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The Search for Family

By
 Wilma Friesema

The *dreaded common name*, that's what Kim faced when the new Family Finding case arrived on her desk. This case was especially sparse on details: the mom didn't know she was pregnant and gave birth while on the toilet. Attentive neighbors called 911 when they heard loud noises. The ambulance arrived and took mother and infant to the hospital. Once there, the mom refused to sign the birth certificate and only gave her name and a mainland address. An hour later she left, abandoning her baby girl to Child Welfare Services. That was it; Kim only knew the mom's very nondescript name and an Ohio address.



EPIC 'OHANA, INC.
 Epic 'Ohana, Inc. Family Finding Department
 Staff: Belinda, Kuupua, Tanya, Tiffany, Rachel, Kathy, Kimberlie

Kim, and her co-workers in the Family Finding Department of EPIC 'Ohana, Inc., are the agency's in-house sleuths, tasked with tracking down the family members of children in foster care. Family Finding Services, begun in the late 1990's by mainland social worker, Kevin Campbell, is now a national and international practice that locates family members via specialized internet searches. Family lists are created which aid social workers in finding permanent homes or enduring connections for children in foster care.

Kim's search began with the Ohio address to see if any other relatives had resided there. Several family names came up, but none with viable contact information. Kim then did a reverse search on the address and a new possible relative with a phone number emerged. If that number didn't work, Kim realized, there wouldn't be any other leads and the baby girl would never know her family. Kim anxiously called the number. The phone rang. Maternal grandfather

answered.

Grandpa was skeptical and protective when he first heard Kim's reason for the call. He hadn't seen or talked to his daughter in ten years; to receive a call from Hawaii telling him he had a newborn granddaughter was shocking. He was leery and wanted to talk directly to the social worker. Kim understood, gave him the social worker's contact information, and encouraged him to call.



It was during Kim's second call with the grandfather that he shared how grateful he was to Kim for finding him, and how anxious he was to know the next steps he should take. He very much wanted to support his granddaughter and be in her life, despite her mother's absence. Kim directed him to the people who could help ensure that.

A few months later it was Kim's turn to be surprised. Grandpa was on the phone exclaiming, "Kim, I'm on Kauai. I'm getting my granddaughter! I want to come meet you!"

Kim, unfortunately, was on Oahu so they couldn't meet. The distance, however, didn't stop them from sharing a moment of genuine joy and gratitude. Both were so happy, excited, and appreciative of this new family connection and all its possibilities. Kim's skillful internet search and that single, fateful phone call had

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HUI HO'OMALU STATEWIDE RESOURCE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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.

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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:

441-1127 (O'ahu),

888-879-8970 (Toll Free) or

E-mail: RAC@pidfoundation.org

made all the difference.

Not all searches are as straightforward as Kim's, or get resolved so quickly. Others can have an impact on a much broader family network. Tiffany, another Family Finding Specialist, had just such an outcome. Tiffany, whose case also had a common name, was hopeful when she discovered a possible paternal grandmother who had an unusual surname. Tiffany had a hunch to cross reference birth, marriage, and divorce records and was able to locate two more possible paternal relatives. An online genealogy search revealed several obituaries which produced more possible names.

The foster child in in this case was a 17-year-old boy whose family legacy was one of intergenerational disconnect. In one obituary, Tiffany noticed that a family member, an uncle, had been raised in an orphanage. Following that thread, Tiffany was able to locate phone numbers for several possible second cousins. The cousins, when called, shared that they might be related to the paternal grandmother but they weren't certain. Each told stories about how their parents had been raised in and out of foster care and orphanages so their knowledge of extended relatives was sketchy. Tiffany's call, however, ignited a spark. Several decided to do internet searches of their own, and to call known relatives to track down more information about family.

A call back from a cousin confirmed that Tiffany had located the correct family. The cousin was excited to have discovered new relatives and was looking forward to connecting with them. Tiffany's work had inspired this youth's paternal family to reach out to him, and to start reweaving their family cloth which had been frayed over the generations.

