



hana is Forever

Beyond a Label

July 24, 2015 • 9:00 A.M. • Ko‘olau Ballrooms • Kaneohe, Hawai‘i

Program of Events

8:30 a.m. **REGISTRATION AND CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST – Grand Ballroom**

9:00 a.m. **WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS**
Emcees: Malia Malufau, Gernani Yutob, Jr., and Keola Limkin

9:05 a.m. **OPENING REMARKS**
Honorable Bode Uale, Lead Judge, Juvenile Division, Family Court of the First Circuit
Rachael Wong, Director, Department of Human Services

9:15 a.m. **PANEL PRESENTATION**
Powered til 26 – Presented by the members of the HI H.O.P.E.S. Youth Leadership Boards

9:30 a.m. **KEYNOTE**
Helping Each Other See – Presented by Dr. Kimo Alameda. Biracial and bicultural, Dr. Kimo will help participants understand prejudice and discrimination, and counter stereotypes and labels, while promoting acceptance for all.

10:00 a.m. **TRANSITION TO WORKSHOPS**

10:15 a.m. **YOUTH 17 and YOUNGER – Mauka Ballroom**
Write Yourself Free – Presented by Jenna Robinson. Jenna will share her story about how writing has helped her heal from trauma. This slam poetry workshop will help youth reclaim their stories and rewrite their future.

YOUTH 18 and OLDER – Makai Ballroom
Positive Labels – Presented by Dr. Kimo Alameda. Youth will learn the power of positivity and empathy to connect with those unlike themselves. Youth will learn to spot the common connections among people with diverse backgrounds.

ADULTS – Grand Ballroom
Defining Normal: Working Together to Improve Life for Young People in Foster Care – Presented by the HI H.O.P.E.S. Youth Leadership Board and Delia Ulima, Hawaii Youth Opportunities Initiative (HYOI) Statewide Initiative Coordinator. For young people who become a part of the foster care system, life is anything but normal. A new federal law sets out guidelines for child welfare agencies and courts 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 review the law, provide the youth voice and outline recommendations. Breakout groups will discuss various issues that affect a young person's well-being and normalcy while in foster care.

- 11:45 a.m. **LUNCH - Glass Ballroom**
Aloha, I AM... is a group activity to help ALL participants reflect on their personal label, and choose a positive label as their own.
- 1:00 p.m. **YOUTH 17 and YOUNGER –Makai Ballroom**
Boss Boards – Presented by YES Hawai'i and Aloha Dreamboard, LLC. The purpose of this workshop is to guide participants to discover and move toward realizing their dreams and desires while balancing multiple areas in their lives.
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- ADULT WORKSHOP – Grand Ballroom**
What??? Wear a Weighted Backpack, or, You Could Go Take a Hike!!! – Presented by Valerie Chang. Valerie will help us understand how underlying challenges with sensory processing may be behind concerning behaviors. She will give us strategies to help us identify when this happens so we can move “beyond a label” when working with children and youth.
- 2:30 p.m. **TRANSITION TO GRAND BALLROOM**
- 2:45 p.m. **ADULTS and YOUTH/ALUMNI – Grand Ballroom**
Beyond a Label – Presented by Francesca Weems. A former foster youth, Francesca fell in love with sports at a young age and equates life to running: there is a finish line that represents where you want to be in life. In order to reach that finish line, it takes practice and determination. She will share her story and take questions from the audience. Her favorite quote is, “Adversity causes some men to break; others to break records,” by William Arthur Ward.
- 3:15 p.m. *Who Are YOU? What You Think Matters* – Presented by Nellie Mamuad, our Emcees, and Francesca Weems. This presentation includes a video created by YES Hawai'i and an art activity.
- 3:45 p.m. **CLOSING**
Bringing it Together – Presented by Emcees
- 4:00 p.m. **PAU**
- 4:15 p.m. **BUSES DEPART FOR LEEWARD COAST AND HONOLULU INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT**

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