

On any given day in Hawai'i, there are keiki who are in need of safe and loving 'ohana. Recognizing that it is the kuleana (responsibility) of individuals, families, groups and communities to come together and mālama (to care for) our keiki, the State of Hawai'i Department of Human Services (DHS) awarded Partners in Development Foundation (PIDF) a master contract to form Hui Ho'omalua (a group to protect and shelter).

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## About our logo



This logo represents the spirit of Hui Ho'omalua. The woman is feeding the keiki (child) kalo (taro). The kalo and the act of feeding represents providing the keiki with physical as well as spiritual sustenance in addition to the teaching of important values such as aloha (love and compassion) and mālama (to care for). The circular shape of the sun and kalo bowl reflects connectedness with 'ohana (family) and the community in addition to the continuous cycle of nurturing and caring. The warmth of the sun represents the loving embrace of a parent to a keiki and the sun's rays convey the community reaching out to kōkua (help) those in need.

Mahalo to Kawena Mann whose vision into the heart of the program helped to create our beautiful logo.

Hawai'i's keiki need safe, loving homes

*Become a  
foster/resource family*



*Hui Ho'omalua*

A Program of Partners in Development



Infused throughout Hui Ho`omalulu are the concepts of laulima (cooperation), partnership, team work, community building and resource sharing.

PIDF has partnered with Catholic Charities Hawai'i (CCH), Foster Family Programs of Hawai'i (FFP), and a consortium of other community providers to form Hui Ho`omalulu, all working together to advance Hawai'i's foster care system. Collectively, the partnerships in Hui Ho`omalulu represents the commitment to put first the needs of Hawai'i's keiki, 'ohana and communities.

Hui Ho`omalulu strives to exemplify such values as aloha (love and compassion), lōkahi (unity and harmony), and ho`olaulima (to get to cooperate) as it works towards creating and implementing innovative strategies to better meet the needs of Hawai'i's keiki in foster care as well as the Foster/Resource Families who care for them.

Specifically, this statewide initiative addresses the identification, recruitment, screening, training, ongoing support and retention of resource families for children and families that are in the care of DHS.

## Licensing

There are two types of foster/resource family licensing conducted under PIDF's Hui Ho`omalulu:

**General Licensed** refers to those families that are willing to foster any unrelated child. This type of licensing will be conducted through Partners in Development Foundation.

**Child Specific Licensed** refers to families who are either related to or have a prior relationship with the child. This type of licensing will be conducted through Catholic Charities Hawai'i.

## Support

Hui Ho`omalulu recognizes the importance of foster/resource families feeling supported once a child is placed in their home.

Foster Family Programs will be providing post placement supportive services to foster/ resource families. This will include a warm line to provide information, referral and telephone support, support groups, and training opportunities.

## Steps to Become a General License Foster/Resource Parent

### Step 1:

Call our intake number. Our worker will gladly speak to you regarding requirements and to obtain some general information. An application packet will be mailed to you.

### Step 2:

Complete the application packet and return it to PIDF.

### Step 3:

Our workers will contact you to sign up for a mandatory 18-hour foster/resource parent training in your community.

### Step 4:

A licensed social worker will conduct a home assessment with you and your family.

*Congratulations! You are ready to welcome a child into your 'ohana.*

