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We Help Kids.

For every child in Hawaii to have the opportunity to reach his or her full potential—especially children who are in or may become involved in foster care.

Family Programs Hawaii strengthens youth and families through high quality preventative, support and transition services.


We promote these values in our programs and model them in our own behavior. We are committed to these values and want to live by them in every aspect of our work, in relating to our families, in relating to employees and volunteers and in relating to the community.

When we live by these values, we are fulfilling our purpose by providing the highest quality programs and resources to change the lives of the children and families we serve.
Welcome from Our President and CEO

“Whenever we encountered a challenge, we sought new ways to do our work because this work mattered more than ever...”

Aloha,

In 2022, as the pandemic regulations were being lifted, the challenge for our agency was to figure out ways to reengage our service population. Families were facing many challenges and we wanted to remain true to our mission with programs aimed at serving children and families in need throughout our communities. While some of our programs maintained in-person contact throughout the pandemic, such as our receiving home shelter, a few had hybrid contact with clients such as our VCM program, but most of our services moved to a virtual environment.

As the State lifted regulations, we did not want to let social distance to continue to keep us apart. Whenever we encountered a challenge, we sought new ways to do our work (or combination of ways)—because this work mattered more than ever. We were able to reconnect with those in our community, especially with children and families, ensuring we remained a vibrant and helpful part of our community.

In these brief stories below, I found both purpose and inspiration in the good work we do and the amazing people involved in our agency’s work. As a result:

♦ A sibling group of seven got to have in-person visits with their siblings (who lived in different homes) when Project Visitation resumed its monthly visitation program. They also got to spend a whole weekend together at the annual summer camp.

♦ Kids were excited to attend the annual holiday party for youth and their families back at the Blaisdell, which featured games, fun, food, and pictures with Santa. Our keiki had a blast.

♦ Families had the choice to have in-person or virtual therapy visits at the Family Strengthening Center.

♦ Ho’omalu was able to resume in-person skill groups and activities, including art therapy and cultural activities for the children who were placed at our temporary shelter.

These stories, and many others are daily celebrations at Family Programs Hawaii. I’m reminded that’s where our energy, commitment and drive come from — and from the smiles on the children’s faces. I want to personally thank our staff, Board, volunteers, sponsors and community partners. Your partnership and your support is, and always will be, greatly appreciated. We encourage you to become better acquainted with our organization and perhaps join us in the many ways in which we serve our communities.

Mahalo,

Keith A. Kuboyama, LCSW

President and CEO
Dear Family Programs Hawaii (FPH) Friends,

Coming out of the pandemic, 2022 proved to be an exciting year of growth and change for FPH. The FPH Board of Directors are immensely proud of the FPH employees, staff, and volunteers for their dedication to serving at-risk children and families of our community. With your support, FPH continued to play an integral role in Hawaii’s foster care and child welfare system:

- **Ho’omalu O Na Kamali‘i:** Our 24/7 receiving shelter, where children and siblings involved in Hawaii’s child welfare system may stay together until permanent homes are identified, served over 90 children with 3,274 temporary days of care. Ho’omalu provided shelter for 23 sibling groups, enabling them to remain with one another and not forced to be split apart.

- **Family Strengthening Center (FSC):** FSC’s mission as a part of FPH is to facilitate the healthy development of children through strengthening families and addressing child maltreatment through psychological services. At any given time during 2022, FSC regularly provided therapy and psychological services to 30-40 at-risk youth and families. As one of its service lines, FSC specializes in Parent Child Interaction Therapy (PCIT) and a good number of families graduated from FSC’s PCIT program last year where they demonstrated learned skills and exhibited closer bonds between parents and their children. In 2020 FSC began the long process of seeking accreditation with the American Psychological Association (APA) for its FSC internship program, the aim of which is to increase the mental health workforce in Hawaii. In 2022, FSC was surveyed by the APA and we hope it achieves the coveted APA certification in 2023.

- **Project Visitation (PV):** Although the State of Hawaii attempts to place siblings together in foster care, many end up separated from each other in different foster homes with different families. PV provides foster siblings the opportunity to spend time with each other on a monthly basis despite being separated. In 2022, over 47 sibling groups, coming majority from West Oahu, were brought together for in-person visitations.

- **Enhancement Grants:** The Enhancement Grants program supports children and youth in foster care by providing funding for items or services, including those for daily use, equipment, and access to programs that allow them to enjoy their childhood. Over 149 children and youth in foster care in 2022 were recipients of much needed items and services, such as registration fees for youth sports, laptops and tablets used for school, online classes, and fees for children’s programs, and extracurricular activities.

- **Wendy’s Wonderful Kids (WWK):** As one of our legacy programs connected with the Dave Thomas Foundation (the founder of the Wendy’s food establishment chain), WWK provides assistance and support to foster youth on the path to finding a permanent home through adoption. There were 14 children engaged in the WWK program that were adopted in 2022, one legal guardianship case, and one child successfully reunified with their parents.

- **Voluntary Case Management (VCM):** In its second year at FPH, VCM continued to deliver high-quality services to families in the Leeward coast, who are identified as “moderate to moderate high risk” by the Child Welfare Service. In 2022, alone, VCM received 149 unduplicated referrals and 102 families that completed their services.

- **2022 Holiday Party:** In 2022, we thankfully returned back to an in-person Holiday Party for keiki and youth in care held at the Neal S. Blaisdell Exhibition Hall. For over 18 years, FPH has provided Hawaii’s foster children and youth in December, the opportunity to come together to enjoy a holiday celebration, receive gifts from Santa, and simply enjoy the holiday season. In 2022, over 130 families attended the Holiday Party with 500 children and youth receiving a hand-wrapped gift from Santa, 700-plus volunteers serves in the months leading up to the Holiday Party and at the event, and dozens of local businesses and organizations participated in the toy and gift drive.

We are grateful for your continued support of FPH as we serve children, youth and families involved in Hawaii’s child welfare system. Thank you for your partnership, incredible generosity, and wonderful spirit as we continue into 2023!

Best Regards,

Greg Schlais
Chair, Board of Directors
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“A leader is one who sees more than others see, who sees farther than others see and who sees before others see.”

