

2020 Annual (Virtual) Child Welfare Law Update

September 4, 2020

8:30 a.m. WELCOME

Honorable Bode Uale, Family Court of the First Circuit
Cathy Betts, Director, Department of Human Services and Daisy Hartsfield,
Acting Social Services Division Administrator, Department of Human
Services
Thomas Haia, Program Emcee

**8:40 a.m. CHILD WELFARE STATUTORY CHANGES AND
APPELLATE DECISIONS**

Patrick Pascual, Deputy Attorney General, Family Law Division
(Q&A to follow)

**9:10 a.m. JUDICIARY AND EXECUTIVE BRANCH: CHILD
WELFARE INITIATIVES, ACCOMPLISHMENTS, AND
PLANS FOR 2020-21**

Family Court: Honorable Bode A. Uale, Judge, Family Court, First Circuit
Department of Education: Yvonne Humble, Ph.D., Director of Student
Support Services; and Theresa Sanchez, Education Specialist,
Transitions Student Support Services Section
Department of Human Services: Tonia Mahi, Assistant Branch
Administrator, Child Welfare Services; and Elladine Olevao, Branch
Administrator, Child Welfare Services
Department of Health: Lesley Slavin, Ph.D., Chief Psychologist, Child and
Adolescent Mental Health Division, Department of Health
(Q&A to follow)

**10:00 a.m. FOSTER YOUTH BILL OF RIGHTS AND DEVELOPMENT
OF A PONO PROCESS.**

The rights of Hawaii's youth in foster care are described in H.R.S. Chapter 587A-
3.1 (Rights of children in foster care). The Pono Process, developed in
collaboration with youth, the courts, DHS, the University of Hawaii School of

Law, and many community stakeholders, ensures these youth “access to justice” by providing a venue for pursuing these rights. HI H.O.P.E.S. members, who have provided the youth voice in the development process will describe the Pono Process in this conference segment.

Presented by Patricia (Patty) Duh, Pono Process Lead, and Noy Worachit, Pono Process Navigator; and Delia Ulima, HI H.O.P.E.S. Statewide Initiative Manager

10:30 a.m. VIRTUAL ‘OHANA TIME CAN BE EFFECTIVE: WHAT THE CHILD WELFARE COMMUNITY NEEDS TO KNOW

This segment will provide a review of research on videochats with families, with a focus on young children. Important considerations to be covered include the age of the child, length of time and frequency for optimal videocalls, role of resource caregivers and parents, the importance of planning, tips for effective videochats, and other considerations such as videochats with multiple siblings.

Presented by Rachel Barr, Ph.D., Professor, Department of Psychology, Georgetown University

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