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Building Connections

A Newsletter for Resource Families



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'OHANA CONNECTIONS CORNER

For this 'Ohana Connections Corner I interviewed Malia, a maternal aunt of fifteen year old Kali. Kali was taken into permanent foster care when he was three years old, adopted at age six, then returned to foster care at age eleven. Since returning to foster care Kali has been through numerous placements. Currently he is in E Ho'oulu Hou, Catholic Charities Hawai'i's community based residential program for boys who have sexually offended. The plan is for Kali to step down from the program to a therapeutic foster home before moving in with his auntie Malia.

*[*As with other articles, these names have been changed to protect confidentiality.]*

*—Wilma Friesema, OES
EPIC 'Ohana Conferencing, Inc.*



A Full Circle

*By Wilma Friesema & Malia**

Wilma: What was your reaction when I first called you, introduced myself, and told you I was calling on behalf of your nephew?

Malia: I was shocked -- shocked that my nephew had been found. I hadn't seen him since he was two years old. He, his sisters, and his parents had lived with me for a while before he was taken away. I felt very close to the children.

When I heard that Kali and his sisters had been taken into foster care, their grandmother tried to get someone in the family to take care of them. I wanted to, but I was a single mom of three girls, going through a divorce, and attending college. I had too much on my plate already. I just didn't have it in me to take on the responsibility for more children.

Now I've finished school, my girls are young women -- one is out of the house and going to college -- and I have a stable life. It feels like it's all come full circle. What I couldn't do then, I feel I can do now.

Wilma: Can you tell me about the process of building a relationship with Kali?

Malia: Yes. I spoke to Kali on the phone a few times, but the first time I met him was at a Christmas party at the group home. From there he was given a pass to attend a family Christmas gathering too, so he met more of his relatives.

Mostly, our time together has been my going to the group home to have dinner with him because he doesn't get passes very often. It's a pretty structured environment but we get to sit off by ourselves. Everyone knows this is Kali's time with his auntie.

After dinner he does his chores -- which is good, I get to see how he behaves and interacts with others -- then we sit on a couch and talk. At first he sat far away from me, and our conversation felt awkward. Now we talk easily while he sits close and leans into me. He has this soft side, like he really wants and craves motherly love.



I talk to him about two or three times a week and see him as much as I can. He's a playful, thoughtful young man. One other thing, I had a session with Kali and his therapist, which was very powerful. Kali told me about his sexual acting out and it had a strong affect on me because of my own history. We talked about the impact of his actions, and I think it drew us closer to be able to openly talk about it.

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The Hui Ho‘omalua Statewide Resource Advisory Committee (RAC) provides support to the resource family community through identifying ongoing needs, facilitating communication and by sharing resources.

The Building Connections Newsletter is published four times a year to provide information regarding foster and adoptive care to resource families, service providers, and to the public.

This newsletter may be viewed on the following websites:

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www.pidfoundation.org

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‘OHANA CONNECTIONS CORNER (cont.)

Malia (cont.): Though I have some lingering fears and concerns, I think he’s really getting help and is aware of how hurtful and destructive sexual abuse is. I don’t think he actively wants to hurt anyone; he doesn’t seem like that kind of person. When he did those things he was a lonely boy in need of some intensive help. He’s now getting that help, plus he has family too. He’s on much more solid ground, but I know there’s still much work ahead.

Wilma: What do you recommend to families who want to reconnect with children or youth in foster care?

Malia: Don’t expect things to fall in your lap and happen overnight. One of my sisters [not his mom] wanted to visit Kali at the group home and asked me to come along because, she said, I have such a good relationship with him. I told her, “That didn’t happen automatically. I’ve had to work at it. Our closeness didn’t magically appear.”

It takes a while to get to know each other after all those missed years. You can’t just rush in with the first excitement and expect everything to be better. You have to be prepared for the ups and downs. I found it’s important to keep myself involved, and to know that, like any relationship, it takes work on both our parts. It also helps to be part of his treatment team and work with the service providers involved. Everyone has been so great and works hard on his behalf.

I’ve found that if there’s genuine love the relationship can grow. Wanting to do this from the heart is most important of all. It takes effort to carve out time from our busy lives and make a commitment to keep coming forward; without that love in your heart I think it would be a very hard thing to do. As we’ve gotten to know each other, Kali’s and my love has grown. It makes me smile when he leans into me.