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The Faces of Our Programs

“The power of a group is that we all want to feel a sense of belonging.”

We are...

- the brother and sister in care at Ho’omalu O Na Kamali’i, the State’s only temporary shelter where siblings can stay together in the same home while waiting for placement or reunification;
- the pair of volunteers picking up a sibling group of five living in various different homes with different families across the island to spend one Saturday a month together thanks to Project Visitation;
- students, now moving on to obtain doctorate degrees, are funded by the Continuing Education and Training (CEJT) Program under Casey Family Programs;
- the Family Strengthening Center that teaches families in need the skills to become stronger while facilitating crucial training to expand the number of professionals in the field;
- the teenage student, who previously competed for the use of the family computer, is now finishing his English assignment on his own laptop provided by the Victoria S. & Bradley L. Geist Foundation’s Enhancements Program;
- the once-disappointed seventeen-year-old, who, believed that he would never be adopted, finds his forever home three weeks and two days before turning 18 with the support of his Program Recruiter from Wendy’s Wonderful Kids;
- the family of keiki, youth, and Resource Caregivers who steps into the Blaisdell Center, which is transformed into a winter wonderland for the Annual Holiday Party;
- the Voluntary Case Management staff spending their time to help families become resilient and stay together as an ‘ohana.

These are the faces that can be seen through the myriad of programs run daily at Family Programs Hawaii. And these faces include the dedicated staff who enable our programs to run successfully, the keiki and youth who benefit from the services provided to Hawaii’s vulnerable population, and the time and effort of the many volunteers who do the extraordinary to make everyday life that much better for our youth in care. We are Family Programs Hawaii.
PROGRAM & SERVICE STATISTICS

Hoʻomalu o Na Kamaliʻi

Children, Youth, and Sibling Groups Provided with Temporary Shelter

Days of Care Received by Children, Youth, and Sibling Groups

- Children & Youth from the Waianae Coast: 21
- Hawaiian Children & Youth Served: 47
- Sibling Groups Receiving Care: 36

3,264

Family Strengthening Center

- Individuals Referred for Evaluations: 799
- Consultations Completed: 304
- Completed Mental Health Assessments: 42
- Consultations for Providers: 129

24th Annual Holiday Party*

- Children and Youth Who Received Gifts from Santa: 499
- Registered Families: 131
- Volunteers Donating Their Time and Efforts: 725+

*Due to the pandemic’s restrictions, the holiday party was limited to a smaller group of families. In 2023, we will resume with the normal amount of attendees.

Wendy’s Wonderful Kids

- Adopted Children in WWK: 14
- Under Legal Guardianship: 1
- Reunification: 1
**Voluntary Case Management**

- Number of Unduplicated Referrals Received from CWS: 149
- Families that Completed VCM Services: 102

**Enhancements Program**

- Funds Received by the Victoria S. and Bradley L. Geist Foundation: $50,000
- Youth in Care Who Received An Award Through Enhancements: 149

**Project Visitation**

- Number of Youth Receiving PV Services: 47
- Number of Ongoing Volunteers Participating in Visitations and Events: 40

**Continuing Education and Job Training**

- Received CJET Awards: 5
- Receiving Support: 4
- Re-Applied to CEJT: 3
The Faces of Our Village

“It takes a village to raise a child.”

Note: All names have been changed to protect the privacy of the children and youth.

Thank you to the nice people for letting me and my sister hang out. I was really sad when the policeman and lady came to our house. They said that Roselyn would have to live somewhere else for a short time. I cried a lot. But one day, Mama said I could play with Roselyn. Now, every month, Jenny-Anne picks me up and picks Roselyn up and we do fun things together. Thank you for giving me back my best friend.
—Emily, 9 year old sister in Project Visitation

I’m the oldest. Then comes Olive. And Jonah is the baby. We used to live together with mom, dad, and grandma. Now we live in different homes all over the island. But we always play together once a month. They said it’s something called PV. Is that a name? But the bestest time ever is at the Christmas Party in December. There’s a real-life Santa and we take pictures with him and even get to keep them. I like to show my friends. There’s lots of games and prizes and food. But the coolest part is when we all get presents from Santa. Me and Olive and Jonah. People care about us so much that they give us presents!
—Mila, 10 year old youth in care talking about Project Visitation and the Annual Holiday Party

“Ma waena o nā kapakai o Lualualei a me Kaʻala... aia i laila kahi wahi hoʻomaha.”
“Between the shores of Lualualei and Kaʻala... therein lies a haven of rest.”

“Hoʻomalu is the only shelter in the United States providing a unique, safe, nurturing, home-like environment rich in island culture and family values. Hoʻomalu is an important part of the local community and the families it serves. The staff is excellent at what they do, providing quality care for the many children/youth, their challenges, and special needs. A sanctuary of sorts, Hoʻomalu brings a sense of calm to a space and time where our children and youth in foster care can prepare for the next steps of their journey.” - Nadine Dudoit, Program Manager

“What it’s like at Hoʻomalu? What I really experienced at Hoʻomalu is that the staff over here has really helped me recover from what I deal with. The Aunties and Uncles over here are really helpful to us kids. Staff feed us well over here. They’re always there when we need them. They really help me become a better person. We all appreciate what they do for all the kids that come here. We really appreciate of how much effort they put into their job. Aunty....I love you so much.” - Nay Nay, 12 year old at Hoʻomalu (Youth has had multiple long term stays at Hoʻomalu for the past two years)
The journey into 2022 was met with many experiences. As the world began to move toward what was being called the “new normal,” it quickly became an unfamiliar path for Ho’omalu—new, unprecedented challenges arose; less placement options and resources were available; a higher level of care was needed in many situations; and longer stays became a reality for some of our children in care. However, since its beginning in 2009, Ho’omalu has always strived to provide that safe and nurturing environment for all children and youth. This is our priority, as well as the staff’s guiding principal, which is taken very seriously.

Through community collaborations and support from partnering programs, churches, and volunteers, the dedicated Ho’omalu staff continues to enhance and encourage healthy relationships. Positive self-image is encouraged. And mental, emotional, physical, and spiritual growth is nurtured through various opportunities and experiences. Here, every child and youth is provided with hope through a new beginning.