A final story captures how far-reaching and deeply healing Family Finding work can be. Belinda, another Family Finding Specialist, performed a search on behalf of a 17-year-old girl. This youth had been in care when she was much younger, but was able to return home to live with her mom and maternal grandmother. She, later, reentered foster care because her mom began using drugs again, was neglectful, and put the girl at risk. The previous EPIC `Ohana search for paternal relatives had come up empty. All that was known about dad was his name and that he was from, or residing in, the Grand Cayman Islands.

As a long shot, Belinda did a search on Facebook using the youth's first, middle, and last name. To her surprise, what came up was a personal classified ad from a Hawaii paper which an unknown Good Samaritan had posted. The ad, originally placed by the girl's father, listed his name and number in the Cayman Islands. Belinda phoned the dad who was beside himself when he received the call. He had been searching for his daughter for ten years, he said. He and the mom had met in Florida years ago, then they moved to South Africa and Barbados. When they got divorced his wife, an American citizen, left with their daughter. She cut off all contact so he had no idea where they had gone to. It was only an inspired suggestion from his current wife that led him to put an ad in a Hawaii newspaper. He was in such disbelief about Belinda's call; when asked for his address he passed the phone to his wife. The moment was so overwhelming he couldn't remember where he lived.

Dad sent pictures of himself with his daughter, which Belinda passed on to the social worker. The dad and social worker made contact, and soon an `Ohana Conference meeting was held, followed by a skype call between dad and his daughter. Such was the beginning of their reconnecting process.

Family Finding is built on the premise that all children have a right to know and be connected to their families. The Federal 2008 Fostering Connections to Success and Increasing Adoptions Act is a law that mandates that all relatives be notified within 30 days of a child being taken into care. Family ties *can* be the cords that weave a net of safety and belonging for vulnerable children, if given a chance. For the Family Finding team at EPIC `Ohana, that chance is what they are striving for. They are committed to following every possible lead or clue if it can help reduce a child's experience of loss and enable families to stay connected. For these three families, and many more, those efforts are the lifeline that has helped pull families together.

GO GREEN!

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



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! Email us at RAC@pidfoundation.org





Intensive Care Coordination and Wraparound at CAMHD

By Llasmin Chaine, Program Director, CAMHD - Kaeru Services

Kaeru Services is a new program in the Hawaii Department of Health's (DOH) Child and Adolescent Mental Health Division (CAMHD). Our program helps CAMHD-enrolled children and youth, many of whom are also engaged in the CWS system, reconnect with their families and their communities to ensure they have the services and support needed to fulfill their own hopes and dreams for the future.

There are a couple of strategies Kaeru Services uses to meet this goal. The first is **intensive care coordination** with caseload caps of 10 cases per care coordinator. The second is the use of **Wraparound**, a team decision-making model, to identify and address the underlying needs of our families. In the development of our service plans, we identify tangible ways to meet the youth and family's underlying needs, and to address behaviors that led to the referral to Kaeru Services. **Quarterly progress reports** are given to families as part of Kaeru's outcome monitoring efforts. Lastly, **additional supports** are available to the family, as needed, such as: caregiver and youth peer support with an emphasis on modeling behavior, advocacy and empowerment; paraprofessional services providing skill-building assistance; and access to a flexible fund as a resource to support the Kaeru Service Plan and increase stability.

Wraparound effectiveness research has found youth who participate in Wraparound do better on functional and residential outcomes, such as being suspended less, not running away as frequently, living in a lower level of restrictiveness and achieving permanency more often. A team mission is created in Wraparound meetings that tailors services and supports to meet family, as well as system partner needs, in an individualized Kaeru Service Plan. The plan is developed from team meeting conversations, as well as smaller and frequent meetings with youth and caregivers.

CAMHD staff interviews in June 2018 revealed that Kaeru Services has been helpful in supporting youth and their families through creative problem-solving and increased support for the family. The following are a few quotes from youth and caregiver consumer interviews:

Q: What part of Kaeru Services has been helpful to you and your family?

