

Building Connections

A Newsletter for Resource Families

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NEED SUPPORT?

We have many resources to share for financial and other assistance, referrals, even if you just want to talk!

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Mobile App Warm Line Chat

Aloha, Kayle!



After 37 years with the Department of Human Services, Kayle Perez, Social Services Division Administrator, will be retiring.

Kayle graduated with her Masters Degree in Social Work in May 1983 and began working for the Department of Human Services (DHS) WIN (Work Incentive Now) program from June 1983 to May 1984. The WIN program assisted clients, who received public assistance, find employment.

From May 1984 to October 1986, Kayle worked in Hilo as an Adult Protective Services and Child Welfare Services social worker, providing protective services to both vulnerable adults and children.

Kayle returned to O'ahu and worked as a Child Welfare Services Case Management social worker from October 1986 until February 1989.

In February 1989, Kayle was selected for O'ahu's newly created sex abuse assessment unit. The workers received extensive specialized training on interviewing and assessing victims and perpetrators in sex abuse cases. In January 1993, Kayle became the supervisor of this unit.

As a result of Kayle's hard work and commitment to the children and families, she was promoted to Child Welfare Services Section Administrator in 2003; to Child Welfare Services Branch Administrator in 2010; and to Social Services Division Administrator in 2017.

Kayle dedicated her career to helping children and families and vulnerable adults. Retirement brings opportunities and adventures for Kayle. Who knows, Kayle may resume playing competitive tennis as she did years ago! For now, Kayle plans to spend more time with her children and take a long overdue trip to Hilo to visit relatives. We thank Kayle for her 37 years of hard work and commitment to the Department of Human Services and wish her all the best. Congratulations Kayle!



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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www.hawaii.gov/dhs/protection/social_services/child_welfare/foster

www.pidfoundation.org

If you would like to receive this newsletter, please call:

441-1121 (O'ahu),

888-879-8970 (Toll Free) or

E-mail: RAC@pidfoundation.org

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Want to help our environment? Contact us today and request an electronic copy!



A Healing Journey: The Road to Reunification

By

Wilma Friesema, EPIC 'Ohana



Vivian Kim Seu and Family

Vivian Kim Seu was just 22 when her first two children were taken into foster care. At that time she didn't have a clue that she was about to begin a journey – a healing journey -- which, despite its many twists and turns, would result in the sober and meaningful life she has today.

Brittney Mahelona and Kyle Masuda blindly embarked on their journeys as well. Already incarcerated on drug related charges, life took an even darker turn for Brittney, a mom of two girls, and Kyle, a dad of six boys, when they learned their respective children had been taken into foster care. It was the heartache of that loss, however, that fueled their determination to get their kids back. Instead of collapsing, Vivian,

Brittney, and Kyle made life changes that enabled love to win out over despair. After much hard work, they are now safe, protective parents who have successfully reunified with their children.

To celebrate parents like Brittney, Kyle, and Vivian, June has been declared National Reunification Month – a time set aside for states across the nation to recognize and honor the thousands of families that have completed their own healing journey. This year the State of Hawai'i has chosen to honor successful families by highlighting the journey itself. Its new film, *A Healing Journey: The Road to Reunification* (Link: <https://youtu.be/Eet2uUWZGGA>) is a tribute to all the families who have traversed the difficult path of reunification and navigated its challenging terrain. It also pays tribute to the community partners, extended family members, attorneys, judges, Guardians ad Litem, and Child Welfare Services professionals who walk alongside families on their transformative journey.

While every reunification journey has its own story, there are commonalities. In this short film six stages of the journey are identified. As with all journeys, not every quest will unfold in a straight line, but by naming the stages, a map, of sorts, is created as an aide for future travelers. Vivian, Brittney, and Kyle have generously shared their stories to give insight and hope to parents who are taking their first steps.

Before launching on any journey there is a starting point, which, in this film, is titled: *The Journey Begins*. For our three parents, and others like them, it's the time before Child Welfare Services



Brittney Mahelona and her daughters

(CWS) involvement. Life may not be perfect, but the family is together, attachment is growing, and there are moments and days that create lasting memories. For Kyle, the bonding started with the life changing experience of his son's birth. For Brittney, it grew through her daily interactions with her daughters. For Vivian, precious moments were days at the beach with her children and extended family. As with all families it's the countless shared experiences, both large and small, that weave together a family's rich tapestry of love.