“Ho’omalu has helped me in many ways. At first, I came with no clothes, no food, nothing to drink and no shelter or a roof over my head. They provided food, shelter, water, also clothes. Staff come in all the way to take care of us even on holidays. We have lots of food and gifts, it’s been a blessing. When I’m down, they’re always there to lift me up, even through the hard times. It’s like therapy here. Trust me, it’s like everything you need in your life. It’s a person who loves and cares for you and shows you when you’re down they’re always there to help you lift yourself up and never give up because there is always some thing good waiting for you at the end! P.S. luv u, you’ve been an impact in my life.” -13-year-old youth in care staying at Ho’omalu
Enhancements Program

“You never know when a helping hand will change another person’s entire life.”

The Enhancements program betters the lives of children and youth in foster care by providing funding for items and services that allow them to enjoy a quality of life similar to that of their peers. Thanks to Victoria S. & Bradley L. Geist Foundation, in 2022, 149 unduplicated youth were able to receive funding for such things as gymnastics classes, baseball registration, educational toys, laptops, iPads, guitars, craft classes, museum membership, credit recovery classes, and much more.

Eric, a 17-year-old male in foster care, was referred to the Enhancements program. At the time, he was dealing with a lot of rejection, including being removed from a home. Per Eric’s request and with the help of the gym’s staff, we were able to get him a gym membership for a year at the UFC Gym. Working out at the gym has given him an outlet to relieve his stress and has helped take his mind off his difficult circumstances.

The youth are very thankful for the program. One youth wrote:

“I want to thank you all so much... I truly appreciate every single person that has taken the time out of their day to provide for me.”

A thank you letter from an Enhancement’s recipient who received an ASUS computer for her studies.
The Faces Who Are Affected by FPH

“You laugh because you are happy. You are angry because you’re afraid. You’re joyful because you’re content. We all are. Deep down, we’re all the same.”

Me and Randy came from big families so I had my first baby girl when I was 17. Then came our second at 18. And the third daughter followed in two years. Finally, three years later, Randy got his son. After four kids, we decided to take a break but God had other plans.

One day, I saw a TV commercial that said there are over 2,000 keiki in Hawaii’s foster care system who need homes. I felt selfish that I was having my own babies when there were tons of kids out there. So, we looked into becoming Resource Caregivers, or foster care parents to these kids. Once we got our license, we got a call to foster the Rodrigo’s – a family of four siblings.

We were told that siblings are the hardest to find homes for. Although the State tries to keep them together in the same home, it’s not always possible. People usually didn’t want 4 or 6 kids at one time. But we didn’t mind. This had to be our calling. We said “Yes!” and our house grew to eight kids. But it didn’t stop there. A year later, I found out that I was pregnant... again, with triplets! Early on we were told that the youngest by 15 minutes was a special needs child. But It didn’t matter to us. Kids were kids and we would love him as much as the others.

The Rodrigo’s were with us for one year before we were asked if adoption was possible. Hey, why not? We all were one big family.

Just when we were about to let our foster care license expire, God called out to us, again. This time it was a sibling group of two – the older sister was 10 years old but her brother was also a 5-year-old special needs child. What a perfect friend to our son, Micah. “You and me. Same. You famee (family),” our Micah said when he saw Jonah. And that’s how we took in the Galbrata’s. And three years later, they, too, became a part of the 13-person Bulacan family.

It wasn’t easy but we felt blessed, especially during times like the annual holiday party by Family Programs Hawaii. Every year, kids in foster care, kids who lived with their kin, like grandparents, and adopted kids came to the Blaisdell with all their families to celebrate the holidays. Usually, there was over 2,000 of us, plus staff and volunteers. There were games, food booths, prizes, and during lunchtime, we all sat down to eat together, like one big family. “Us. Famee,” Micah said every year. And at the end of the day, each and every one of those kids got a gift from Santa. No one was left empty-handed. Every present was even hand-wrapped by volunteers, too!

But for me and Randy, it was the friendships—the understanding and compassion—that made us come back year after year (even two years ago when they had a holiday drive-thru party. Try fitting 15 of us in two trucks)! I could look at the lady next to me and know that she would understand our story as she held hands with four kids who called her, Mama. I even saw bigger families than us: 17 kids and two Resource Caregivers and the largest one in my ten years was a family of 21 – 10 adoptive kids from 8-15, six biological kids, and five foster youth, from a toddler who couldn’t walk to a proud 17-year-old guiding everyone around. You know what the thing was? No one judged us. No one said, “Why you got so many kids? How much the State pays you?” Or no one felt sorry for us, either. No one cared. It was just fun. A blessing.

Everyone understood it, like this big sign that said, “I’m with you!” That’s how Family Programs made us feel like. We were normal. No, we are normal. And our families, no matter how small or no matter how big are normal, too.
The Faces of Those Who Care

“Sometimes it takes only one act of kindness and caring to change a person’s life.”

Ho’omalu is supported by a wide variety of individuals, companies, and organizations. The local community has been especially generous to our temporary shelter in Ma’ili with donors and volunteers coming from across the island.

These three siblings decided to take their shared altruism one step further—they visited Ho’omalu with a trunkful of donations, from rice and cereal, to water and snacks.

Thank you for caring about your fellow youth! You inspire us by your commitment to helping others in need!

A donor wanted to teach the youth at Ho’omalu about his culture through his favorite dish. He choose four different types of street tacos: beef, chicken, pork... and tongue! We didn’t tell anyone about this surprising selection, but guess what? The tongue tacos were the favorite amongst all the youth!
Project Visitation (PV) was created to ensure that siblings in Hawaii’s foster care system maintain their connection through in-person visitations and events. Despite the State’s determination and efforts to keep siblings together while in care, sometimes, siblings may still be placed in different temporary homes while waiting for the possibility of reunification. Project Visitation ensures that these siblings can continue to see one another and maintain their familial bonds.

It is estimated that one-third of children in Hawaii’s foster care system have a separated sibling and these children share that it’s one of the most difficult parts of being in foster care. And sadly, the reality is that many of the children in the program do not have opportunities to interact with each other outside of PV visits.