A: *"Supporting me and letting me trust them. Transferring me back home."*

"Knowing what I need to work on. With everyone there, it's easier to know what I need to get done and what steps I need to take to get things done. People are there to help me get to where I need to be. The extra support helps."

"Paraprofessional support has been beneficial. They have rapport." [My care coordinator] "has done a really good job of assembling the matches and keeping all the team members together." [She] "has been absolutely fantastic in the scope of what she is allowed to and able to do."

Q: What are some things you especially like about Kaeru Services?

A: *"The people (team members) being respectful."*

"The team members are pretty good. Any kind of services that I want to look into they help me look into it. It's good services and a lot of help. Any youth in foster care would benefit because the team can help find out what you need."

Q: What do you like about Kaeru Services progress reports?

A: *"It's nice to have something on paper to show progress. It's good to have some objective data."*

"I like that I see myself doing good."

For more information about Kaeru Services, visit us online at: kaeruserVICES.org. Referrals are submitted via the youth's CAMHD mental health care coordinator (MHCC). If you care for or work with a youth receiving Department of Human Services (DHS) and DOH-CAMHD services, and think they would benefit from Kaeru's service coordination and the Wraparound model, we recommend talking with the youth's MHCC to request an informational meeting. A Kaeru Services representative and MHCC would be happy to discuss the appropriateness of a referral for interested youth, social workers and/or caregivers.

Hui Ho `omalu

2019 GLUE Bake Sale & Silent Auction

By Shane Taylor

This year's GLUE Committee hosted, once again, another great Bake Sale! This year's Bake Sale was a collaboration of Partners in Development Foundation, Catholic Charities Hawaii, and Family Programs Hawaii; which includes the RAC, GLUE, HAPA, FCTC, National Reunification Month Committees, alongside donors, staff, and volunteers. Everyone that participated provided some specially prepared, "Onolicious" homemade goodies, and the Silent Auction was filled with, yet again, some amazing items!



Tasty treats included Poppin' Popcorn Treats, Homemade Garlic Pretzels, Oatmeal/Peanut Butter/Chocolate Chip Cookies, Auntie Toshiko's Cookie Bars, Cranberry Walnut Bars, and Hand-Dipped Chocolate Covered Pretzel Rods. Other treats included Butter Mochi, Candy Rose Buds, Chocolate Chip Butter Mochi, Pound Cake, Brownies, as well as donated snacks and goods.

Proceeds from this year's GLUE Bake Sale was a whopping \$3,225.00! This is more than double the initial goal, and surpassed last year's Grand Total.

100% of the proceeds will be going towards various events throughout the year that are provided for Resource Families and the Youth in Foster Care, such as: National Foster Care Month statewide celebrations, National Reunification Month and National Adoption Month.

Many thanks to everyone that volunteered your time and talent to support Hawaii's Resource Families and Youth in Foster Care!

Mahalo!

12th Annual Conference for Resource Families

If you have attended an Annual Conference for Resource Families in the last few years, there is a good chance you have become familiar with the term, "Trauma-Informed Care." While Family Programs Hawaii's 12th Annual Conference revisited this topic, we also wanted to explore more. This year's conference was entitled "Fostering Resiliency: Taking the Next Steps in Trauma-Informed Care" and featured speakers included Tia Roberts Hartsock and Sharon Simms.

Families who attend the conference each year include those who have fostered for many years to those who are just starting out on this journey. For those new to fostering, they heard from Tia Roberts Hartsock for the first time on what trauma is, how to identify trauma, and how to nurture post-traumatic growth. Tia also discussed the building blocks of resiliency, which were three factors that enhance a child's ability to rebound from trauma. This included a discussion on building connections, building self-efficacy, and building emotional regulation skills.

