

INFORMATIONAL MEETING ON RESOURCE CAREGIVER LICENSING AND SUPPORT

In partnership with the Court Improvement Project and
Department of Human Services, Child Welfare Services



CATHOLIC CHARITIES
HAWAII



PARTNERS IN DEVELOPMENT
FOUNDATION

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TOPICS

- HAR 17-1625 “Licensing of Resource Family Homes for Children”
- New contracts
- Title IV-E impacts on permanency planning for youth in care
- Requirements to be licensed as a resource caregiver
- Resource Caregiver Website
- Resource Caregiver Licensing Portal
- Revamped pre-service training (H.A.N.A.I.)
- Tips

Roadmap of Licensing Services

Hawaii Administrative Rules (HAR)

- 17-1625 "Licensing of Foster Family Homes for Children"
- 17-1627 "Licensing of Child Caring Institutions"
- 17-833 "Emergency Shelter Home Service"

Administration for Children and Families (Federal Laws)

Child Welfare Services Policy and Procedures (aka Greens) for Licensing

Child Welfare Services Licensing

<https://rcg.hawaii.gov>

RECRUITMENT

- 6 Full-Time Recruiters
- Kauai, Oahu (2), Maui County, Hilo, Kona
- \$50,000 Recruitment Budget

HOME STUDIES

- Child-Specific Home Study Assessments
- General-License Home Study Assessments

SUPPORT, including KINSHIP NAVIGATOR

- Annual Resource Caregiver Survey
- Ohana Navigator Program Coordinator
- On-Going Targeted Trainings for RCG's, Shelter Staff, ICPC/Guardianship/Adoptive Families
- GLUE Advisory Committee
- Pre-Service Training (H.A.N.A.I) for all New Resource Caregivers
- On-Going Targeted Support Groups for Resource Caregivers
- Quarterly Newsletter for Resource Caregivers, Shelters, ICPC/Guardianship/Adoptive Families
- Warm Line (7 days a week from 8:30a.m. to 10:00p.m.)
- Hawaii Foster Care Connections (Mobile App for all Resource Caregivers)

BINTI SOFTWARE SOLUTION

- Child-Specific Application Portal
- General-License Application Portal

CWS PARTNERSHIPS

Kamehameha Schools

Liliuokalani Trust

“HAR 17-1625 AND BACKGROUND CHECKS”

- Provide update on revisions

THE PROSPECTIVE RESOURCE CAREGIVER HAS THE FOLLOWING QUALITIES

- Has the personal commitment and willingness to foster
- Actively participate in shared responsibility with the agency, parents, and change-in-course of the keiki's development or placement service plan.
- Meet the needs of the keiki and the requirements of the agency
- Supports the goal of reunification

REQUIREMENTS TO BE A LICENSED A RESOURCE CAREGIVER

- 90 days from child's placement to issue “Unconditional License”
- Meet all required background clearances for everyone over the age of 18 years (CJIS, FBI/DOJ, State and National Sex Offender Registry, CA/N (Adam Walsh for individuals who have lived outside of the State of Hawaii in the last 5-years)
- Pre-Service (H.A.N.A.I.) mandatory training
- Medical Clearance
- TB Clearance for all household members
- Background Checks (CJIS, FBI, State and National Sex Offender Registry, CA/N (Adam Walsh for individuals that lived outside of Hawaii in the last 5-years)
- Meet basic housing safety levels, including appropriate space for the keiki to sleep and store their belongings

DUTIES OF CWS LICENSING WORKER

- Approve/Deny/Revoke/Renew/Suspend provisional extensions, certification, and recertification of potential, current and ongoing resource caregiver homes.
- Ensure that the RCG and all HH members have completed and cleared the necessary background and medical clearances prior to UNC licensing.
- Visit the resource family home to initiate and complete the licensing study for safety and appropriateness.
- Support the Resource Caregivers to ensure ongoing knowledge and skills to provide the needs to our foster children
- Document home visits, ongoing communication, updates, training, and determinations
- Licensing Workers/CWS agency have the final licensing decision