Project Visitation originated through the State of Hawaii First Circuit Family Court and the Hawaii State Department of Human Services (DHS) efforts to keep siblings connected. Children not only suffer the loss of their parents but also the loss of their siblings. Research indicates that sibling relationships are emotionally powerful and critically important throughout one’s entire lifetime. And in foster care, they take on more importance because they can provide the support otherwise not provided by the parents.

Our Project Visitation Program-made in-person visitations and events a priority in 2022. With COVID-19 restrictions slowly being lifted, our dedicated and determined volunteers worked hard to bring siblings back together through various excursions, like visits to the beach or hanging out at the neighborhood park – anything to maintain their sibling relationships.

Group events increased and siblings enjoyed several opportunities to hang out with both their families and the other PV sibling groups. One such opportunity was at Ho’omaluhia, where youth enjoyed the beautiful gardens and duck pond, hosting duck families and a multitude of koi. Camp Connection was also reintroduced for the first time since the pandemic. For one weekend, brothers, sisters, and volunteers spent quality time at the Kroc Center Hawaii in Kapolei, rediscovering friendships within their kin. Lucky Strike, sponsored by Golden State Foods, was another fun occasion. Siblings enjoyed bowling and arcade games. The year ended with a Holiday Sibling Bash at Dave & Buster’s, sponsored by EPIC Ohana’s HI H.O.P.E.S. and CASA. All of the youth had a great time playing games, winning prizes, receiving gifts, and eating a lot of food to celebrate the holidays together.

A very warm to our gracious event sponsors for their help in bringing siblings closer, as well as the funding’s received from the Victoria S. & Bradley L. Geist Foundation, the Judiciary, the City and County of Honolulu, and our donors. And a very heartfelt thanks to all of our volunteers "Kindness is one of the greatest gifts you can bestow upon another."
“Siblings are like branches of a tree. We grow in different directions, yet our roots remain as one.”
The Faces Since the Beginning
Ho’omalu’s Original Staff: Lisa Farias

What is your current role at Ho’omalu? In fact, tell us about your typical day while at work.

- I’ve been at Ho’omalu since April 13, 2009. I am the regular Friday and Saturday overnight staff that comes in at 10:00 pm and leaves at 6:00 am. My role is primarily assuring that the youth are safe and secure during the overnight hours, which includes bed checks, cleaning the common areas, doing the laundry, cooking, medication count, and administrative duties, such as organizing, storing donations, and writing evaluations.

What are some of the biggest changes that you have seen since the beginning days of Ho’omalu until now?

- One of the biggest changes since the beginning is that we used to have infants staying at Ho’omalu and in fact, early on we had rooms filled with cribs that resembled a nursery. Now, we only work with children and youth ages 4-17 years old. The other big change is that our youth have been staying at Ho’omalu for longer periods of time. In the beginning, most youth were transitioned out within the 30-45 day period; however, for the past 2-3 years, stays have been much longer. A few youth have been here for over a year while others have been in and out of Ho’omalu 4-5 times within the last two years, although they were primarily at Ho’omalu during the majority of the time.

What is the proudest moment of working at Ho’omalu?

- We have minimal runaways compared to other shelters across the island. The youth typically feel safe here and know that the staff care about their well-being. I am also "proud" of the amount of staff who have their Master's degrees but choose to continue to work as a YCW (Youth Care Worker). 13 years ago, I was the only YCW who had a Master's Degree but today, we have six staff with MSW's and a few more currently working on getting their Master's degrees. To have so many YCW's with a higher education at Ho'omalu shows that we are here because we truly care about Hawaii's youth in the foster system and it's not simply for a paycheck.

If you could give anyone advice who wants to work at Ho’omalu, what would it be and why?

- Advice? Be open-minded, flexible and willing to learn new ways of doing things because there is a spectrum of both youth and staff you have to adapt to—a range of ages, personalities and behaviors. To have a fixed mindset or to be set in your ways may not be what's best for either the youth or the staff.
How long have you worked at Ho‘omalu and what is your current role there? For you, what does a typical day entail?

- I've been at Ho‘omalu for 13 years as a Youth Care Worker. I work at Ho‘omalu on the days that I am off from my full-time job. My duties vary from shift to shift and I always try to fill in where I am needed.

Why did you decide to work at Ho‘omalu? And what drew you to the shelter? What about Ho‘omalu has made you stay for 13 years?

- I liked the idea that Ho‘omalu was a resource within my community to which I could contribute. To be honest, I didn't even realize that it's been 13 years! I'm always amazed when the anniversary rolls around and I think, "Another year? Wow!"

What are some of the biggest changes that you have seen since the beginning until now? Any surprises?

- In the beginning, when Ho‘omalu was first built, we took in babies! And sometimes these babies were straight from the hospital - that was difficult. Now, the youngest child we take in is four years old... still babies, of course.

What is the proudest moment while working at Ho‘omalu?

- I can't really recall a specific moment that I'm most proud of but I can tell you that there are many small victories—each time a child is placed with a family; when the children and youth are connected with services that are long overdue; or something as simple as making friends here at the shelter. All of it... it's all a win!

If you could give one piece of advice to someone thinking about working at Ho‘omalu, what would it be and why?

- I feel like if you're already thinking about working here, your heart is in the right place. And you don't need any advice from me!

From left to right: The three original Ho‘omalu staff hired in 2009—Tracey Marie Ekau, Puamamo “Mamo” Wa’ā, and Lisa Farias. Note: Mamo was on a trip and unable to do the interview about her Ho‘omalu experience. But we thank all three of you for your dedication, loyalty, and charismatic energy in caring for our youth for over 13 years!
Helping to Empower, Educate, and Enhance Our Keiki’s Lives

Jim Casey, the founder of United Parcel Service, established Casey Family Programs (CFP) in 1966 to address unmet needs of vulnerable children and their families across America. In 2023, its 57th anniversary, Casey Family Programs proudly carries on Jim Casey’s legacy of building hope and success for those in need.

Children and youth who received foster care, guardianship or adoption services from Casey Family Programs may be eligible for Continuing Education and Job Training (CEJT) services provided by Family Programs Hawaii through a contract with CFP.