In the afternoon, Sharon Simms shared on building bridges between resource families and birth families. While this is not always an easy task for resource families to take on, there are so many benefits of this connection for the families involved. Sharon also provided caregivers with a great reminder to take care of themselves as they may experience compassion fatigue and vicarious trauma from caring for children in foster care. Some of the benefits of self-care that were highlighted include a greater capacity to manage stress, increased resilience, being at your best, and improving your quality of life.

Many times the annual conference is like a reunion of sorts for caregivers as they enjoy talking story and connecting with other resource families in their community. Families enjoyed the knowledge and tips that were shared while also enjoying the discussions with other caregivers on ways to build resiliency in, not only the children in their care, but also for themselves as well. For some of us, our journey as resource families may only last a few months with the children in our care, and for others it may last a lifetime. Building a community of support and gaining tools to care for the children in our home is so important to not only survive, but to also thrive. To the families attending the conferences across the state this year, we hope that you were provided with those tools to aid you on your journey, however long that may be.

If you were unable to attend the Annual Conference and would like to access the training online or have a DVD mailed to you, please contact the Warm Line at 545-1130 or 1-866-545-0882 (Toll Free) to request your copy. We so appreciate all that you do in nurturing and fostering resiliency in Hawaii's keiki!

HARVEST FAMILY LIFE MINISTRIES LAUNCHES NEW RESOURCE FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

By: Brad McDaniel

Harvest Family Life Ministries (HFLM) is excited to introduce a technology tool that helps children and families in Hawaii. CarePortal is an online platform that brings the felt needs of vulnerable children and their families to the attention of the local church. Harvest Family Life Ministries (HFLM) has been connecting the local church to children and families in crisis for many years. We expect this tool to help us more efficiently live out our mission of serving children and families. Hawaii is one of 19 states that has CarePortal available for families.

CarePortal was launched in Kona on November 9, 2018 and has been active with 4 churches. Those churches have served 39 vulnerable children and their families in that time. We are excited at how God is using this tool to connect churches to families in their community. We are planning to launch CarePortal on Oahu in Summer 2019. We need AT LEAST ten churches enrolled in CarePortal in order to have a good start in serving families well.

Some families and social workers are familiar with Kokua Closet at First Baptist Church of Wahiawa. It is a free resource store for children currently and formerly in foster care and other vulnerable youth and their families.

“CarePortal is Kokua Closet on steroids,” said Esther McDaniel, Executive Director of HFLM Hawaii. Foster, adoptive, and hanai families have received car seats, clothes, school supplies, strollers, baby equipment, books and toys. CarePortal can do more. Pastor Brad of HFLM added, “We want to serve those who serve our vulnerable children and their families, including the caseworkers who do so much with so little. CarePortal will help us serve them better. We expect CarePortal to help us more efficiently identify, equip and support potential and current foster and adoptive families.”

More information will be provided as the launch day nears for Oahu families. If you know of a church that may want to partner with this exciting opportunity, please contact Brad or Esther McDaniel at (808) 694-9900 or email hflmhawaii@icloud.com. You may also contact the Warm Line for more information at 1-866-545-0882 or email WarmLine@FamilyProgramsHi.org.

Adoptive Families Needed Through Wendy's Wonderful Kids

Faith

Faith is a thirteen year old girl who lights up the room with her smile and her laughter. She has dark brown hair and warm brown eyes, and is currently in the eighth grade and excelling in her classes. Faith has a strong desire to learn as much as she can, and although initially shy, can carry on a conversation with anyone she comes in contact with if given enough time.

Some of Faith's favorite things to do are: dance the hula, and participate in martial arts and volleyball. She has a strong competitive drive, and a spirit of excellence that follows her in all that she does. Faith recently earned her blue belt in martial arts, and has aspirations of going on to be a black belt and instructor. She looks forward to the day where she is allowed to compete, as she loves the public recognition for something she's worked so hard to achieve. In her spare time, Faith loves to draw, write, sing and is learning to play a variety of musical instruments.

Faith has a strong internal sense of what's wrong and right, and is learning that she has great value. Because of this, she has become an advocate of/for herself, and has begun to help others do the same whatever their circumstances might be.

