

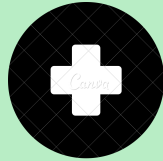
# FOSTER YOUTH RIGHTS

In 2018, the Foster Youth Bill of Rights was passed into law. Some of these rights include:



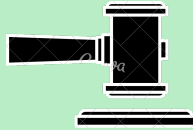
To live in a home free from physical, psychological, sexual and other abuse.

To receive medical care, dental services, corrective vision care, and mental health services.



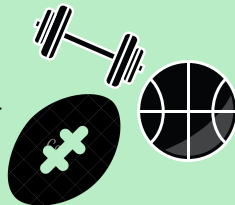
To have regular, supervised or unsupervised, in person, telephone or other forms of contact with your parents and siblings.

To receive notice, attend, and get transportation to your court hearings.



To attend school and remain in your original school unless it is not in your best interest.

To participate in extracurricular, cultural, and social activities. Exercise your own religious beliefs.



To learn more about all of your foster youth rights, please contact your social worker or G.A.L.

# RESOURCES

**E Makua Ana Youth Circle**  
(14 or older)

Phone: 808-748-7065

[www.epicohana.org/youth-circle](http://www.epicohana.org/youth-circle)

**The Independent Living Collaborative**  
(ILC) - Hawaii

Phone: 808-748-7065

[www.ilpconnections.org](http://www.ilpconnections.org)

**Pono Process**

Phone: 833-TRY-PONO (833-879-7666)

[www.ponoprocess.org](http://www.ponoprocess.org)

**HI H.O.P.E.S. Initiative**

Phone: 808-748-7052

<https://www.epicohana.org/hyoi>

**Foster Hope Hawaii**

Download the free application for a list of additional resources

# CONCURRENT PLANNING

A Guide for Youth



All youth, regardless of their story, deserve a safe home, to be involved in planning for their future, and to have adults that will be there to provide love and support for a lifetime.

## Reunifying me with my parents is the goal of Child Welfare Services.

### What is Concurrent Planning?

A plan must be created for what will happen if reunification is not possible. This is called a concurrent plan. The concurrent plan involves working with me and my parents towards reunification while, at the same time, working towards an alternate goal of adoption, legal guardianship or Another Planned Permanent Living Arrangement (APPLA).

### What are the Concurrent Plan Goals?

#### ***Reunification:***

- The first and primary goal is to return to my family home.
- My parents will receive support to resolve safety concerns that caused the foster care placement.
- A visitation plan for regular contact with my parents and siblings will also be created.
- If returning home is not possible, my caseworker will start talking with me within 60 days in foster care about pursuing one of the concurrent options.

### Concurrent Plan Options

#### ***Adoption:***

- Another adult/family will legally become my permanent home.
- My parents' parental rights are legally terminated.
- My consent is required if I am 10 years or older.

#### ***Legal Guardianship:***

- Another adult/family will provide a permanent home until I am 18 years old.
- The parental rights of my parents do not end like in adoption.
- My consent is required if I am 14 years or older.

#### ***Another Planned Permanent Living Arrangement (APPLA):***

- I am 16 years or older and APPLA may be considered if the concurrent plan goals listed above do not fit my needs.
- The parental rights of my parents do not end like in adoption.
- The identified caregiver who will care for me must sign a written agreement to document their commitment to providing long-term care.
- My consent to APPLA is required

### How Can A Youth Be Involved In The Concurrent Planning Process?

- I have a right to have at least monthly face-to-face contact with my caseworker to answer my questions and concerns.
- I have a right to remain connected with my siblings by being placed together. But, if this is not possible, efforts will be made to stay in the same neighborhood, school and have visits.
- I have a right to have regular contact with my Guardian Ad Litem (GAL) and/or Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA).
- I have a right to meet with the Judge.
- I have a right to be involved in my case plan development and planning for my future.
- I can stay informed of my concurrent planning options by reaching out to my caseworker for more information.

**During these visits or when needed I can speak to any of my team members about my concurrent plan goals, who I would like to maintain connections with, and more.**