Wilma: What have you, personally, gotten out of reconnecting with Kali?

Malia: Nothing but pure joy and satisfaction. Within me I feel so at peace. It makes me feel good to know that my reaching out has led us to where we are today. I always wanted a son so that might be some of the sweetness, though I know at some point in time his mom will come back into the picture. I’m not his mom; I guess I’m his auntie mom, which is a good role to be in too.

Wilma: It’s a wonderful role and a very important one. You’re giving him something he has longed for perhaps most of his life. Along those lines, do you feel there is some deep healing for you and the family in this too?

Malia: I don’t know. Yes, maybe so. There are so many emotions that come up through all of this. Way back when Kali was taken into foster care I felt badly that I couldn’t do anything. I pushed that disappointment aside, but now I feel like this was meant to be – my reconnecting with him. Like I said, everything seems to be coming around full circle. Healing is a good way to put it. An old hurt is being addressed. I’m finding that even though there are challenges, underneath it feels like my relationship with Kali was meant to be. With effort, everything seems to be falling into place.

*EPIC ‘Ohana Conferencing is funded through the Department of Human Services
For more information about ‘Ohana Connections work
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MAHALO TO...

Do you know a DHS-CWS worker(s) that you would like to acknowledge for his/her exceptional work?

Share their name(s) with us & what makes them so special so we can let others know how wonderful they are!

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Thought for the Day...

Submitted by Michelle Sajona, Family Programs Hawai‘i

“If you think you are too small to be effective, you have never been in the dark with a mosquito”

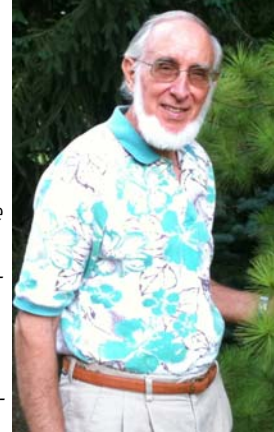
~Unknown

Resource caregivers, you make a difference in each child in foster care under your care. Social Workers, teachers, and all service providers, you make a difference in each child and family you work with. Children, you make a difference in our decisions.

A.F.T. (A Fostering Thought)

The title of this column borrows from sailing vessels, focusing specifically on the stern position--the aft--where control of the craft takes place. Here a captain might summon all hands aboard to discuss tactics, maneuvers or progress. This apt analogy also serves conveniently as an acronym for "A Fostering Thought"—hence A.F.T. Just as the rudder is positioned in the stern of the boat, these thoughts succinctly written, are offered in the hope that they might help direct, clarify or improve the journey of resource caregiving. All too often resource caregivers, social workers, and all the others who make up the "crew" trying to steer a child toward wholesome development and maturity, find themselves on the "bow", anxiously trying to avoid "shipwrecks". Most energies are expended re-actively instead of pro-actively. This brief column, to appear with every newsletter, will attempt to provide some perspective, from "the rear of the boat", so to speak. The contributor who has agreed to navigate

this column is the oldest member of RAC (now 71), who comes with a lifetime of parenting, and specifically 28 years as a resource caregiver. Dr. Paul Brennan, a retired anthropologist, pastor, and author is the first to admit he is still learning as a parent, and has gained the most insight from being a resource caregiver. He and his wife Dorothy, now married 50 years, are well known in Hawai'i's resource caregiver community, having worked first in the state system, then with Casey, and most recently with Family Programs Hawai'i. (He was on the committee years ago to establish the Hawai'i State Foster Parent Association.) They have had more than 20 youth in their care, and now maintain contact with many of them, mostly in their thirties. Presently they provide respite care. "Ship Ahoy!", says Paul, "Let's see if we can avoid some shoals, weather some storms, and enjoy the journey!"



Dr. Paul Brennan

Celebrating Life

By Dr. Paul Brennan

Part of the normal, natural experience of every healthy child is having fun. Laughter is often the sound that accompanies fun. Kids can have fun, of course, in a thousand ways and for a thousand reasons. Making joyful noises should come naturally.

