









WHAT WE CAN EXPECT TONIGHT

- Power Point Presentation
- Family Testimony
- Breakout Session



Native Hawaiian Communities

- In 2008, Hawai'i's Child Welfare Services received over 4800 reports of child abuse and or neglect-physical, sexual, psychological
- In 2007-2008, 51% of the children in the foster care system were of Native Hawaiian ancestry
- 2008-2009, Native Hawaiian children in foster care is at approximately 40%, still a high percentage.
- About 1400 of Hawaii's children are in foster care at any given time.
- 150 foster children await permanent homes.



SECTIONS/YEAR	INTAKES	CONFIRMED	REMOVED
Leeward/2006	948	615 = 65%	413 = 67.5%
Diamond Head/2006	634	311 = 49%	234 = 75%
Central/2006	730	372 = 51%	247 = 66%
Leeward/2007	909	461 = 51%	345 = 75%
Diamond Head/2007	661	273 = 41%	178 = 65%
Central/2007	766	368 = 48%	246 = 67%
Leeward/2008	947	409 = 43%	293 = 72%
Diamond Head/2008	772	340 = 44%	185 = 54%
Central/2008	848	438 = 52%	274 = 63%

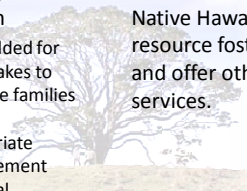


**Significant Breakthroughs with
Community Providers**

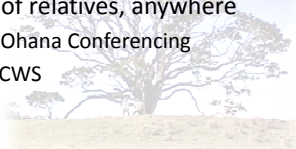
-Differential Response System: Prevents the
case from going into the legal system,
whereby preventing CWS involvement

- VCM-Voluntary Case Management
 1. Family Programs Hawaii
 2. Catholic Charities Hawaii
- FSS-Family Support Services
 1. Child and Family Services

- ERT-Emergency Response Team
 1. DHS/CWS-added for weekend intakes to work with the families to locate safe/appropriate relative placement upon removal
- Kokua `Ohana-Recruit Native Hawaiian resource foster homes and offer other services.



- KPP-Keiki Placement Project-Weekly reviews for children 0-3 years of age to promote location of relatives, anywhere
 1. Epic `Ohana Conferencing
 2. DHS/CWS





If you plan for a year, plant kalo
If you plan for ten years, plant koa
If you plan for one hundred years,
teach the children aloha `aina.
-author unknown



Mahalo!
