

*The Judiciary's Hawai'i Court Improvement Program and the Hawai'i Department of Human Services  
are pleased to invite you to attend the 9<sup>th</sup> annual*



# Ohana is Forever

## *Beyond a Label*

**Ko'olau Golf Course in Kaneohe, Oahu**

**Friday, July 24, 2015**

**Registration & Continental Breakfast: 8:30 a.m.**

**Conference: 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.**

Please join us for this free, statewide, foster youth-focused conference for current and former foster youth and those who support them, including Family Court judges, guardian's ad litem (GALs), Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASAs), Department of Human Services staff, resource families, and service providers. Continental breakfast and lunch will be served.

This conference will provide tools to guide youth to rise above past adverse experiences and build a foundation for ensuring a happy future and a positive legacy. Adult workshops include:

- *Helping Each Other See* ~ Presenter Christian Alameda, Ph.D, aka Dr. Kimo, is a Cultural Psychologist and former resource caregiver. Dr. Kimo will help us examine the awareness, attitudes, knowledge, and skills needed to learn how labels can limit us and how universals can connect us.
- *Defining Normal: Working Together to Improve Life for Young People in Foster Care* ~ Panel consisting of HI H.O.P.E.S. Youth Leadership Boards will review the law that sets out guidelines for child welfare agencies to improve a young person's social capital and give resource caregivers more opportunities to act as a natural parent would in relation to everyday activities. This workshop will provide the youth voice of experience and recommendations for those working with foster youth and resource caregivers. Participants will work in small groups to discuss possible methods and solutions around normalcy and prudent parenting.
- *Beyond a Label* ~ Presenter Francesca Weems is a native of the Big Island and entered the foster care system at the age of 8 years old. She has defied statistics for foster children, going on to graduate from the University of California, Berkeley with a Bachelor's degree in Mass Communications and a Master's in Education. After living away from home for 10 years, Francesca made her return to islands this year to work as a Sports Anchor/ Reporter for Hawaii News Now. Francesca will inspire you and answer your questions about how she beat the odds.

[Click here](#) to register on-line by July 7, 2015 at

<http://familyprogramshawaii.org/events/ohana-is-forever-beyond-a-label/>

Be sure to choose "Adult, Service Provider" under the "Is Attendee" field.

Type N/A if you prefer not to answer these fields: mailing address, city, zip, and birthdate.

Participation is by invitation only. Space is available on a first come, first served basis.

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