But it's not automatic. I grew up in a broken home where laughter was often beyond our reach. Poverty was one challenge, but the greater struggle was with an alcoholic father who couldn't hold a job, and when he came home, could be abusive. When parents are fighting, it's hard for children to celebrate. We survived—thanks to our hard-working, loving mother—but austerity became the dominant mood of our serious childhood. Now, 70 years later, whenever I get together with my brother and sister, two sounds are predictable—one is singing (our mother's legacy), the other is laughter. Both are inherited from our past, the latter by default. Time and experience are wonderful teachers!



In the early years of our resource caregiving, my wife and I heard frequently the three qualities which social workers sought in youth: respect, responsibility and fun-to-be-with. All are worthy, timeless traits, but the last is especially slippery because it's so subjective. Do you count jokes or measure smiles? Not quite. It's all about attitude.

Soon we'll be in that season where attitude really counts, and around our tables and in our living rooms where family and friends will gather, the celebration of life will really be on display. For some foster children these times, unfortunately, may be very uncomfortable. It is worthwhile to give such moments—with guests, with gifts, with special foods, with songs, with traditions—some advanced thought. How might joy be injected into this glorious mix? How can foster youth know how genuinely meaningful a bountiful Thanksgiving spread might be for you? How can they feel the exuberant fun of your festivities?

Joy, of course, like all emotions is highly contagious. It has an energy which can transform moods, which in these hard economic times certainly deserve changing. Mother and father, therefore, can be living role models, celebrating life at its finest. Just recently (Sept. 12) Family Programs Hawai'i invited my wife and me, as respite providers, to a potluck at Magic Island. Some ten families gathered for lunch and games, and quickly there developed a spirit of spontaneous celebration. My wife and I, the oldest ones there, joined in the activities—the running, the quacking like ducks, and the water balloon toss. Once again we could be kids! The wettest person when we were all done was . . . yours truly. Yes, I threw carefully-aimed balloons at some of the oldest boys, and likewise, they did the same, finally picking up a water bucket and drenching me thoroughly! It was great fun, a blast, and I wasn't aware that anyone had fun at anyone else's expense. I reflected later that those boys probably enjoyed their final deed so much because I, moments earlier, had been the "kahu" invited to offer grace before our meal. There's something memorable, instructive about interacting—yes, getting thoroughly soaked—with authority figures. May your laughter with the youth in your care be as hearty as mine was that day!



Welcome to FPH's Resource Family Support Services Corner

By Chiyomi Chow, FPH RFSS Family Resource Specialist

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



FAMILY PROGRAMS HAWAII

Ask the Warm Line



QUESTION: I need childcare for my foster child. Where do I go to find childcare and is there any financial assistance available?

ANSWER: To find childcare options in your area, you may want to call PATCH, which can send you a list of childcare facilities and/or babysitters in your area. If the child is under three years old, there may be an Early Head Start (EHS) program in your area, and for children three to five years old you may want to call the nearby Head Start (HS). Both EHS and HS are federally-funded, comprehensive programs with home-based, free half-day, and affordable full-day options.

For childcare subsidies, you can apply for Child Care Connections subsidies, through Arbor Education and Training, to help pay for childcare costs. Resource caregivers need to be working and/or going to school, and for two-parent families both would need to be working or attending school and have overlapping hours. The child's social security number and a copy of his/her birth certificate will be needed.

Preschool Open Doors, through PATCH, also provides childcare subsidies to families sending their children to a licensed preschool during the school year prior to their entering kindergarten to increase school readiness for children four years old and three years old with special needs. There is a limited period of open enrollment in the spring and is dependent on the availability of funds and the geographic area.

For children of Hawaiian descent, you may want to consider applying the child to Kamehameha Preschools or for Kamehameha Schools' Pauahi Keiki Scholars for possible scholarships for specific quality preschools. Both programs have early application deadlines for the following school year. Presently Alu Like does not have funding for their Native Hawaiian Child Care Assistance Project.

For more information, please call the Warm Line: 545-1130 on O'ahu or 1-866-545-0882 on neighbor islands.

Care to Share

Do you have something that a family could use? Do you care to share? Then here's a great opportunity to help children in foster care and their generous resource, adoptive or guardianship families.

