

**TO: Former Foster Youth**

**Looking for Housing Opportunities?**

**What: New O'ahu Program: FAMILY UNIFICATION PROGRAM**

**Da Scoops:**

- The Department of Human Services, City and County of Honolulu and Hale Kipa are collaborating to help former foster youth access affordable housing through the Family Unification Program (FUP).
- FUP participants receive a Housing Choice Voucher, funded by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). This voucher allows the participant to rent a home in the community from any landlord. Participants pay between 30% and 40% of their monthly-adjusted income towards rent and utilities with the balance paid by the Section 8 Program. (Income includes wages and social security, etc.; it does not include Higher Education funds)
- The housing assistance is for a maximum of 18 months.

**Eligibility Criteria: Young Adult must be:**

1. Upon application, must be between the ages of 18-21 (has not reached 22<sup>nd</sup> birthday), who was in foster care on or after their 16th birthday.
2. Currently lack adequate housing. Lack of adequate housing includes living in substandard (includes not having a usable toilet for exclusive use of youth) or dilapidated housing, being homeless, displaced by domestic violence, living in an overcrowded unit, or living in housing not accessible due to the nature of his/her disability.
3. Pass Public Housing Authority/Department of Community Services (DCS) eligibility criteria.
4. Willing to develop Transitional Plan and have a monthly meeting with Hale Kipa Case Manager that focuses on supportive services.
5. Willing to fulfill other FUP obligations which include completing employment, rental portfolio, financial literacy etc. classes. This may be done by enrolling in Hale Kipa, DCS or other community classes.

**Procedure for Enrollment:**

1. Call 589-1829 x202 or email [jaq@halekipa.org](mailto:jaq@halekipa.org) and ask for an FUP Application.