# **Some of YOUR Options:**

#### Work

Work is still the primary source of skills training. You can learn a lot on the job that you would never learn in the classroom.

#### **♦** Apprenticeship

An apprenticeship is on-the-job training with a professional.

#### **♦** Military Service

The military can be a great option for some people. The training can be excellent and some military training could be applied to civilian life.

#### **♦** Vocational/Technical Schools

Vocational/technical schools provide training in a special skill area, usually resulting in the award of a certificate, are available in a wide range of topics.

#### **♦** Community/Junior Colleges

Community colleges provide two-year educational programs that result in the awarding of an associate degree or credits that you can take with you to an undergraduate school.

#### **♦** Undergraduate Schools

Undergraduate schools are four-year colleges that award bachelor's degrees.



Create *your own* roadmap to a life that includes happiness, good health & meaningful work.

# **Documents Foster Youth Need When Aging Out of the Foster Care System:**

- Social security card
- Certified birth certificate
- Identification card
- Copy of high school diploma or GED
- Health and education summary
- MedQUEST medical insurance card
- Letter from DHS social worker verifying foster care status in Hawaii
- Copy of the court order that awarded foster custody to the state
- Name & address of current doctor(s)
- List of prescribed medications

#### *If applicable:*

- Immigration documentation papers
- Death certificate of parent(s)
- Info on how to continue with mental health or substance abuse treatment services



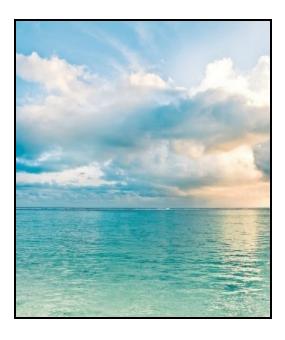




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# Resources Available for Current & Former Foster Youth



The day will come when *YOU* will be making the important decisions about your future.

Use this brochure to help *YOU* start planning *YOUR* future now!

# Remember, You Are Not Alone!!

There are people who want to help you create a bright future! See what's being offered below!

#### **STATEWIDE:**

#### Hawai'i Youth Conservation Corps:

(808) 735-1221 ~ Fantastic statewide opportunities for youth interested in the conservation field.

Hawai'i Foster Youth Coalition: (808) 545-5683 E-mail: fosteryouthspeak@gmail.com. Youth led organization that advocates for foster youth.

Imua Kākou: 1-844-588-IMUA (4682) (Statewide) NEW program that helps young adults who exit foster care at 18 or older with money, medical coverage, and support. www.imua21.org

#### **Independent Living Program Providers:**

Oʻahu-Hale Kipa, Inc.: (808) 589-1829, ext. 202 Big Island-Salvation Army: (808) 959-5855, ext 14 Kauaʻi-Child & Family Service: (808) 245-5914 Maui/Molokaʻi/Lanaʻi-Maui Youth & Services: (808) 579-8414

**'Ohana Connections:** Helps foster youth find & reconnect with family & kinship family members. Referrals made through your social worker or GAL.

**shakatown.com:** Safe place to upload documents, connect to your social workers and more.

**Youth Circles:** Neighbor Islands 1-866-636-1644 Oahu: (808) 358-2220 ~ Brings together people *you chose* to help you develop a plan for your future.

**YES HI:** (808) 462-2144 ~ Youth driven program that provides peer support & outreach services to youth involved in child welfare aged 14-26.

#### KAUA 'I:

**First Jobs Academy:** (808) 245-2873, ext. 8205 (Kauai) Provides jobs to foster youth by matching youth with employers who agree to be "business mentors' to youth trained in Work Readiness Skills.

#### O 'AHU:

eXcel: (808) 540-2532 ~ Helps current and formerfoster youth prepare for college or vocational training

**Horizons House:** (808) 422-0852 ~ (O'ahu) Provides guidance, housing and independent living skills to males aged 18 - 25.

**Journey to Success:** (808) 941-7070 ~ (O'ahu) Mentors for Native Hawaiian current & former foster youth ages 14 to 20.

**Mentoring Connection:** (808) 781-6066 (Oahu) Provides support to 12 to 20 year old current & foster youth through mentors.

**Step Up Housing Program:** (808) 754-7643 (O'ahu) Provides access to affordable housing.

**YO:** Youth Outreach providing basic services such as food, shower and clothing. (808) 942-5858

**Youth Services Center:** (808) 768-5777 (O'ahu) Provides tutoring, occupational training & more.

## O 'AHU/BIG ISLAND/MAUI/ KAUA'I:

### Hawai'i Job Corps:

Oʻahu, Kauaʻi & Kona: (808) 536-0695

Hilo & Maui: (808) 579-6505

Educational/vocational training for youth between 16 & 24 years old. Housing also available.

#### Hawai'i Youth Opportunities Initiative

Phone: (808) 748-7052 ~ Provides Financial Literacy Training, bank accounts and matched asset purchases for foster youth ages 14-24. E-mail: dulima@epicohana.org

#### O 'AHU/EAST HAWAI'I:

**Project Visitation:** (808) 540-2544 (O'ahu and Kona) Reunites brothers and sisters separated by the foster care system through visits.

#### **EAST HAWAI'I:**

**Ho'ololi Mua No Ke ola Senior Program:** (Hilo) (808) 935-2876 Helps high school seniors in foster care prepare for & successfully complete

# Tips for Youth:

- Do well in school NOW to qualify for more scholarships later.
- Connect with tutoring help if you need it.
- Schedule a Youth Circle!
- Connect with other foster youth.
- Fill out your Free Application for FAFSA in early January of your senior year.
- Get connected to someone who works in the field you are interested in.
- Talk to a trusted adult in your life to help you develop *your* plan.
- Take college campus tours.
- Consider attending a community college to get more personalized attention in the classroom and save money. Get your application in early to qualify for additional FREE money!

#### **Advice To You From Former Foster Youth:**

- ◆ Pursue what you want to do—the resources are out there for you!
- Take responsibility & do your part to be independent.
- ◆ Take advantage of the benefits that you can access because you were once in foster care.

When going to college, you may qualify for:

- Victoria S. & Bradley Geist Foundation Scholarships (808-566-5570)
- Pell Grant (www.fafsa.ed.gov)
- DHS Higher Education Board Allowance\*
- Education and Training Voucher\*
- Hawaii Community Foundation Scholarships

(www.hawaiicommunityfoundation.org/scholarships)

<sup>\*</sup> Call your social worker for information.