"Care to Share" is a way for people to share their gently used items with resource, adoptive or guardianship families who need your support.

Examples of items requested include: smoke detectors, dressers, bunk bed, diapers, shoe shelf, toys, high chair, baby safety gate.

Examples of items currently available include: Cinderella suitcase, infant carrier, toddler potty, strollers, and women/teen/children's clothing in specific sizes.

For an up-to-date list of items by island, check out Care to Share at www.FamilyProgramsHawaii.org, under "Resources"



Do you have a question??? Contact the Warm Line!
545-1130 (O'ahu) ★ 1-866-545-0882 (Toll-free for Neighbor Islands)
E-mail: WarmLine@FamilyProgramsHi.org
Monday—Friday 8:30 am—5 pm

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Hui Ho'omalū RAC reserves the right to accept, reject or edit advertisements, articles and notices of events based on publication schedule, space limitations, and appropriateness.

Quality Assurance Corner



Annual Questionnaire for Resource Families 2010



A big "Mahalo" to all the resource caregivers who have participated in the Annual Questionnaire for Resource Families 2010. We greatly appreciate your important feedback as we continue efforts in improving our services for resource caregivers statewide. We would like to congratulate the seven lucky winners of the gift card drawings. Also, this year we had a special \$100 gift card drawing as an incentive for resource caregivers who completed the questionnaire online.



Focus Groups and Telephone Interviews

Earlier this year two resource caregiver focus groups were held on O'ahu. For the neighbor islands, feedback from resource caregivers is currently gathered via telephone interview. Participants are randomly selected. The purpose of these focus groups and telephone interviews is to gather feedback from resource caregivers who have gone through the licensing process with Hui Ho'omalua. A \$25 gift card incentive is given to those resource caregivers who attend a focus group or complete a telephone interview. Thanks again to all the resource caregivers who have participated, your input will help ensure that we are providing quality services!



For further information about the surveys or focus groups, contact Jason Badua, Quality Assurance and Improvement Specialist at: (808) 441-1126.

Happy Anniversary!

How long have you been a resource caregiver? We would like to honor you by printing your name and current years of service in our newsletter. We know you are out there but we need your help. Please send your name and years of service to:

RAC@pidfoundation.org ★ (O'ahu) 441-1125 ★
(Toll Free) 888-879-8970

Mahalo for all that you do!

Help! Looking For Stories!

Would you like to share some helpful tips? Got an inspirational story to tell? Know of some useful resources in your community?

These are just some of the many possibilities that you can contribute to this newsletter. Please send them over so we can all benefit from each other's wisdom!

We would also appreciate any feedback, comments and suggestions on ways that we can improve this newsletter so that it is useful to you. What would you like to see in it? Topics of interest? We look forward to hearing from you!

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Back to School Potluck Picnic at Magic Island Park

By Melissa L. Abellana, Family Programs Hawai'i



The "Back to School Potluck Picnic" was another successful event for Family Programs Hawai'i's Resource Family Support Services. Parent to Parent Mentoring and Respite Program teamed up to organize a fun-filled family event for resource, adoptive, and guardianship families that are actively participating in the programs. This event was a great way to kick start the new school year and to get acquainted with families.

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Back to School Potluck Picnic at Magic Island Park (cont.)

The goals of the event were to encourage families to meet other families, network, and participate in games and activities. The day began with an interactive icebreaker called "Speed Greet Activity." Adults and children created two circles facing each other and got acquainted with the partner facing them at 30 second intervals before moving on to the next partner. Everyone enjoyed this icebreaker, which helped to create a comfortable environment for the remainder of the day. Lunch was full of a variety of tasty and delightful entrees contributed by the programs and the families. Adults and children were able to socialize, mingle, and talk story with one another. Other fun-filled activities included a sponge relay, an orange on a spoon relay, and a water balloon fight. Families received a variety of prizes for each game and activity. Families also went home with a lovely family basket and enough food to take care of dinner plans! Before we knew it, the event was over and the children were headed to the beach to soak up the sun and cool off in the inviting water.

Parent to Parent Mentoring and Respite Program have a number of families that participate in both programs. This event was a great opportunity for families to meet one another. Judging by the smiling faces, laughter, and satisfied tummies from all the families and FPH staff, the "Back to School Potluck Picnic" quickly became a memory of good times. This event may become an annual tradition, so if you are a Parent to Parent Mentoring or Respite Program family, keep a lookout for our next potluck picnic event!