That connection, that love, doesn't disappear, but in the second stage it's usurped. This stage entitled: *Tripping, Falling, and Stepping Back* is when life takes a turn for the worse. For parents this stage can begin months or years before CWS involvement, but it's during this stage that CWS steps in. It's a time of crisis. For our three parents, drug addiction was the derailing factor; for others it can be mental health issues, poverty, a history of trauma and abuse, or a lack of adequate parenting skills. As CWS's intervention shines a light on the family's safety issues, many parents feel angry, overwhelmed, and defensive. This second stage is a very destabilizing stage. For parents, the next steps they must take are rarely easy, even if they are clarified in an 'Ohana Conference, which is Hawai'i's Family Group Decision Making process. For the family, life has been upended and it can feel overwhelming to move forward into new and unfamiliar territory.

With time and support, however, parents can move on to the third stage: *Regaining Balance and Taking Steps Again*. During this stage parents are acclimating to the change and finding their footing. Their determination to get their children back is growing. For our three parents, parenting classes, drug treatment programs, transitional housing, and the Wrap program were especially helpful. Those services, and many more, support the message that CWS strives to give all parents: CWS's foremost goal is for families to be reunified. During this stage, however, parents often have a hard time believing that's truly CWS's intent. They often have a hard time believing in themselves too, but seeds of hope and encouragement are being planted, even if relapses and setbacks occur.

The fourth stage: *Finding Your Stride* is when those seeds begin to spout and parents become focused, determined, and their self-confidence grows. They're fully engaged in services and are learning new skills that will help them be better parents and better adults. For Vivian, her trust in her social worker, Noe Realin, changed dramatically. Noe was now an ally. For Brittney, the Wrap team's belief in her helped her take steps towards independence she didn't think possible. For

Kyle, the support of his roommate and his own relentless determination to leave prison and speak before a judge on his own behalf, pushed him to excel in his classes and drug treatment programs.

In the fifth stage, *Almost Home*, the parent's hard work comes to fruition. The end of the journey is finally in sight. Unsupervised visits have begun and skills learned in previous stages are put into practice. Life has changed, and a new, healthier way of living is becoming the "new normal." The parent's trust in their team of supporters, and the trust in the parents from their supporters, feels nearly effortless. For Vivian, Kyle, and Brittney this stage was a time of stepping into their own and demonstrating what they had come to know and believe about themselves: that they were loving parents who would always prioritize their children's safety and well-being.

Finally, our travelers arrive at the sixth stage: *Home, Sweet Home*. This is the end of their reunification journey. The children are with them full-time, their parental rights are restored, and they have successfully completed a CWS supervised transitional period. At long last the moment has arrived: The Family Court Judge proudly announces that their CWS case is officially closed. For everyone it's time of celebration, joy, gratitude, and relief. They made it!



Kyle Masuda and his sons

What was once a hope is now a reality and life is changed forever.

Now a new journey, filled with possibilities, begins. It's one whose destination will be the family's to create. After years of struggle, Kyle wakes up every morning feeling like he's fully living again. Everything he does is for his boys. Vivian, with the addition of grandkids to her already large family of six children, feels clear and purposeful. Brittney finds deep satisfaction in caring for her girls and her new baby boy. She is proud to be a responsible parent.

By doing their work and making changes in their lives, these parents, and others like them, have helped to heal themselves and their families. In the film *A Healing Journey*, Kyle, Vivian, Brittney, and their supporters give final words of encouragement to parents who are just starting on their journey. Hang onto hope, they say, do what is needed to be done, and believe in the power of love and the preciousness of family. As they, and their children can attest, it's what makes the healing journey so worthwhile.