Wendy's Wonderful Kids seeks to find **good homes for great kids in tough situations**. If you are interested in learning more about Faith and her need for permanent, nurturing connections, please contact Mindy Chung, Wendy's Wonderful Kids Recruiter at 808-540-2552 or by email at mindy@familyprogramshawaii.org.



Forever
Family

2019 IS THE YEAR OF THE PIG

February 5 rang in Chinese New Year, the Year of the Pig. The Pig is the twelfth of all Zodiac animals. Recent years of the Pig are: 1935, 1947, 1959, 1971, 1983, 1995, 2007, 2019.

People born in the year of the pig tend to have the following personality and characteristics: Pigs might not stand out in a crowd, but they are very realistic. Others may be all talk and no action. Pigs are the opposite.

Though not wasteful spenders, they will let themselves enjoy life. They love entertainment and will occasionally treat themselves. They are a bit materialistic, but this is motivation for them to work hard. Being able to hold solid objects in their hands gives them security.

They are energetic and are always enthusiastic, even for boring jobs. If given the chance, they will take positions of power and status. They believe that only those people have the right to speak, and that's what they want.

Lucky things for Pigs: Colors: Yellow/Gray/Brown, Numbers: 2/5/8, Mineral: Agate.

Source: <https://chinesenewyear.net/zodiac/pig/>



PRUDENT PARENTING: ATTENDING CHURCH & CULTURAL ACTIVITIES

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.

Question: Can children/young people in resource homes and Child Caring Institutions attend church/cultural activities of their choice?

Answer: Yes. Children/young people who are in foster care are allowed to attend their church and participate in cultural activities significant to them and experience these activities either with or without adult supervision with the permission of their resource caregiver. Resource Caregivers assess the age and level of maturity of the child/young person who is in foster care to approve unsupervised attendance to church and cultural activities.

Hawaii Administrative Rules Title 17-1625 Licensing of Resource Family Homes for Children and Hawaii Administrative Rules 17-1627 Licensing of Child Caring Institutions

Hawaii Administrative Rules (HAR) 17-1625-44 Religion and Culture. The religious faith and cultural heritage of each child shall be respected. The child shall be provided the opportunity to attend the church, temple, Sunday school, and religious and cultural activities of the child's legal custodian, or in their absence, of the child's choice.

Hawaii Administrative Rules 17-1627-32 Religion and culture. (a) The institution shall have a written statement regarding religious practices within the institution. (b) The institution shall be responsible for providing children with opportunities for religious education and experience not in conflict with the expressed wishes of the person having a right to determine the child's religious practices. (c) The institution shall recognize, encourage, and support the child's religious beliefs, cultural heritage, and language.



**Who Ya
Gonna
Call?**

There may be times when you, as a resource caregiver, have a question or concern and are not sure where to go for help. We will be presenting scenarios in each newsletter as a way to highlight different situations and suggestions on "Who Ya Gonna Call?"

VACATIONS

If Resource Caregivers want to plan a vacation, they must contact both the Licensing Worker and the Child's Social Worker.

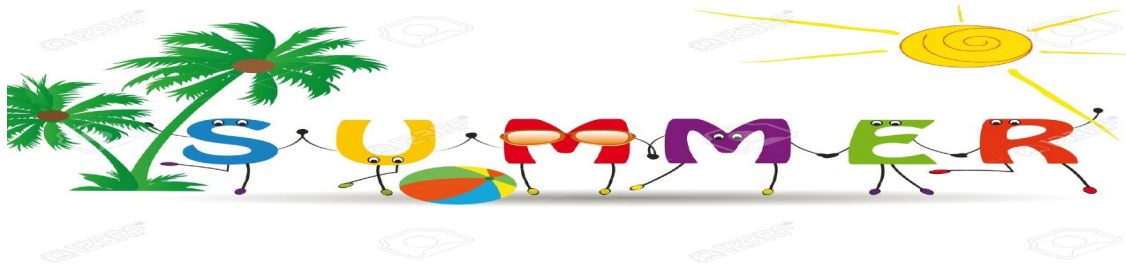
Resource Family Basics ~ FYI

Summer School Scholarships

Check out our “Ask the Warm Line” section for a listing of some summer activities.