PARTNERS IN DEVELOPMENT FOUNDATION – “PROJECT PILINA”

CATHOLIC CHARITIES HAWAII – STATEWIDE RESOURCE FAMILIES

LICENSING PROCESS FOR CHILD-SPECIFIC & GENERAL LICENSE RESOURCE CAREGIVERS

- Home Study (Pre-Service Training)
- Support Services

Target Population: Oahu, Hawaii Island, Maui County (Moloka`i & Lana`i), & Kauai

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Warmline

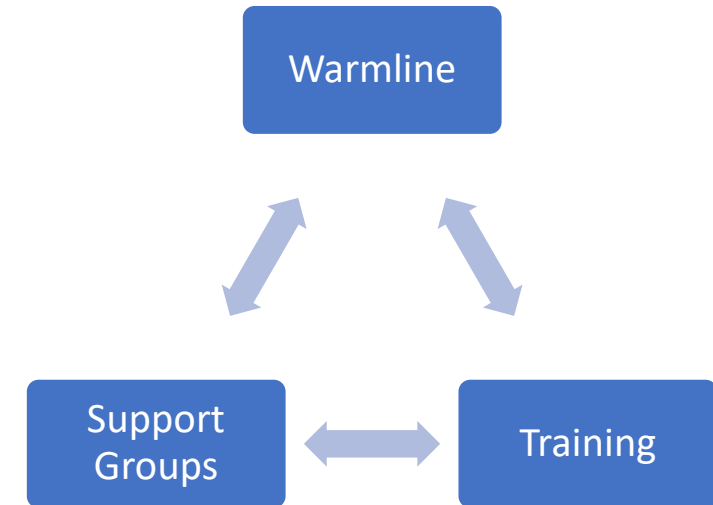
- 8:00am-5:30pm
- Information, referrals, non-emergency emotional support

Support Groups

- Monthly, statewide & Targeted (Grandparents, New Resource Caregivers, Caring for Teens, Shared Parenting)

Training

- Quarterly (Trauma Informed Care & Practice, Working with children with impact by substance abuse, Understanding Domestic Violence & Intimate Partner Violence, Forgiveness, Addressing Bullying, Human Trafficking, Supporting LGBTQ+ Youth, Managing Stress/Self Care, `Ohana Time, Shared Parenting, Attachment, Managing Difficult Behaviors, Child Development)



TITLE IV-E IMPACTS ON PERMANENCY PLANNING (LEGAL GUARDIANSHIP)

- Unconditionally licensed minimum of 6 months prior to Legal Guardianship

RECRUITMENT, APPLICATION AND RESOURCE WEBSITE FOR RESOURCE CAREGIVERS

- <http://rcg.hawaii.gov>
- Priorities: GL, Renewals, CS, Act 135, ICPC
- Everything was done by paper and Excel sheets – labor intensive and time consuming
- This will help all of us achieve the 90-day processing

PORTAL TRAINING FOR RESOURCE CAREGIVERS



Resource Caregiver Portal Training Household Members

November 13, 2021 (Saturday)
9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.

Earn 1 Training Hour
for attending!

HELP US BY
TELLING YOUR
RCG's!!!!



Join Zoom Meeting:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/85788439171?pwd=dFY1TVdkZDBEVFBxc0U0RjFKOGZEU09>

Meeting ID: 857 8843 9171
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Join us to learn more about our new licensing portal for resource caregivers!

Child Welfare Services along with our provider will be hosting a live event to demonstrate the licensing portal. We will also show you how to update your information and how to add all of your household members to your account.