Watch *A Healing Journey: The Road to Reunification* <https://youtu.be/Eet2uUWZGGA>

MAHALO TO THE NATIONAL REUNIFICATION MONTH COMMITTEE:

Department of Human Services, Epic Inc 'Ohana Conferencing, Partners In Development Foundation, Family Programs Hawai'i, UH Mānoa William S. Richard School of Law, Hawai'i State Judiciary

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This correspondence was mailed to all licensed Resource Families and a training on this topic offered in early July. If you have not yet received the training, it will be available online soon. Please watch for an announcement by Family Programs Hawai'i. Mahalo!

STATE OF HAWAII
DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES
Social Services Division
Child Welfare Services Branch
1010 Richards Street, Room 216
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Aloha:

We hope you are well and safe during this COVID-19 pandemic. This letter is to provide an update on the Ohana Time (OT) face-to-face visits that were suspended when the State issued a Stay-at-Home order back in March of 2020.

Child Welfare Services (CWS) understands the importance of maintaining family bonds and staying connected with one another. When OT visits were suspended, with the guidance of the federal Administration for Children and Families (ACF), CWS adapted and provided alternative means for families to maintain contact with one another. With the cooperation of parents, resource caregivers, CWS staff, and the children themselves, virtual visits via Skype, Zoom, etc., took place. Additionally, Face-Time phone calls, messaging via texts and email, and in some instances communication via social media were also allowed. These were all safe alternatives that were permitted so that families could continue to stay in regular contact with one another as much as possible and will likely continue to supplement OT visits if there are safety concerns.

When COVID-19 restrictions were eased last month, although not required by ACF, CWS moved thoughtfully and quickly to develop a plan so that OT visits could resume as soon as possible. After researching plans of other states and determining our community needs, a plan was created. The plan prioritizes the safety and well-being for all individuals who participate or are involved in the OT visits. This plan includes safety measures and guidelines provided by the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, is currently consistent with the orders issued by Hawaii's Governor and Mayors of each county, and requires the continued cooperation of parents, children, relatives, kin, resource caregivers, service providers, and CWS staff.

Additionally, CWS developed a training curriculum to educate all CWS employees about the COVID-19 virus and the necessary protective measures. This training will also be required of parents, resource caregivers, and all who assist with OT visits. CWS also reached out to service providers to make sure their safety measures are aligned with those of CWS.

It is our sincere hope that with the training, appropriate safety precautions in place, and with the cooperation of everyone involved that OT visits could resume as early as July 13, 2020. In the interim, we will continue to examine the need for a face-to-face visit for each family on a case-by-case basis.

We appreciate your patience and understanding during this time of uncertainty. Let us continue to work together to support and strengthen our families as we navigate together through this challenging time.

Sincerely,

Elladine Olevao
Child Welfare Services Branch Administrator

Daisy Lynn B. Hartsfield
TA Social Services Division Administrator



The Parent Line
SERVING HAWAII FAMILIES, EMPOWERING LIVES

Need a little extra parenting support during this crisis? Child & Family Service operates a phone service for all parenting questions. 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?”

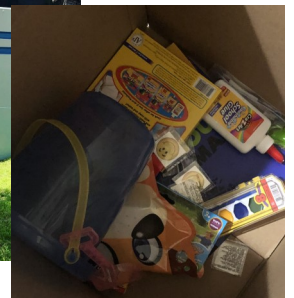
“What are some good activities to keep kids entertained throughout the day?”

“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 hotline at [808.526.1222](tel:808.526.1222) or [1.800.816.1222](tel: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. Or visit us online at www.theparentline.org. We’re just a phone call away and ready to strengthen families through support and our message of HOPE.

HNL Gives

A Hawai'i based non-profit focused
on helping local families and our
youth.



On June 13th, HNL Gives partnered with Hui Ho'omalua and Family Programs Hawai'i to distribute activity boxes to Resource Families across O'ahu. Children from 0-17 were given boxes filled with craft items, toys, and outdoor activity items. Families were also able to pick up diapers and wipes for their keiki. After a few months of not being able to get together in person due to COVID-19, it was great to see the smiling faces of all the caregivers and children who came out. Mahalo to all the families that came out and to Epic Foundation for allowing us the use of their facility in Waipi'o.

Jet Toner, son of John and Andrea Toner, Resource Caregivers on O'ahu, began HNL Gives in response to COVID 19 and the increasing rate of unemployment. He wanted to be able to help more children and families impacted. HNL Gives stands for Heart Never Loses. Jet is currently a student at Stanford University.