Over the pandemic, CEJT students made adjustments to study and earn degrees through online learning programs. Some college graduates re-applied for CEJT to earn higher degrees, and expand on their career and life aspirations. Tracylyn Benjamin (featured separately) is on track to earn her Masters of Social Justice & Human Rights in May 2023 and she has been conditionally accepted to the University of Arizona, Doctorate in Human Services program for 2023-2024.

Five former Casey Family Programs foster, guardianship and adopted youth received CEJT awards in 2022 with four re-applying for ongoing support through the 2023-2024 college year. Also, for 2023-2024, three additional former CEJT students are re-applying for support towards earning higher college degrees.
Now, we’re extremely bonded as adults. Project Visitation had a huge hand in creating that experience. We were able to start having good memories in lieu of all the trauma that happened to us over the years. Thank you, Project Visitation for giving us this opportunity to heal, grow, and love together.” - Patty, Former Youth in Foster Care and Project Visitation Participant

At 16-years-old, when she was first introduced to Project Visitation (PV), she had two precious years of rebuilding the relationship with her five other siblings. At the time, she didn’t realize what was taking place, but years later, she looked back at the old photos and finally understand what it all meant. The following is her story - the story of how Project Visitation reconnected a group of siblings like few other programs in the State could do for them.

While Patty was living with her Resource Caregivers (AKA Foster Parents), her four brothers had already been reunited with Dad. One day, completely out of the blue, Jackie and Peter (her Resource Caregivers), announced, “Megan is coming for you at 11:00am. Get dressed for waterpark. You’re spending the day with your brothers. And that was it. No explanations but not questions, either.

And sure enough, Megan was right on time, Climbing into the car, Patty casually asked, “So, what EXACTLY are we doing?” Megan smiled and answered, “Project Visitation. You’ll be hanging out with your brothers and I’m driving you there.” And before she knew what was happening, Megan suddenly brought out a portable camera and snapped a picture of Patty sitting in the front seat, Once today’s pictures were developed, they would all go into an album called “First Day” to commemorate the sibling’s experience. Patty had to grudging admit that it was a fun day hanging out together—swimming, sliding down the waterslide, splashing each other, and just enjoying each other’s company. The whole event was filled with other sibling groups, too, doing the same things. And the whole time, Megan was taking those pictures.
From then on, once a month, Megan always picked them up to meet at some location. Once, they went on a picnic at the park. Another adventure was spent at Waimea Bay, jumping rock. And the siblings even discovered that Hawaii had a roller skating rink! Patty started to look forward to these monthly visitations. And slowly but surely, the siblings began to rebuild their relationships. Tentative “Howzit’s” turned into big hugs. And goodbyes were always tearful when leaving one another after a really fun day.

Patty looks back at the two years she spent visiting her brothers through Project Visitation, and realizes how valuable this time was in becoming a family, again. They were making memories that no one could take away from them. And to ensure that every moment was never forgotten, Megan continued to take pictures of each and every visit, creating photo albums of their experiences together. By the time Patty was 18 years old, she had at least five full photo albums of memories! For Patty, it was so important that their childhood wasn’t completely erased even after all they had gone through.

Project Visitation began the re-bonding process that had come to a halt when they were separated from one another. PV created an opportunity for each sibling to maintain the strong connections and healthy relationships they can proudly say they still have today. At the moment, they may not have realized the importance of the visits, but as adults, Patty attributes their strong bonds to the visits that Megan arranged, the time they spent in the company of one another, and just the love that grew from one month to the next. It opened their hearts to friendships with other people and showed them that they, too could share the love with one another, regardless if they were living together or 45 minutes apart. This was the true nature of siblinghood. It didn’t always have to be brothers and sisters separated by distance, joined by love. Sibling connections knew no time nor distance. It was just there. Always.

Patty with her four brothers, getting ready for another PV visit.

Patty and her older sister, who had moved out of the house by the time PV visits started; however, they still kept in touch.
Meet Tracylyn Benjamin—a resilient former foster youth, single mom of two, and brilliant Hawaiian scholar. Tracy’s remarkable and ever-evolving life story is filled with challenges she’s had to cope with, triumphs through trauma, and multiple, daily family hurdles. Following graduation from high school, Tracy tried two years of college but decided to enlist in the military to get away from various issues that affected her school focus and performance. Tracy was honorably discharged after a traumatic life event. She subsequently returned to Hawaii where she got married and had two children, Adrien and Gabriel (see bottom photo). After encountering several challenges as a married woman, Tracy decided to end her marriage and left home with the boys.

During this time, Tracy worked many jobs, such as an advocate at the local Domestic Violence Shelter, as well as Child Welfare Services to support her family before eventually deciding to return to college. She was inspired and motivated by her family’s future and the need to survive. Tracy reached out to Family Programs Hawaii and immediately applied for a Casey Family Program’s CEJT scholarship, which she was still eligible to receive. With financial aid and an ‘ohana-style support system by FPH and the CEJT Program, Tracy has been able to focus the necessary time on studying and her family and less hours working for survival. Tracy has continued to thrive as a Hawaiian scholar in the education system.

Tracy’s academic success, despite the challenges of being a single, working parent of two children (one with special needs) is admirable and more so, remarkable. Tracy’s current Masters’ Program work is focused on researching critical trauma, including historical/generational trauma and the colonization of Kanaka (Native Hawaiians).

Tracy’s long-term career goal is to create a non-profit, which focuses on supporting families before they fall into crisis. Tracy continues to be driven by her passion to assist those in need: women, single parents, and other vulnerable populations coming out of the pandemic who have suffered “great injustices,” including victims of family violence, individuals struggling financially, and those who do not have access to assistance.
The Faces of Our Families

We help kids
For the last year, we were at Ho’omalu. It was that shelter where brothers and sisters could stay together no matter if you were a girl or boy. And that was good because although we liked our time at Ho’omalu, we liked being together even more. I was the oldest—Judy—at 16 years old. My two brothers, James, who was 15 years old, and Paul, the baby at 13 years old, and I were the best of friends. We never left each other’s side. One year ago, when they came to take us away in the police car, at the end of the night—who was left at the police station? It was just me, James, and Paul. And where was Mom and Dad? One year later and they still hadn’t come back for us. We only had the three of us to count on. I know I did a better job than my mom, too. Paul even studied. He never did that when we lived at home!