Resources for Financial Assistance:

- Kamehameha Schools will often offer scholarships/financial assistance for summer school sessions for Native Hawaiian children.
- Resource caregivers may also be reimbursed for group activity fees.
- Tuition waivers for City and County Summer Fun Programs are available for those who apply. Contact your child’s SSA or SW.



‘OHANA REWARDS

Want to know how you could receive a **\$200.00 gift card**?

Would you like your name to appear in a future RAC newsletter?

All you need to do is help us find more homes for Hawai‘i’s keiki in foster care!

If you can refer, help, cheer, and see your referral to the finish line to become licensed, you could earn a **\$200 gift card** of your choice

Congratulations

Alicia Claytor—*Kauai*
Lilibeth Brown, Mari Ann Ghormley, Karlene Bousseilaire, Paul & Natalia Brenda Schroeder — *Oahu*
Emily Rogers—*East Hawaii*

Call Hui Ho‘omalū today at 441-1117 or 1-888-879-8970 (toll free) for more information!

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) 1-888-879-8970

*Mahalo for all you do for
Hawai‘i’s keiki and families!*

Advertise in the Newsletter—Promote Your Business

100% of the proceeds will be used towards supporting Hawai‘i’s resource families

Display advertisements with borders: business card size = \$30; 1/4 page = \$50; 1/2 page = \$75; full page = \$115.

Send information to: Hui Ho‘omalū—RAC, 680 Iwilei Rd., Ste. 500, Honolulu, HI 96817

441-1125 (O‘ahu) ★ 888-879-8970 (Toll Free) ★ Fax: 441-1122 ★ Email: RAC@pidfoundation.org

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



Welcome to FPH's Resource Family Support Services Corner

By Karen Kaneshiro-Soon, RFSS Warm Line Family Resource Specialist
Resource Family Support Services (RFSS) is funded by the Department of Human Services

Ask the Warm Line



As we look to the close of the school year and the beginning of summer 2019, families start to explore summer programs to keep their children active, healthy and continually learning. A popular question we receive on the Warm Line around this time of year is "What summer fun programs are available for my child?" Here's a list of possibilities to begin your search. Funds for registration fees may be available through your social worker or call the Warm Line at 545-1130 or 1-866-545-0882 (Toll-Free) for more information.

O'AHU:

Dept. of Parks & Recreation, Summer Programs information is available at <http://www.honolulu.gov/parks/program/summer-fun-program.html>. Summer Fun Program will run for approximately seven weeks during June & July 2019, Monday-Fridays, 8:30am-2:00pm.

Kama'aina Kids will provide a variety of keiki summer programs from April 2019 for grades kindergarten through middle school. For more information, visit www.kamaainakids.com or call (808) 262-4538. You can also download their Mobile App or join their email list for information.

For a list of additional summer options, visit www.honolulufamily.com to view their 2019 listing to be available after March 5, 2019. See their website or call (808) 534-7585 for locations to pick up their free magazines.

You may also visit Hawaii Parent Magazine at www.hawaii-parent.com for their April/May Summer Guide 2019 issue available in print & online from April 4, 2019.

The Star Advertiser newspaper will also list keiki summer programs in their Sunday edition after Easter Sunday 2019.

KAUAI:

County Summer Enrichment Program will run from June 17-July 26, 2019, Monday-Fridays from 7:30am-4:30pm for children ages 5-11 years old at a variety of sites. For more information, visit www.kauai.gov/summerprograms or register online from May 8, 2019.

Boys & Girls Club of Kauai will have a summer program for members in the 7th-12th grades from June 10-July 24, 2019 from 7:30am-5:30pm at Lihue, Kapaa, and West Kauai. Registration opens on the first week in May 2019, visit www.kauai.com/boysandgirlsclub or call 245-2210 for more information.