FOLLOW US ON FACEBOOK! KEEP UPDATED ON THE MOST RECENT HAPPENINGS WITH SOME OF THE PARTNER AGENCIES!



REFER A NEW RESOURCE FAMILY AND RECEIVE A \$200 GIFT CARD!

'OHANA REWARDS

Help us find more homes for Hawai'i's keiki in foster care and receive a \$200 Gift Card of your choice!

Here's how it works:

- 1) Refer Prospective General Licensed Resource Family.**
- 2) When the family calls Hui Ho'omalulu to inquire about fostering, they identify you as the referral source.**
- 3) The family asks the referral source to confirm the referral by contacting Hui Ho'omalulu.**
- 4) Once the family is issued a foster home license by DHS the gift card is awarded!**

Refer to the Calendar of Events for Foster Care Information Sessions! Invite friends and family!

Congratulations to this quarter's recipients!

Steve & Diana Guo (West Hawai'i)

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Partners in Development Foundation ~ Hui Ho'omalua Program

Go to www.pidfoundation.org/about/careers

Email resume & application w/cover letter to: HR@pidfoundation.org or fax to 440-6619

PIDF is an Equal Employment Opportunity Employer

- *Part-time Child Care Providers needed in West Hawai'i, Kaua'i, and Maui*

To provide child care (i.e., during trainings), in the evenings and weekends on an occasional basis. Training and compensation provided. \$15.00/hr.

- *Part-time Recruitment Assistants needed in Kaua'i and Maui*

To staff various recruitment booths and share information with potential applicants about the need for additional Resource Caregivers. Training and compensation provided. \$15.00/hr.

Family Programs Hawai'i ~ Resource Family Support Services

Email cover letter and resume to rfss@familyprogramshawaii.org

- *On-call Child Care Providers needed in Wai'anae, Windward, Central O'ahu, Maui, Kaua'i, Hilo, Kona*

To provide child care during evening and weekend support events on an occasional basis. Training and compensation provided. \$15.00/hr.

- *Hilo-based Facilitator for Support Groups*

To facilitate support groups for resource families in Hilo.

- *Moloka'i/Maui-based Support Specialist*

To support resource families through the development and implementation of the statewide Warm Line for resource families, and the development and maintenance of a resource manual with services that can be accessed by resource families.

- *Administrative Assistant*

To serve as the primary source of administrative support to the supervisor and RFSS team.

Hale Kipa

Go to Halekipa.org and click on "Careers"

- *Kāmalā Home Families*

Hale Kipa is currently seeking single, domestic partners or married couples to serve as Kāmalā Home families in one of the available homes (in 'Ewa Beach or Honolulu). The Kāmalā Home Program provides short term placement services for youth, ages 12-17, receiving services with Hale Kipa Emergency Shelter program in a family home environment. Kāmalā Homes provide a safe, nurturing environment, to facilitate their stabilization with basic services (food, shelter, independent living skills). Youth live with an extensively trained Kāmalā Home family for a short period of time until a longer-term family or living arrangements can be found. Youth and Kāmalā Home parents in the Kāmalā Home program receive regular check-ins/sessions from their assigned Case Manager. Hale Kipa currently maintains three residential homes in different communities on O'ahu for use by Kāmalā Home Program families. Those homes can be used as your family home while simultaneously housing foster children in the Kāmalā Home Program. Someone utilizing one of the Hale Kipa residential homes would receive free housing and utility stipend along with daily stipends for youth in the home who are part of our Emergency Shelter "Kāmalā Home" program.

- *Relief and Regular Youth Counselor - Emergency Shelter*

Hale Kipa is looking for Regular and Relief Youth Counselors to work with youth between the ages of 12-17, who are placed in the Emergency Shelter Program because they are experiencing some type of crisis. Staff need to provide a stable, safe, structured and nurturing environment, that encourages youth to participate in a program structure which includes chores, meals, bed-time, quiet time, study time, meetings and participation in planned activities and outings. Regular staff work one of 3 shifts while Relief Youth Counselors are on call and work is not regular. One house specifically works with victims/survivors of sex trafficking.