We were really good kids. So, no one could understand why we were at Ho’omalu for more than a year. The staff said we were well-mannered, behaved kids, and never acted up. We did the chores without complaining, followed all of the rules, and were friends with everyone in the house. But I’ll tell you the secret about why we never left Ho’omalu.

It’s simple. The three of us didn’t want to be apart. We had a true sibling connection and a bond with each other.

One time, our social worker, Karen, came to Ho’omalu with the Lee’s—a woman and her husband who wanted to see if there was a “match” with me or in other words, if they could become my Resource Caregivers. No way. It couldn’t just be me. What about James? What about Paul? They weren't going to split us up.

Then, two months later, we had another scare. Karen came back, AGAIN with the Wong’s but this time, the Mom and Dad were willing to take two siblings... but not three. And to make it worse, they only wanted boys. So that left me out. James and Paul just stood there the whole visit. Finally, James got the courage to say, “That’s Judy,” pointing at me. “She’s my sister. If you don’t want her, we don’t want you.” Another visit ended quickly. Me, James, and Paul were left alone together, the way we liked it.

Just when we thought we were safe, Karen made yet another visit. But this time, she had a long talk with the Manager, Aunty Mel. When she left, Aunty sat us down and simply said. “Karen will be here next week with the Sasaki’s.” And then left without telling us anything else. We’d make sure that it would be the same like before.

Next week came but we weren’t worried or scared. We got this. Karen returned with the Sasaki’s—Robert and Lily. We waited for the introductions and then Karen would usually say, “And they would like to meet with (insert name)”. But this time, we were completely caught off guard. “Robert and Lily would like to meet with the three of you together.”
I guess I was the first to get over the shock. Lily started the “usual talk.” “So, Judy, you’re the oldest. And we heard you like school a lot. What’s your favorite subject?” Before I could answer, Robert turned to James. “Do you like any type of sports? I played football in high school but had to stop when I hurt my knee. What a shame. Such a fun sport.” And then quickly looked at Paul. “Baseball player? Do you collect baseball cards? I’ve been a collector since I was in the 3rd grade. My Dad even got me a signed Mickey Mantle card. That’s my treasure.”

Whoa. For the first time, someone was interested in the three of us. Not just Judy. Not just James. Not just Paul. But me, James, and Paul. We were confused and managed to answer their questions that came one after the other. Before we knew it, the two hours were up and I felt dizzy.

And just like that, the visit was over.

I didn’t know what to feel. They were nice but all the other families were nice, too. But the biggest difference was that they wanted to get to know all three of us. Afterwards, we didn’t know what to say or think so we stayed quiet, even to one another. I think we were just super confused.

Next weekend, Robert and Lily came back to visit, bringing board games. “We thought we’d try out your competitive sides today,” Lily said laughing. And just like the first time, we were all quizzed about our hobbies, school, friends, and life at Ho’omalu. I decided to give them a test. “We love Ho’omalu. We get to stay together. And NO ONE tries to split us up.” Robert nodded in agreement, “That’s right. You guys shouldn’t be separated.” I was shocked. They actually passed the test.

For the next three months, Robert and Lily came to visit the three of us every Sunday. But they never got tired of asking questions and learning more and more about us.

From then on, things moved quickly, especially for us. We even got to leave Ho’omalu and went to the beach and ice skating. By the fifth month, Robert and Lily showed up at their usual time, but Karen was with them. Karen went first. “I think you guys have learned a lot about each other. The Sasaki’s want to become your Resource Caregivers and take you out of Ho’omalu. “But only if you want to,” Lily quickly added.

Again, James and Paul looked at me for the answer. “Ummm, all three of us, right?” I had to make sure it was me, James, AND Paul. No one was getting left out. “Correct, all three of you. We even have three bedrooms and Judy, your room has its own bathroom.”

I think I just gave up at that point. There was no reason to fight against it. No reason to wait. No reason to say no. Our biggest goal in life was not to get separated. And here were two resource caregivers who wanted to keep us TOGETHER!

And seven months from the date we moved in with the Sasaki’s, it happened. We became Judy Sasaki. James Sasaki. Paul Sasaki. We had a mom and dad who promised not to leave us. We had our own home. And the most important thing—we had one another. After the court ceremony, Paul softly but assuredly whispered, “Cheehoo,” marking it the first Sasaki slogan.
The Family Strengthening Center (FSC) has had another year of exciting events and changes. We were thrilled to gain two new staff psychologists, Drs. Megan Deaver and Danielle Pagat. Their addition has been of great value to our center as they bring with them their areas of expertise, clinical experience, and positive presence. They have been involved in training our future behavioral health providers and the future planning of the center. We look forward to their continued contributions in working with our families and helping to expand our services.

Looking ahead, we also appreciated the past efforts that built the foundation of our center as we celebrated the retirement of Dr. Steven Choy, the founder of the FSC. Thanks to the many hands offered in preparations for his party, namely Alana Anderson, Erin Nobriga, and Dr. Kimberlee Kunichika. The celebration was a memorable event for Dr. Choy and those who worked alongside him for so many years. His work in changing lives was evident in the many who came forward to share of their memories. From the unexpected phone call in the middle of Dr. Sean Scanlan’s presentation, to the heart-felt thanks by former peer mentors, the emotions that were felt reflected Dr. Choy’s many accomplishments in the field of child maltreatment. His work will be further recognized as he was recently informed of being selected to receive the Jonathan Won Child Maltreatment Prevention Award at the Institute on Violence, Abuse and Trauma (IVAT) Hawaii International Summit in April 2023.

Dr. Steven J. Choy, Ph.D.
Former Director & current Chief Psychologist,
The Family Strengthening Center (FSC)
“A family doesn’t need to be perfect... It just needs to be united.”