For additional options, visit www.kauaifamilymagazine.com to view their upcoming summer issue available May 7, 2019.

MAUI COUNTY:

County Summer PALS Program will run from June 6 to July 26, 2019 at various sites throughout Maui County. For more information, visit www.mauicounty.gov/PALS, or call 270-7403 (Maui), 553-3204 (Moloka'i), 565-6979 (Lana'i).

Boys & Girls Club of Maui will have a summer program from 8:00am-6:00pm at different locations. For more information, visit www.bgcmaui.org or call 242-4363.

For more summer options, see www.mauifamilymagazine.com

HAWAII COUNTY:

County Summer Fun Program runs from June 12-July 19, 2019, Monday-Friday. For more information, visit www.hawaiicounty.gov/pr-recreation or call 961-8740.

Boys & Girls Club of the Big Island will have a summer program information available on their website www.bgcbi.com or by phone 961-5536.

Care to Share?

A Project of Family Programs Hawai'i - Resource Families Support Services

“Care to Share” is a way to share your gently used items with families who have opened their hearts and homes to children through fostering, adoption or guardianship.

Are you a resource, adoptive, or guardian family in need of help? This is a practical resource that can assist in finding *free* needed items for the children in your home.

Do you have items such as baby items, children’s clothing, cribs, toys, etc. that are no longer in use? You do not have to be a resource, adoptive, or guardian to donate.

Please consider this opportunity to help others caring for children in placement and call us to donate.



Call the Warm Line for more information:
545-1130 (O'ahu)
1-866-545-0882 (toll-free for Neighbor Islands)
Email: WarmLine@FamilyProgramsHI.org

Items that are currently needed include: Bunk bed, toddler bed, twin bed with mattress

Items available: Wooden high chair, Little Tykes slide, female clothing size 8, baby clothing from newborn to 1 year old sizes

Mahalo!

Since November 2018, Mercedes of Mililani, Eli of Wai'anae, all donated items that were successfully matched with needy families. MAHALO!

Jamie of Honolulu, Blossom of Wai'anae, and

As an alternative resource, through the generosity of Caterkids & Keiki 2 Keiki children's thrift shops on O'ahu, these discounts are being offered:



**10% discount on
all children's items**

- Children's thrift & re-sale shop on Oahu
- Proof of resource caregiver license & matching identification required

All guidelines listed on their respective Facebook pages will apply: <https://www.facebook.com/Caterkids/>

Location:
94-810 Moloalo St #125,
Waipahu, HI 96797
(808) 845-5575





**10% discount on children's gear and
furniture**

20% discount on clothing

- Children's thrift & re-sale shop on Oahu
- Proof of resource caregiver license & matching identification required

All guidelines listed on their respective Facebook pages will apply: <http://tinyurl.com/y2ornzvj>

Location:
2758 S King St
Honolulu, HI 96826
(808) 739-5437



WELCOME ABOARD!



Ronnie Hee
Program Manager



Samantha Gushiken
Program Coordinator (Training)

April Lum, former Program Manager, has taken on a new role at FPH as Director of Programs.

Congratulations, April!

We are happy to announce two new staff for Family Programs Hawaii:

Ronnie Hee is now Program Manager. She may sound familiar to you because she was previously the Program Coordinator for Support Groups.

Congratulations, Ronnie!

Samantha Gushiken has joined FPH as the new Program Coordinator for Training.

Welcome, Samantha!

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Resource Caregivers are needed to assist with Co-Training Hanai sessions and recruitment activities!

Part-time Co-trainers Needed. *Resource Caregivers/Former Foster Youth on O'ahu, Kaua'i* are needed to co-train new Resource Caregivers in the HANAI curriculum. Your experience is invaluable to a new family just learning about providing foster care. Come and share what you've learned/experienced over the years with others!!! Trainings are generally held intermittently on some weekday evenings and some Saturdays. Training and compensation provided. Pay rate: \$15.00/hour.

