sat)** **Oahu FCAC Paint Event** 12:00pm-2:00pm. Zoom Web-Conference. RSVP to the Warm Line at 808-545-1130
- May 28 (Fri)** **Online Waianae Resource Families Support Group:** 6:00pm-8:00pm. Zoom Web-Conference. RSVP to the Warm Line at 808-545-1130 or at <https://tinyurl.com/FPH528> by 5/27.
- Jun 18 (Fri)** **Online Windward Resource Families Support Group:** 6:30pm-8:30pm. Zoom Web-Conference. RSVP to the Warm Line at 808-545-1130 or at <https://tinyurl.com/FPH618> by 6/17.
- Jun 24 (Thu)** **Online Central Oahu Resource Families Support Group:** 6:00pm-8:00pm. Zoom Web-Conference. RSVP to the Warm Line at 808-545-1130 or at <https://tinyurl.com/FPH624> by 6/23.

## WEST HAWAII

- Apr 27 (Tues)** **Online Kona Resources Families Support Group:** 5:30pm-6:30pm. Zoom Web-Conference. RSVP to the Warm Line at 1-866-545-0882 or at <https://tinyurl.com/FPH427> by 4/26.

## EAST HAWAII

- May 3 (Mon)** **Online Hilo Resource Families Support Group:** 6:00pm-8:00pm. Zoom Web-Conference. RSVP to the Warm Line at 1-866-545-0882 or at <https://tinyurl.com/FPH503> by 5/2.

## MAUI/MOLOKAI/LANAI

- Apr 15 (Thu)** **Online Maui Resource Families Support Group:** 6:00pm-8:00pm. Zoom Web-Conference. RSVP to the Warm Line at 1-866-545-0882 or at <https://tinyurl.com/FPH415> by 4/14.
- April (TBA)** **Maui Virtual Resource Fair** 6:00pm-7:30pm. Zoom Web-Conference.
- May (TBA)** **Molokai & Lanai Support Activity**
- Jun 10 (Thu)** **Online Maui Resource Families Support Group:** 6:00pm-8:00pm. Zoom Web-Conference. RSVP to the Warm Line at 1-866-545-0882 or at <https://tinyurl.com/FPH610> by 6/9.

## KAUAI

- May 6 (Thurs)** **Online Kauai Resource Families Support Group:** 6:00pm-8:00pm. Zoom Web-Conference. RSVP to the Warm Line at 1-866-545-0882 or at <https://tinyurl.com/FPH506> by 5/5.

*Please follow Resource Families Support Services on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/FPH.RFSS](http://www.facebook.com/FPH.RFSS) for additional information about services and events.*

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Abuse and/or Neglect:  
1-888-380-3088

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Available 24 hours a day, 7 days  
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*The concept for the Statewide Glue Committee (not an acronym) was created by the Department of Human Services (DHS) as a means to support the resource family community. Hui Ho'omalua facilitates this committee comprised of adoptive parents, resource caregivers and various community agencies, all dedicated to providing services and support to Hawai'i's keiki and the resource families who care for them. The purpose of Glue is to identify ongoing needs, facilitate communication, share resources, provide information through a statewide calendar of events and a quarterly newsletter and report on local projects and other topics of interest to benefit Hawai'i's resource families. In February 2020, the committee (formerly known as the Resource Advisory Committee (RAC)) became a collaboration that now includes the Foster Care Appreciation Committee (formerly known as the Foster Care Training Committee), Hawai'i Adoption and Permanency Alliance (HAPA), GLUE Committee, and the RAC Committee so we can better serve children and families together.*

*This committee, the newsletter and many of the represented agencies are supported and funded by Department of Human Services contracts.*

### Glue Committee Members:

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