Training
We had another successful training year with our 2021-2022 trainees comprised of 10 diagnostic practicum students, two marriage and family therapy students, four advanced practicum students, three interns, and two post-doctoral fellows. Our 2022-2023 trainees are currently mid-way through the training year and preparing for mock trial, which provides trainees the opportunity to interface with UH Law students in a mock trial situation.

Two of our FSC interns, Julia Palozzi and Megan Broome, will have their posters presented at the annual IVAT conference in April. Several of our staff, interns and practicum students will also be volunteering at the IVAT conference and attending trainings focused on providing trauma-informed care. The ongoing training opportunities provided to our trainees and staff help to ensure that our FSC clients receive empirically-based treatment that adheres to current best practices in the ever-changing field of mental health.

Clients
The FSC continues to expand in several areas including Developmental Disability (DD) Assessments, which has created another specialized niche for our clinicians. We had a number of families graduate from Parent Child Interaction Therapy (PCIT) during this past year where they demonstrated learned skills and exhibited closer bonds with their children. There has also been an increase in requests for PCIT services from both CWS and self-referred clients from the community. Currently, the FSC has anywhere between 30 to 40 clients being provided therapeutic services.

Accomplishments
There have been several accomplishments in this short year. In January, we received confirmation that the FSC/FPH was awarded a 50k grant from the Chamber of Commerce. This will be used to hold a training for certification in the specialized area of child maltreatment, which will be open to various organizations who work and interface with children and families. This has been a lengthy journey for Drs. Choy and Andaya as it is hoped that this training will enable others to identify early signs of maltreatment and reduce incidents of abuse, preventing harm, and protecting our precious keiki.

Another cause for celebration is FSC entering the final stretch towards seeking accreditation from the American Psychological Association for the FSC internship program. Drs. Choy and Andaya first embarked on this path in July 2020 and in February of this year, the site visit from APA finally happened. To our pleasant surprise, the APA site visitors were impressed by our internship training program, including having the full support of FPH CEO, Keith Kuboyama. The visitors conveyed their positive feedback, and we await their final decision in the next few months.

Overall, it has been a year of positive growth and expanding opportunities. The tireless efforts of our FSC staff has been critical in the success of FSC. Their innovative ideas, supportive efforts and tenacity help to inspire as we work together in accomplishing our mission of strengthening families.
TRAUMA-INFORMED CARE
All of our assessment and treatment services are Trauma Informed. Trauma-Informed Care is a strengths-based framework grounded in an understanding of and responsiveness to the impact of trauma, that emphasizes physical, psychological, and emotional safety for everyone, and that creates opportunities for survivors to rebuild a sense of control and empowerment.

PARENT-CHILD INTERACTION THERAPY (PCIT)
PCIT is an Evidence-Based Relationship Psychotherapy program developed to treat families with children ages 2-8 who exhibit behavioral problems that are interfering with the child’s healthy development. The treatment is designed to improve parent-child relationships and address children’s emotional and behavioral regulation challenges. PCIT helps parents manage their child’s behaviors more effectively through building a warm and responsive relationship with their child. Research has shown that by strengthening parent-child interactions, this results in improved child and family function. The Family Strengthening Center serves as a PCIT Training Center for Hawaii.

GROUP THERAPY
Group therapy reduces the psychological trauma children experience from abuse, neglect, and separation from parents. This program helps to develop a child's psychological strengths in order to facilitate healthy development. These services are provided to children who have entered the child welfare system and have been temporarily placed at the Ho’omalu O Na Kamaliʻi shelter. The shelter keeps children safe until they can be reunified with their parents or placed with appropriate kin or culturally similar resource caregivers in their community.
In its second year at Family Programs Hawaii, the Voluntary Case Management (VCM) continued to deliver quality services to local families in the Leeward area, who have been referred by Child Welfare Services (CWS) and identified as "moderate to moderate high risk." During the course of the year, VCM received 149 unduplicated referrals. With the assistance of partnering service providers, the team was able to see 102 families complete VCM services to address the variety of issues within their family system.

The VCM staff recently worked with a family residing on the Wai‘anae Coast. This home had children ranging from 9 years old to 17 years old, including teenagers living with problematic behaviors such as truancy, running away from home, and suicidal ideations. VCM case managers were able to provide valuable resources that included the Wai‘anae Comprehensive Coast Health Care Center Behavioral Health, Adult Friends for Youth, and counseling by Child Welfare Services and the Department of Health. After about seven months, the household was able to gain supportive services, create a safe and nurturing living environment, and successfully complete our VCM program. This is one example of the amazing families VCM case managers come along side of, so that the parents and caregivers can effectively care for the varied needs of their children.
"It's a second chance. We correct the families' problem(s) in a therapeutic way."
- Tomi, VCM Case Manager

As a Case Manager, VCM is in place for so many reasons why we all do what we do, for me, it is part of my passion to provide support for any family whether it's VCM family or not. At times, I get calls from other family members/ friends, who are not a VCM case, seeking support for their o’hana, always everyone anytime... Correction is not the proper term to use in VCM, as families go through so much in the home, including our own, and having a program as VCM is the greatest tool to void further trauma in any home for any child.

To me, VCM provides support to every family with resources/referrals giving families empowerment to become stronger, healthier, and have a safer home.
- Kelly, VCM Case Manager
“It felt like everything was how it used to be. The Holiday Party at the Blaisdell was back! For me and my husband, it’s nice to know that all these families who attend the party are just like us, whether they have 5 kids or 13 kids, as we do. They know how it feels to be Resource Caregivers or adoptive parents. And the kids... ever since we got the invite, they couldn’t wait to see their friends and, of course, the gifts from Santa. We told them it was because they’re special. And that’s how Family Programs Hawaii makes us feel...special.” - Susan, Resource Caregiver And Adoptive Mother

Being separated from their families can be hard for any child in foster care but the holidays can be an especially difficult time. That’s why the Family Programs Hawaii “Annual Holiday Party for Keiki and Families in Foster Care” is always important as it ensures that every keiki in attendance has the best holiday imaginable. And what made this year’s 24th event even more special? It was the first in-person celebration since the pandemic in 2019. Children, youth, and families returned to the Blaisdell Center Exhibition Hall on Sunday, December 6, 2022 for a day of fun-filled activities, food, and of course, presents from Santa. Thanks to the support of the local community, including event title sponsor, Cades Foundation, Sunday’s schedule was packed with a fun-filled afternoon for all in attendance, not just for the children and youth. The holiday festivities included booths manned by our sponsors and local community partners consisting of games, activities, an assortment of prizes, and delectable treats, like the time-honored tradition of freshly spun cotton candy and hot popcorn. Friends waved at each other from across the room, excitedly yelling “Howzit!” And siblings, separated by different homes and different Resource Caregivers saw each other for the “first time in forever,” as one brother and sister commented. “She looks old, now. She’s an Aunty,” the brother laughed as his sister playfully punched him on his shoulder. “I look the same when we went...”
to the beach, you remember?” referring to their monthly visits organized by our Project Visitation program. Everything was back to normal.