- *Resident Advisor—Transitional Living Program*

Hale Kipa is looking for a Resident Advisor to work/live in our Transitional Living Program for young women (18-21 years old), transitioning out of homelessness, who are living with us and participating in the program. Resident Advisors are required to be onsite and available between the hours of 8p-6a daily, providing independent living skill building activities and support to the residents, while working alongside a Case Manager who is also assisting the residents with meeting their goals. Resident Advisors receive free room & basic utilities, as well as hourly pay and benefits.

FAMILY PROGRAMS HAWAII TRAINING SCHEDULE JULY 2020 - JUNE 2021

Please contact the Warm Line if you have any feedback/suggestions for training topics.
Look for flyers and join in!

Quarter 1 - Culture and Education (July-September 2020)	Quarter 2 - Grief & Loss and Child Development (Oct-Dec 2020)
Webinar - Knowing Who You Are Pt. 1	Webinar - Child Development
Webinar - Knowing Who You Are Pt. 2	O'ahu - Grief & Loss (potentially live stream for other islands)
Webinar - Helping Kids in Care Manage ADHD	Webinar - Coping Skills
Webinar - Education and Trauma	Hilo - Child Development
Webinar - Education and Trauma	O'ahu - Child Development (live stream for other islands)
Webinar - Culture	Webinar - Grief & Loss
O'ahu - Dealing with Power Struggles (Live stream for other islands)	Lāna'i - Sex Abuse
O'ahu - Hawaiian Culture and Family (Live stream for other islands)	
Webinar - Parenting and School	
Quarter 3 - Teens and LGBTQ (Jan—March 2021)	Quarter 4 - Birth Families and Trauma Informed Care (Apr-June 2021)
Maui - Teenage Behavior and Trauma	Maui - 'Ohana Time
Kaua'i - LGBTQ	Kaua'i - 'Ohana Time
Webinar - Online Safety Tips for Parents and Caregivers	Webinar - Working with Birth Families
O'ahu - Teenage Behavior and Trauma (potentially live stream statewide)	O'ahu - 'Ohana Time
Kona - LGBTQ	Kona - 'Ohana Time
Moloka'i - Teenage Behavior and Trauma	Moloka'i - 'Ohana Time
Webinar - Talking to Teens about Sex and Sexuality	Webinar - Permanency
O'ahu - LGBTQ (potentially live stream statewide)	O'ahu - Trauma Informed Care (potentially live stream statewide)
Hilo - Teenage Behavior and Trauma	Hilo - 'Ohana Time
Webinar - Lying	Webinar - Reunification

PRUDENT PARENTING:

Are children/young people who are in foster care allowed to have cell phones?

The following is an excerpt from the *Don't Say "NO" Until You "Know"* guide, which was developed by the State of Hawai'i Department of Human Services, Child Welfare Services and our community partners. The guide presents common questions and answers for Resource Caregivers on providing normalcy for children/young people in foster care so they can participate equally in age or developmentally appropriate extracurricular, social, and cultural activities, just as their classmates and peers do. These Q & A's can be found within the Normalcy Guidelines provided by your DHS licensing worker.

Answer: Yes. A child/young person who is in foster care may have a cell phone. Consideration should be given to the method of payment for obtaining and maintaining the cell phone before making a decision and insurance coverage on the phone is encouraged. As with any family unit, considerations as to whether the child/young person gets a cell phone includes responsibility, available funds to purchase the phone and monthly cost. Some young people could buy their own cell phone. Some biological parents may be willing to buy a cell phone for their child/young person who is in foster care. There is no expectation for a Resource Caregiver to use their personal funds to purchase the cell phone.

There are a variety of methods that child/young person may obtain and pay for a cell phone which include: the child/young person may have a cell phone that is part of the contract with their biological family, the Resource Caregiver has agreed to add the child/young person on their own family cell phone plan, the child/young person has a prepaid or pay-as-you-go plan, or the child/young person has his/her own individual contract.





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



Family Programs Hawai'i would like to welcome Karen Kaneshiro-Soon back! But don't worry, Luisa Edralin hasn't gone far. Luisa continues as a Support Specialist on O'ahu.

