

2025 Annual Child Welfare Law Update

**Hawaii Carpenters Training Center
2040 Lauwiliwili Street, Kapolei, Hawaii
Friday, August 8, 2025**

8:30 a.m. REGISTRATION & BREAKFAST

9:00 a.m. WELCOME

Kevin Adaniya, J.D., Program Emcee
Honorable Dyan M. Medeiros, Family Court of the First Circuit
Trista Speer, Deputy Director, Department of Human Services

**9:10 a.m. JUDICIARY AND EXECUTIVE BRANCH: CHILD WELFARE
INITIATIVES, ACCOMPLISHMENTS, AND PLANS FOR 2025-2026**

Honorable Jessi L.K. Hall, Family Court of the First Circuit
Dr. Kurt Humphrey, Medical Director, Child and Adolescent Mental Health Division
Tonia Mahi, Assistant Branch Administrator, Child Welfare Services
See Department of Education handout

**9:50 a.m. CHILD WELFARE STATUTORY CHANGES AND APPELLATE
DECISIONS**

Jamie L. DeMello, Senior Staff Attorney, Legal Aid Society of Hawaii
Derek D. Peterson, Deputy Attorney General, Department of the Attorney General

10:30 a.m. BREAK

10:40 a.m. INDIAN CHILD WELFARE ACT (ICWA)

Domingo DeGrazia, ICWA Supervising Attorney, Office of the Attorney General,
Pascua Yaqui Tribe

11:40 a.m. LUNCH, AWARDS, & JEOPARDY

12:40 p.m. ICWA CONTINUED

Domingo DeGrazia, ICWA Supervising Attorney, Office of the Attorney General,
Pascua Yaqui Tribe

1:40 p.m. BREAK

1:50 p.m. REPRESENTING NON-OFFENDING PARENTS

Nicole K. Cummings, J.D.

Honorable Jill M. Hasegawa, Family Court of the Third Circuit

Julio Herrera, Supervising Deputy Attorney General, Department of the Attorney General

Emiko Meyers, J.D.

Puafisi “Pua” Tupola, Section Administrator, Child Welfare Services

Jessica “Jaycee” Uchida, Senior Staff Attorney, Legal Aid Society of Hawaii

2:50 p.m. BREAK

**3:00 p.m. CHANGES TO THE CHILD PROTECTIVE ACT AND A NEW WAY TO
ASSUME TEMPORARY FOSTER CUSTODY**

Erin K.S. Torres, Deputy Attorney General, Department of the Attorney General

Lynne M. Youmans, Deputy Attorney General, Department of the Attorney General

4:00 p.m. CLOSING REMARKS

Kevin Adaniya, J.D., Program Emcee

Handouts from the conference will be posted at www.ittakesanohana.org → Handouts → Factsheets/Conference
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