And, of course, the culmination of the whole event were the presents from Santa, lovingly hand-picked and wrapped by a cadre of volunteers for each and every keiki and youth at the celebration. The sheer excitement of receiving gifts, just because they are special was enthusiastically welcomed by each member of the family – the children and youth, some of whom couldn’t wait for the drive home, ripped into their gifts to find the “cool and awesome” toys, dolls, and a whole assortment of goodies; the family members, who looked on with smiles at their happy keiki, a few dabbing their eyes with tissue; and the volunteers and staff, who spent a countless number of hours in preparation for this one moment.

“You Are Amazing” was this year’s chosen theme. Our keiki should come away with the knowledge that they matter and can go the distance. We can all agree that every child and youth is amazing, especially those who have persevered through many hardships in the foster care system. And every child and youth deserves an equally amazing future. After all...

“[We] believe that children are the future. Teach them well and let them lead the way. Show them all the beauty they possess inside.” - Whitney Houston

For eighteen years, Family Programs Hawaii has been providing children in foster care a day in which dreams can and do come true. Through the generous support of donors, the community, staff, and numerous volunteers, a winter wonderland is created in the Blaisdell Exhibition Hall, where friends, family, and familiar faces gather together for a day of fun. And indeed, it was a memorable afternoon. After months of preparation, organizing meetings, finalizing the layout, communicating with the venue, emailing volunteers and supporters, and soliciting sponsors to solidify the fundraising efforts, families, along with volunteers were involved in creating an amazing 24th Annual Holiday Party. It truly was a positively overwhelming experience to witness the outpouring of support from everyone across the State, as well as the mainland.
What is Legacy Giving?
A legacy gift to Family Programs Hawaii (FPH) ensures that we will continue fulfilling our purpose to provide the resources for Hawaii’s children to reach their full potential, especially children who are in or may become involved in foster care. Your generosity will have a lasting impact on the lives of our youth and families in the foster care community through our programs and services.

Additionally, our ‘ohana who intend to leave Family Programs Hawaii in their estate planning can realize valuable tax and income benefits through their gift, while at the same time, support our organization.

What Are the Three Types of Planned Gifts?
- Outright gifts that use appreciated assets as a substitute for cash.
- Gifts that return income or other financial benefits to the donor in return for the contribution.
- Gifts payable upon the donor’s passing.

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- Donors can contribute appreciated property, like securities or real estate, receive a charitable deduction for the full market value of the asset, and pay no capital gains tax on the transfer.
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For more information on Legacy Giving, please contact:
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As an adoption recruiter, I am continually blown away by the resiliency of our youth in care, and the amazing hearts of those who were destined to be their forever homes.

This past year, I had the privilege of meeting a young man named Jhyres when he was sixteen and a half years old, whose greatest desire was to be a part of a family he could call his own. As we spent time building a relationship with one another, we discussed the kind of family he felt would be the best fit for him and the fact that he knew it wasn’t too late for his dream of having a family to be realized.

Jhyres was very proud of his Hawaiian ancestry and had a strong desire to learn as much as he could about his culture, its values, and where he comes from. When he was placed in what would be his final foster home, Jhyres learned that his foster family was strong practitioners of the Hawaiian culture, something that allowed him to feel at home and at peace within their home almost instantly. He shared that he had never felt so loved and respected by a family before, and as time went on, Jhyres surprised us again when he took it upon himself to ask his foster family if they could be his forever home. His foster dad was extremely touched, as this was the first time in over twenty years of being a foster parent, that one of his youth had approached him with this question. Their foster home is a multi-generational home, so in true Hawaiian fashion, the family discussed his request and it was a resounding YES from everyone!!!! Two weeks after his seventeenth birthday, Jhyres became an official part of his family through legal guardianship!!
EXPENSES

Programs for Children, Youth and Families
$2,781,000

Fundraising
$176,000

Administration and Management
$299,000

2022 FINANCIAL STATEMENT*

*Unaudited

PROGRAMS FOR CHILDREN, YOUTH AND FAMILIES
85%

FUNDRAISING
5%

ADMINISTRATION AND MANAGEMENT
9%
REVENUE

Fundraising (includes Legacy Giving) $295,000

Interest Income $1,000

Holiday Party $174,000

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25th Annual Holiday Party for Keiki and Youth in Foster Care

December 2023

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Highlights of Dr. Choy’s Career

- Director, Family Strengthening Center: 2014-2022
- Served as the Director of the Kapiolani Child Protection Center (KCPC) for 24 years
- Associate Professor, Hawaii School of Psychology at Chaminade University of Honolulu: April 2019-2022 (Retired-Affiliated Professor Status)
- Associate Professor, Argosy University, College of Clinical Psychology
- Authored/Co-Authored numerous publications
- Noted speaker/trainer since 1990
- HAWAI! State Licensed Psychologist since December 14, 1977
- Specialty Certification in Child Maltreatment
- Parent-Child Interaction Therapy Therapist & Trainer
- Child Parent Psychotherapy Rostered Therapist
- 2019 Hawaii Psychological Association Lifetime Achievement Psychology Award
- 2017 Hawaii State Judiciary Certificate of Recognition
- 2016 HI State Legislature Outstanding Contribution in Prevention of Child Abuse Certificate
- 2019 HI State Legislature Outstanding Contribution to the Hawaii Child Welfare System
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