Part-time Child Care Providers needed in West Hawai'i, East Hawai'i, Kaua'i, O'ahu and Maui to provide child care (i.e., during trainings), in the evenings and weekends on an occasional basis. Training and compensation provided. Pay rate: \$15.00/hour.

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. Pay rate: \$15.00/hour.

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Calendar of Events

O'AHU

- May 10 (Fri) Waianae Resource Families Support Group: 5:30pm-8:00pm. Maili Learning Center. RSVP to the Warm Line at (808) 545-1130 by 5/3.
- May 18 (Sat) Resource Family Appreciation Day at Kroc Center. Registration is required. RSVP arrangements pending. For more information contact Charla Weaver at (808) 227-9921.
- May 30 (Thurs) Central Oahu Resource Families Support Group: 5:30pm-8:00pm. Aiea United Methodist Church. RSVP to the Warm Line at (808) 545-1130 by 5/23.
- June 14 (Fri) Windward Resource Families Support Group: 6:00pm-8:30pm. Kailua District Park. RSVP to FPH the Warm Line at (808) 545-1130 by 6/7.
- June 14 (Fri) A Special Graduation Luncheon Celebration for foster youth graduating from high school or an alternative academic program statewide. Time: TBD, hosted at Washington Place. Contact Jennifer at JCarter@familyprogramshi.org or call (808) 462-2144.
- June 28 (Fri) Teen Day at Family Court in Kapolei: An event to lend a guiding hand to current and former foster youth ages 14 and older. 11:00am-4:00pm. Ronald T.Y. Moon Kapolei Courthouse. Contact Faye Kimura at fayek@hawaii.rr.com or (808) 382-7976.
- July 19 (Fri) 'Ohana is Forever XIII: Calling current and former foster youth from Oahu, Maui, Kauai and Hawaii Island! This is an annual conference for young people impacted by foster care and the child welfare professionals that serve them. This will be hosted at the Ko'olau Ballrooms on Oahu, registration to be determined.

EAST HAWAII

- June 8 (Sat) Hilo Resource Families Support Group: 12:00pm-2:30pm. Christ Lutheran Church. RSVP toll-free to the Warm Line at 1-866-545-0882 by 5/10.

WEST HAWAII

- May 3 (Fri) 12th Annual Conference for Resource Families – “Fostering Resiliency: Taking the next steps in Trauma-Informed Care” 9:00am-3:00pm. Royal Kona Resort. RSVP online at www.FamilyProgramsHawaii.org/conference by 4/19. Questions? Call the Warm Line toll-free at 1-866-545-0882.
- May 20 (Mon) Kona Resources Families Support Group: 5:30pm – 8:00pm. Kealakehe High School. RSVP toll-free to the Warm Line at 1-866-545-0882 by 4/29.

MAUI

- April 25 (Thurs) 12th Annual Conference for Resource Families – “Fostering Resiliency: Taking the next steps in Trauma-Informed Care” 9:00am-3:00pm. Maui Beach Hotel. RSVP online at www.FamilyProgramsHawaii.org/conference by 4/11. Questions? Call the Warm Line toll-free at 1-866-545-0882.
- May 16 (Thurs) Maui Resource Families Support Group: 5:30pm-8:00pm. Kahului Union Church. RSVP toll -free to the Warm Line at 1-866-545-0882 by 5/9.
- June 20 (Thurs) Maui Resource Families Support Group: 5:30pm-8:00pm. Kahului Union Church. RSVP toll-free to the Warm Line at 1-866-545-0882 by 6/13.

ONLINE

- May 15 (Wed) Online Resource Families Support Group: 6:30pm-8:30pm. Zoom Web-Conference. To RSVP, call the Warm Line (808) 545-1130 for Oahu or toll-free 1-866-545-0882 by 5/8.

If you have access to the internet, please check the Resource Families Support Services page at www.FamilyProgramsHawaii.org for updated information on future events.

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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'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 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.

RAC Committee Members:

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