

Case Planning Pilot

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QUALITY IMPROVEMENT CENTER
ON ENGAGING YOUTH IN
FINDING PERMANENCY

RIGHTS OF YOUTH IN CARE

2018: Signed into State Law

Ways you can support and uphold youth's rights in your role:

- Review the bill of rights with youth ages 14 and older
- Empower young people's voice and choice

Can be found at: www.ponoprocess.org

Rights of Children in Foster Care

As a child or youth in Hawai'i's Child Welfare Services Foster Care system, you have the following rights*:

A Home:

- Free from physical, psychological, sexual and other abuse
- Food, shelter and clothing

Health & Medical Services:

- Receive medical care, dental services, corrective vision care, mental health services
- Be enrolled in a health insurance plan and be provided with a health assessment, recommended treatment within 45 days of placement

Contact with Your Family:

- Have regular, supervised or unsupervised, in-person, telephone or other forms of contact with your parents and siblings unless it is prohibited by court or determined unsafe by your social worker, therapist, GAL or CASA
- Withholding visits with your family cannot be used as a form of punishment

Involvement in Your Case/Court Hearings:

- If 14 or older, be involved in developing your case plan and planning for your future
- Have in-person contact with your social worker
- Have regular, in-person contact with your GAL, CASA and probation officer
- Receive notice of your court hearings, attend and get transportation to the hearings
- Meet with and speak to your judge
- Ask for an attorney, if your opinions and requests differ from your GAL

You also have the right to be treated fairly and equally and receive care and services that are culturally responsive and free from discrimination based on race, ethnicity, color, national origin, ancestry, immigration status, gender, gender identity, gender expression, sexual orientation, religion, physical and mental disability, pregnancy or parenting status, or the fact that you are in foster care.

I have received a copy of the "Rights of Children in Foster Care" and the relevant part of HRS 587A. I had an opportunity to review and discuss them with my social worker. (Please address any concerns to your social worker, GAL/CASA, judge.)

Child/Youth Name (Print)

Date

Child/Youth (Signature)

Date

Social Worker (Print)

Date

Social Worker (Signature)

Date

PONO PROCESS

An additional support for children and youth in foster care to use in the event that their rights are not honored and upheld.

Contact the Pono Process:

Email: pono@epicohana.org

Call: 833-TRY-PONO

(833-879-7666)

Text: 808-838-1463

www.ponoprocess.org

SELF-ADVOCACY OPTIONS

Option 1: TALK TO TEAM

Speak to team members (Social worker, CASA/GAL, foster parent) about your concern.

Work together to reach a decision.

Option 2: MEET WITH JUDGE

Bring up your concern at your court hearing or ask CASA/GAL to schedule a separate meeting with Judge.

Speak to the Judge.
Judge will make a decision.

Option 3: PONO PROCESS

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See Pono Process flow chart for next steps.

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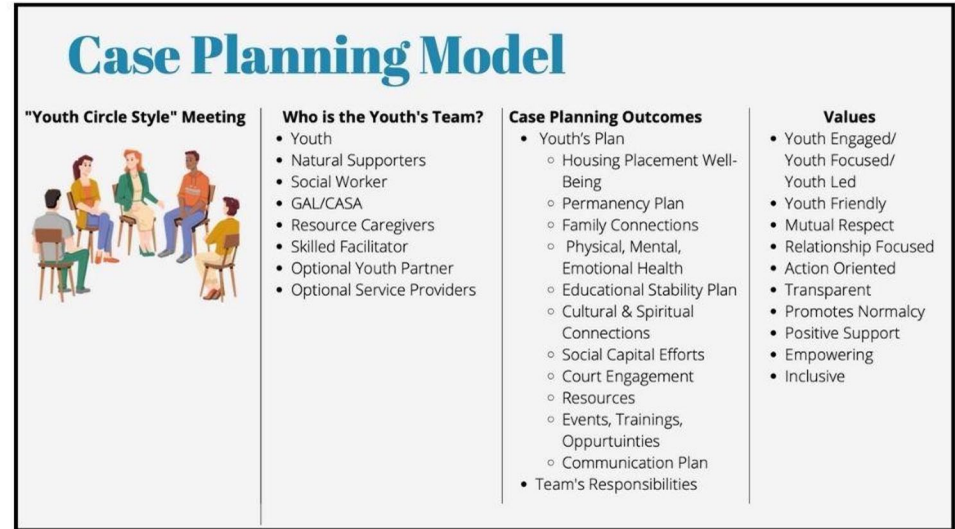
CASE PLANNING

Where this all started?

- **2014: Preventing Sex Trafficking Act**
- **2018: Foster Youth Bill of Rights Court Engagement/Case Planning**

Why case planning?

The legislation requires consultation with foster children age 14 and older in the development of or revision to his or her case plan and requires the case plan to include a document describing the rights of the child to education, health, visitation and court participation; the right to stay safe and avoid exploitation."



Initial Case Planning Model

Quality Improvement Center for Engaging youth in finding Permanency (QIC-EY)



East Hawai'i CWS Workforce Training

KEY COMPONENTS:

- Child welfare workforce Training training and coaching.
- Engaging the court systems through additional training.
- Launching a youth engagement model engaging children and youth in decision-making.
- Creating a System Improve Change & Capacity Building Project

Pilina: Relationship

Who is part of it?

Young people 14-17, and their team members

- Social Worker
- GAL /CASA
- Natural Support
- Neutral Facilitator
- Recorder
- Optional: Peer Support

When do Youth engage in Pilina Circles?

At least 14 years old and in foster custody

Why Pilina Circles?

To promote shared decision-making in a way that is safe, youth-friendly, and promotes youth engagement in helping youth find permanency (legal, relational, cultural).



PILINA CIRCLE

The Circle Style Meeting



The Team

Youth
Natural Supporters
Social Worker
GAL/CASA
Resource Caregiver(s)
Skilled Facilitator
Optional-Youth Peer Support
Optional-Service Providers

Agenda

- Welcome and Opening
- Introductions
- The Youth Mo'olelo (story)
- Good things that's happened
- Youth Strengths
- Well-Being Outcomes:**
 - Well-Being
 - (social-emotional, physical, cultural/spiritual)
 - Placement
- Case Direction / Legal Timelines
- Permanency Plan / Concurrent Planning
 - Relational, Cultural and Legal
 - Court Engagement
 - Educational Stability Plan
- Resources, Events, Trainings, Opportunities
- Communication Plan
- Team Responsibilities
- Next steps
- Closing & Evaluations

Shared Agreements

- Listen respectfully to each other
- One person speaks at a time
- Youth Driven and Youth Focused
- Focus on solutions, avoid blame
- Respect Confidentiality & Understand its Limits
- Take care of yourself
- Drink some water
- Take a deep breath
- Take time out as needed

Values

- Youth Engaged
- Youth Focused
- Youth Led
- Youth Friendly
- Mutual Respect
- Relationship Focused
- Action Oriented
- Transparent
- Promotes Normalcy
- Positive Support
- Empowering
- Inclusive

LEX INPUT



We also held a LEX Convening in May to gather feedback from our lived experts through a mock Pilina Circles

Introducing the idea of case planning circles to a wider audience of LEX on buy-in of young people



PILINA CIRCLE CONVENING

The purpose to host a mock Pilina Circle to collect valuable input from stakeholders & Lex, strengthen relationships, and aligning on engaging young people in their case plan.



East Hawaii Pilina Circle Convening

LAUNCH OF PILINA CIRCLES

- September 2024
 - Initial Referrals of young people
 - Data collection
 - Conduct first Pilina Circle



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