

# 2021 Annual (Virtual) Child Welfare Law Update

August 27, 2021

**8:30 a.m. WELCOME**

Honorable Matthew Viola, Family Court of the First Circuit  
Daisy Hartsfield, Social Services Division Administrator, Department of  
Human Services  
Kevin Adaniya, J.D., 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 2021-2022**

Family Court: Honorable Andrew Park, 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: Elladine Olevao, Branch Administrator,  
Child Welfare Services; and Tonia Mahi, Assistant Branch  
Administrator, Child Welfare Services; and  
Department of Health: Kurt Humphrey, M.D., Child and Adolescent Mental  
Health Division (CAMHD), Medical Director

**10:00 a.m. SUPPORTS FOR FOSTER YOUTH**

The recent pandemic has strained the resources of current and former foster youth. HI H.O.P.E.S. members will discuss how the pandemic has affected foster youth and how the Consolidated Appropriations Act provides financial resources to help address these arising needs. They will also provide an update on the Pono Process for foster youth and recent efforts to ensure foster youth receive their vital documents upon reaching age 18.

Presented by HI H.O.P.E.S. Board members Patricia Duh and Melissa Mayo, and HI HOPES Statewide Initiative Coordinator, Delia Ulima

**10:30 a.m. NAVIGATING THE OPIOID PROBLEM IN CHILD WELFARE CASES: PRACTICAL TIPS FOR SOCIAL WORKERS, GUARDIANS AD LITEM, PARENT COUNSEL, AND JUDGES**

- Understand neurobiological effects of addictive substances
- Understand the effects of substance use on parenting and attachment
- What are opioids?
- Understand opioid dependence/addiction
- How is Opioid Use Disorder treated (with an emphasis on Medication-Assisted Treatment)?
- Why is Medication-Assisted Treatment used for certain substance use disorders, but not for others?
- Can Medication-Assisted Treatment be used for Methamphetamine Use Disorder?
- Practical tips for social workers, GALs, parent counsel and judges for navigating the opioid problem in child welfare cases
- Reunification planning
- What to do when relapse has occurred?
- Family Drug Court vs. regular track cases
- Reconciling parental rights, best interest of the children, and legal timelines in child welfare cases involving Opioid Use Disorder?
- Understand the differences between Opioid Use Disorder and other substance use disorders, especially Methamphetamine Use Disorder (which is the most prevalent in Hawaii)
- Hawaii programs, e.g., Women's Way, that offer Medication Assisted Treatment

Presented by Stephanie Tabashneck, PsyD, JD, author of *Substance Use and Parenting: Best Practices for Family Court Practitioners* (2021); and Candace Pang, Executive Director, Salvation Army- Family Treatment Services

**12 Noon PAU!**

Handouts from the conference will be posted at [www.ittakesanohana.org](http://www.ittakesanohana.org) → \_Handouts → Factsheets/Conference Handouts → 2021 Annual Child Welfare Law Update

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