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

O'AHU:

- ★ Central O'ahu Resource Caregiver Support Group. 5:30 pm—8 pm. Aliamanu Community Cntr. RSVP to FPH at 521-9531 x245. ♦ Oct 28 (Thurs) ♦ Nov 28 (Thurs) - Holiday Party ♦ No group in Dec
- ★ Waianae Resource Caregiver Support Group. 5:30 pm—8 pm. Waianae District Park. RSVP to FPH at 521-9531 x245. ♦ Oct 15 (Fri) ♦ Nov 19 (Fri) - Holiday Party ♦ No group in Dec
- ★ Windward Resource Caregiver Support Group. 6 pm—8:30 pm. Kailua Baptist Church. RSVP to FPH at 521-9531 x245. ♦ Oct 8 (Fri) ♦ Nov 12 (Fri) - Holiday Party ♦ Dec 10 (Tentative)
- ★ Oct 16 (Sat): Kailua Training: "Can I Trust You: Building Healthy Relationships in Your Home" by Deeanna Wallace, HOPE INC. 5 pm-7:30 pm. Kailua Community Church. RSVP to the Warm Line at 545-1130 (See pg 7 for details).
- ★ Nov 5 (Fri): Waianae Training: "Can I Trust You: Building Healthy Relationships in Your Home" by Deeanna Wallace, HOPE INC. 5:30 pm-8 pm. Ulu Ke Kukui. RSVP to the Warm Line at 545-1130 (See pg 7 for details).
- ★ Nov 6 (Sat): HAPA Training: "Can I Trust You? Building Healthy Connections for a Lifetime" by Deeanna Wallace & Kanani Krafft of HOPE INC. 9 am-12 pm. Kalihi Union Church. Registration required—See pg 7 for details & registration form.

MAUI

- ★ Maui Resource Caregiver Support Group. 5:30 pm—8 pm. Queen Lili'uokalani Children's Center. RSVP to Kim Bowlin at 250-4457. ♦ Oct 21 (Thurs) ♦ Nov 17 (Thurs) ♦ Dec 16 (Thurs) - Holiday Party
- ★ Oct 26 (Tues): "Can I Trust You: Building Healthy Relationships in Your Home" by Deeanna Wallace, HOPE INC. 5:30 pm-8 pm. Queen Lili'uokalani Children's Center. RSVP to the Warm Line (toll free) at 1-866-545-0882 (See pg 7 for details).

WEST HAWAI'I:

- ★ Kona Resource Caregiver Support Group. 5 pm—7:30 pm. Lutheran Church of the Holy Trinity. RSVP to the Warm Line at 1-866-545-0882 (toll free). ♦ Oct 4 (Mon) ♦ Nov 1 (Mon) ♦ Dec 6 (Mon) - Holiday Party
- ★ Nov 29 (Mon): "Can I Trust You: Building Healthy Relationships in Your Home" by Deeanna Wallace, HOPE INC. 5:30 pm-8 pm. Lutheran Church of the Holy Trinity. RSVP to the Warm Line (toll free) at 1-866-545-0882 (See pg 7 for details).

EAST HAWAI'I:

- ★ Hilo Resource Caregiver Support Group. 12 pm—2:30 pm. Church of the Holy Cross. RSVP to Michele Carvalho at 987-5988. ♦ Oct 9 (Sat) ♦ Nov 13 (Sat) ♦ Dec 11 (Sat) - Holiday Party
- ★ Oct 22 (Fri): "Can I Trust You: Building Healthy Relationships in Your Home" by Deeanna Wallace, HOPE INC. 5:30 pm-8 pm. Church of the Holy Cross. RSVP to the Warm Line (toll free) at 1-866-545-0882 (See pg 7 for details).

KAUA'I:

- ★ Dec 8 (Wed): "Can I Trust You: Building Healthy Relationships in Your Home" by Deeanna Wallace, HOPE INC. 5:30 pm-8 pm. Kaua'i Lutheran Church. RSVP to the Warm Line (toll free) at 1-866-545-0882 (See pg 7 for details).