How Do We Nurture Positive Birth Parent Connections?

We all know that in Hawai'i, 'OHANA means family.

But how do we as resource parents develop healthy and positive 'ohana relationships as you and your foster children connect with their birth families?

Here are some helpful tips to promote quality 'ohana connections:

- Always involve your child's birth family with acceptance, respect, and welcoming aloha.
- Prepare your child for contacts and visitations in advance, involve them in planning dates and activities as appropriate, and allow them to ask questions and express their concerns.
- Understand that sometimes during and after family contacts, your child may experience emotional and behavioral upheavals that will require your attention and support.
- Think of birth families as a vital part of your child's support team.
- REMEMBER: Resource families are available to provide strong support and guidance for the birth families. Your interactions are critical in helping your child feel safe, secure, and at ease with both families.

There are many resources to provide additional information on this topic. Feel free to contact the Warm Line for resources in our Lending Library where you may access trainings on a variety of topics to support you as a resource caregiver. Specifically, there are VIMEOs on recent trainings titled "Building Bonds with Birth Families" and "Engaging with a Child's Birth Family" and these provide training hours towards your re-licensure. FosterParentCollege.com offers courses on Parent Strategies: "Birth Family Relationships" and "Working Together with Primary Families," which generates certificates of completion towards training hours.

During this Covid time, virtual connections such as: Skype, Zoom, Face-Time, phone calls, messaging via texts and email, and in some instances communication via social media could be additional avenues for connection.

Know that you are not alone in your role as a valuable resource caregiver. We look forward to assisting you on the Warm Line at 545-1130 or 1-866-545-0882, and now on the Mobile App! Here are our Support Specialists:



Luisa Edralin



Sharla-Ann Fujimoto



Rhonda Felix



Leah Ho



Joe O'Connell

Calendar of Events

STATEWIDE

- Aug 15 (Sat)** **Ask a Resource Caregiver Information Session (Zoom Webinar) REFER FRIENDS AND FAMILY!**
10:00AM – 11:30AM | Meeting ID: 598 065 198: <https://us04web.zoom.us/j/598065198> RSVP at 808-441-1117 or at <https://pdf.wufoo.com/forms/m1s20let0fhxb9a/>
- Aug 25 (Tue)** **Online Grandparents Resource Families Support Group:**
6:00pm-8:00pm. Zoom Web-Conference. RSVP to the Warm Line at 1-866-545-0882 by 8/21.
- Sept 16 (Wed)** **Ask a Resource Caregiver Information Session (Zoom Webinar) REFER FRIENDS AND FAMILY!**
12:00PM – 1:30PM | Meeting ID: 598 065 198: <https://us04web.zoom.us/j/598065198> RSVP at 808-441-1117 or at <https://pdf.wufoo.com/forms/m1s20let0fhxb9a/>
- Sept 23 (Wed)** **Statewide Online Support Group:**
6:00pm-8:00pm. Zoom Web-Conference. RSVP to the Warm Line at 1-866-545-0882 by 9/21.
- Sept 26 (Sat)** **Online Coffee with a Caregiver Session:**
8:30am-9:30am. Zoom Web-Conference. RSVP to the Warm Line at 1-866-545-0882 by 9/24.

O'AHU

- Aug 4 (Tues)** **Online Windward Resource Families Support Group:**
6:30pm-8:30pm. Zoom Web-Conference. RSVP to the Warm Line at 808-545-1130 by 7/31.
- Aug 27 (Thurs)** **Online Central Resource Families Support Group:**
6:00pm-8:00pm. Zoom Web-Conference. RSVP to the Warm Line at 808-545-1130 by 8/25.
- Sept 18 (Fri)** **Waianae Resource Families Support Group:**
6:00pm-8:00pm. Location TBA. RSVP to the Warm Line at 808-545-1130 by 9/11.

EAST HAWAII

- Aug 8 (Sat)** **Online Hilo Resource Families Support Group:**
12:30pm-2:30pm. Zoom Web-Conference. RSVP to the Warm Line at 1-866-545-0882 by 8/25.
- Sept 12 (Sat)** **Hilo Resource Families Support Group:**
12:00pm-2:30pm. Location TBA. RSVP to the Warm Line at 1-866-545-0882 by 9/4.