Some features include:

- Online completion of the initial and re-certification licensing process
- Access 24 hours a day
- Secure uploading of documents
- Electronic signature on forms
- Reduction of paperwork
- Quick, real-time (live) customer support in English & Spanish

Visit our new recruitment and informational website for resource caregiver's: <http://rcg.hawaii.gov>

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REVAMPED PRE-SERVICE TRAINING FOR ALL NEW RESOURCE CAREGIVERS (H.A.N.A.I)

Year 1: 14 Hours (840 minutes)

SESSION 1-A

- 1) Introduction & Licensing Process (50 minutes)
- 2) Role of Resource Caregiver and Rights of Youth in Care (75 minutes)
- 3) Child Welfare Team & Court Process (60 minutes)

SESSION 1-B

- 1) Child Welfare Service (10 minutes)
- 2) Child Abuse, Neglect, and Human Trafficking (60 minutes)
- 3) Discipline Guidelines (30 minutes)
- 4) Safety (20 minutes)
- 5) What is Trauma & ACES (60 minutes)

SESSION 1-C

- 1) Impact of Trauma on the Brain (30 minutes)
- 2) Separation/Loss/Grief (40 minutes)
- 3) Culture (30 minutes)
- 4) Prudent Parenting, Special Considerations, Consultation, & Support (60 minutes)
- 5) Bill of Rights (15 minutes)

SESSION 1-D

- 1) `Ohana Time (150 minutes)

SESSION 1-E

- 1) Sexual Health, Childhood Development, & LGBTQA+ (150 minutes)

Year 2: 13 Hours (780 minutes)

SESSION 2-A

- 1) Ola Ka `Ohana (120 minutes)

SESSION 2-B

- 1) Trauma & Developmental Stages (60 minutes)
- 2) Being Trauma Responsive (40 minutes)
- 3) Attachment (20 minutes)
- 4) Caregiver Toolkit (45 minutes)

SESSION 2-C

- 1) Sibling Connection (60 minutes)
- 2) Social Capital (30 minutes)
- 3) Normalcy (45 minutes)
- 4) Promoting Resiliency 60 minutes)

SESSION 2-D

- 1) Transition (60 minutes)
- 2) Mandated Reporting (30 minutes)
- 3) Becoming an Advocate & Community Resources (60 minutes)

TIPS ON COLLABORATIVELY WORKING WITH CWS LICENSING STAFF

- What are we allowed to share with the GAL/CASA?
- For Child-Specific: Assist with timeliness of submitting documents and requirements
- Assist with notifying the licensing worker about ANY changes to the RCG's household (new household members, household members that left, new placements)
- Assist with notifying the licensing worker about placement changes for their youth
- Provide licensing status in GAL/CASA court reports

TIPS ON COLLABORATIVELY WORKING WITH PROJECT PILINA (RECRUITMENT)

TIPS ON COLLABORATIVELY WORKING WITH CATHOLIC CHARITIES (HOME STUDIES AND SUPPORT SERVICES)

- Help promote positive message of shared parenting.
- Encouraging the RCGs to complete requirements timely for the licensing process.
- Encourage RCGs to reach out to Support Services through the Warm Line if they need help/additional support.

“SHARED PARENTING”

Vision:

Birth Parents and Resource Caregivers are supported to partner and sustain relationships to provide permanency for children in foster care.

SHOW VIDEO ON “SHARED PARENTING” and Discussion

CWS Shared Parenting Workgroup – Quarterly

- List agency members

“OHANA CONFERENCING - LICENSING”

- OC Agenda

TRANSLATED DOCUMENTS AVAILABLE (MARSHALLESE, CHUUKESSE, ILOCANO, TAGALOG)

COMPLETED:

- ✓ Rights of Children in Foster Care
- ✓ Becoming a Relative Resource Caregiver Brochure
- ✓ Concurrent Planning Brochure
- ✓ HANAI Prudent Parenting Assessment Form
- ✓ Child-Specific RCG Application Form
- ✓ Don't Say No Until You Know
- ✓ Normalcy for Children & Youth

IN PROGRESS:

- Revamped Pre-Service Training
 - RCG Training Manual (Year 1 and Year 2)

COVID-19 RCG'S AND YOUTH

- RCG Vaccination Survey
- CWS Youth Vaccination Policy





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MAHALO FOR ALL THAT YOU DO FOR OUR CHILDREN/YOUTH IN FOSTER CARE