FPH 2nd Quarter Training "Can I Trust You: Building Healthy Relationships In Your Home"



Presented by Deeanna Wallace of HOPE INC, Inc.

"Can I Trust You: Building Healthy Relationships In Your Home," is a training based on the Trust Based Relational Intervention (TBRI) model developed by Dr. Karen Purvis and Dr. David Cross. Deeanna Wallace, a co-founder of HOPE INC, Inc. and trainer for the TBRI model, has adopted 10 children and fostered over 100 in the past 32 years. Deeanna has found the TBRI model to be very helpful in her experience as a resource caregiver and adoptive parent. The training will empower resource families to connect with children who have special needs, such as, mental health diagnosis and challenging behaviors. The premise of the training is that the trauma that children in foster care have endured has ultimately affected their brain development, and as a result, their ability to trust others. The training will introduce tools, resources and support to help families understand their children's needs and gain the confidence to effectively address these challenges.

Dinner and childcare for ages 3-12 will be provided. Resource, guardianship, kinship, and adoptive families will be eligible for door prizes!!

The training will be held statewide at various locations. On O'ahu, an additional training will be presented by the Hawai'i Adoption & Permanency Alliance (see below for details).

Door Prizes!

O'AHU
Kailua – Oct 16 (Sat) – Kailua Community Church – 5pm to 7:30pm
Waianae – Nov 5 (Fri) – Ulu Ke Kukui – 5:30pm to 8pm

Dinner is provided!

BIG ISLAND
Hilo – Oct 22 (Fri) - Church of the Holy Cross – 5:30pm to 8pm
Kona – Nov 29 (Mon) – Lutheran Church of the Holy Trinity – 5:30pm to 8pm

This FREE training is open to all resource, adoptive, guardianship & kinship families

MAUI
Oct 26 (Tues) – QLCC – 5:30pm to 8pm
KAUAI
Dec 8 (Wed) – Kaua'i Lutheran Church – 5:30pm to 8pm

Childcare provided for registered keiki ages 3-12!

To RSVP or for more information please contact the Warm Line at 1-866-545-0882 (toll-free) or 545-1130 (O'ahu)
This training is put on by Family Programs Hawai'i RFSS & DHS ♦ Funding is provided by the Department of Human Services

Hawai'i Adoption & Permanency Alliance (HAPA) Training



"Can I Trust You? Building Healthy Connections for a Lifetime"

Speakers: Deeanna Wallace & Kanani Krafft

As with the FPH training, this **FREE** training will focus on the Trust Based Relational Intervention (TBRI) model. Deeanna Wallace and Kanani Krafft, a social worker at HOPE INC, Inc., have both been trained in the TBRI model. Attendees will be introduced to tools, resources and support that will help families understand children so they can build healthy relationships and connections.

LOCATION: Kalihi Union Church (2214 N. King St.)
DATE/TIME: November 6, 2010 (Sat)
9 AM—9:30 AM: Registration/Breakfast
9:30 AM—12 noon: Training

See attached registration form

For more information, call the Warm Line at: 545-1130

FREE childcare provided for resource, guardianship & adoptive families for keiki ages 3-12! (Pre-registration required; Space is limited)

Fun, trust-building activities for youth ages 13-18 in foster, guardianship or adoptive homes!

HAPA Training: Can I Trust You? Building Healthy Connections for a Lifetime

Please circle the type of attendee you are

- Adoptive parent Resource caregiver Adoptee Birth parent
- Social worker Children's advocate Administrator Kinship caregiver
- Public policy maker Parents of children with difficult behaviors
- Education professionals Legal professional (i.e., Guardian ad-litem, VGALs)
- Prospective adoptive or resource caregiver Mental & public health professional

Please complete information below

Name _____
 Address _____
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 Phone _____
 Agency _____
 _____ # of Adults _____ # of Children

Childcare for children ages 3-12; Activities available for teens 13-18

Name	Age	Special Needs

Mail this registration form to:
Family Programs Hawai'i
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OR E-mail all information above to:
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The concept for the Statewide Resource Advisory Committee (RAC) was created by the Department of Human Services (DHS) as a means to support the resource family community. Hui Ho'omalu 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 the RAC 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.

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

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