WEST HAWAII

- Aug 11 (Tues)** **Online Kona Resources Families Support Group:**
5:30pm-7:30pm. Zoom Web-Conference. RSVP to the Warm Line at 1-866-545-0882 by 8/7.

KAUAI

- Sept 3 (Thurs)** **Online Kauai Resource Families Support Group:**
5:30pm-8:00pm. Location TBA. RSVP to the Warm Line at 1-866-545-0882 by 9/1.

MAUI

- Aug 20 (Thurs)** **Online Maui Resource Families Support Group:**
5:30pm-8:00pm. Zoom Web-Conference. RSVP to the Warm Line at 1-866-545-0882 by 8/18.



Please follow Resource Families Support Services on Facebook at www.facebook.com/EPH.RESS for additional information about services and events.



Ohana is Forever

"2020 Vision: A Fresh Start"

July 17, 2020

Due to Covid-19, OIF went virtual! Check out the recording of this amazing day:


<https://www.epicohana.org/news/ohana-is-forever>

This event is principally funded by the Hawai'i Court Improvement Program and the Victoria S. and Bradley L. Geist Foundation; supported by the Hawai'i Department of Human Services, EPIC 'Ohana, Family Programs Hawai'i, and First Circuit Family Court; and coordinated by the William S. Richardson School of Law

THE FAMILY PROGRAMS HAWAII MOBILE APP IS AVAILABLE NOW!



DOWNLOAD FOR FREE!

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calendar of events, message boards,
Warm Line Chat and more!



AVAILABLE NOW

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

Download on the  **App Store** or GET IT ON  **Google Play**

FEATURES

- Training Videos to Earn Hours Towards Re-Licensing
- Calendar of Upcoming Support Groups, Training, and Community Events
- Warm Line Chat
- Posting of Care to Share Needs or Available Items
- Community Resource Search Option
- Message Board to Talk Story with Other Resource Families
- Register for Upcoming Resource Caregiver Events
- Access to Information and Needed Forms
- Tips and Tools for Caregiving

For more information please call the Warm Line at 545-1130 (Oahu) 1-866-545-0882 (toll-free on neighbor islands) or email us at WarmLine@FamilyProgramsHI.org

The Hawaii Foster Care Connections mobile application is made available to you as a collaborative effort by The Department of Human Services, Partners in Development Foundation, Catholic Charities Hawaii and Family Programs Hawaii.

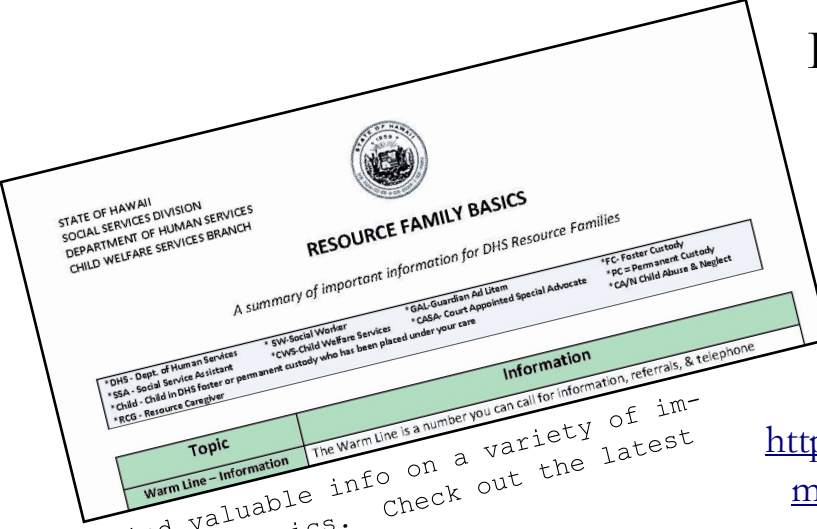
FAMILY PROGRAMS HAWAII **HAWAII FOSTER CARE CONNECTIONS**

RESOURCE FAMILY BASICS

Now available in:
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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.

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