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DELEGATE STUDY TOUR OF O'AHU, HAWAI'I STRENGTH BASED CHILD-WELFARE AGENCIES

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First Day Monday November 3:

**9:00 - 11:30 Korean Studies Center, University of Hawai'i
Conference Room 103, 1881 East-West Road, Honolulu**

Meet with people who work with strength-based family centered programs on O'ahu. We will meet at the University of Hawai'i Center for Korean Studies, which is home to the oldest and largest Korean studies program outside of Korea. The Korean Studies Center began in 1972 to support and coordinate the activities of students and faculty with Korea-related teaching and research interests. Now with more than twenty faculty members offering courses and conducting research related to Korea in fields such as Asian studies, dance, economics, history, language, linguistics, literature, music, political science, and sociology. Kyongbok Palace in Seoul provided the design inspiration for the Korean Studies buildings. The main building is adapted from the design of the Palace's throne hall, called Kunjongjon.

Meeting members from O'ahu:

Susan Chandler, professor of Social Work and Interim Director of the Social Sciences Public Policy Center at the University of Hawai'i. She is also the former director of the state Department of Human Services who will share her knowledge of strength-based child welfare approaches. Email: chandler@hawaii.edu

Momi Akana and a designate for Keiki O'ka aina a strength-based child welfare program providing Native Hawaiian culturally focused educational services for families: <http://www.keikiokaaina.org/>.

Arlyнна Livingston, director EPIC 'Ohana Conferencing which provides three strength-based programs that serve the people and State of Hawai'i. Email: alivingston@epicohana.org.

Mary Martini, Director of the Family Education Training Center of Hawai'i providing strengths-based parent and youth programs, licensed psychologist, and professor of family resources at UH-Manoa. Email: mmartini@lava.net.

Tammie Visperas Smith & Ms. Ktan from Child and Family Services, Program Administrator for Family Strengthening Services a Department of Human Services, Child Welfare Division, program that was originally called "Diversion." The goal is to divert children from ending up in CPS and to strengthen families.

Email: TSMITH@cfs-hawaii.org

Julie Falicki from Hana Like Home Visitor Program (a Healthy Start program provider). Julie and any staff she may bring will share their experiences with the Hana Like program. Email: hljfalicki@pacthawaii.org

Dawn Slaten director Ke Po'e Hale a community resource for the Wai'anae community that provides ho'ponopono, family conferencing and legal services for families. Email: slatend001@hawaii.rr.com

Harold Brackeen Program Coordinator Hawai'i Advocate Program and former outreach worker for The Neighborhood Place. Email: hbrackeen@halekipa.org

12: 00 - 2:30 **Keiki O Ka 'Aina**
3097 Kalihi Street, Honolulu, HI 96819
Web: <http://www.keikiokaaina.org/>

Lunch will be provided by Keiki O Ka 'Aina at their facilities with a tour and discussions of their programs to follow.

2nd Day Tuesday November 4:

9:00 – 1:30 **EPIC, Inc., 'Ohana Conferencing**
1130 N. Nimitz Hwy, Suite C-210, Honolulu, 96817
phone: (808) 838-7752
Email: epicohana@hawaii.rr.com

EPIC provides three primary programs: *'Ohana Conferencing*, *'Ohana Connections* and *Youth Circles E Makua Ana*. EPIC has provided over 8500 *'Ohana* Conferences, and more than 80,000 people have participated in its services. The *'Ohana* Connection program provides search services to find family for children entering foster care and also provides therapeutic services to support youth, foster families and biological family members for youth reconnecting with biological family after years of disconnection while in foster care. Youth Circle services focus on youth ages 14 to 24 years of age providing youth directed planning sessions to support young adolescents in preparing for emancipation from foster care.

Learning activities for the delegates will include observing or participating in a role-play of an E Makua Ana Youth Circle and discussing the process with Epic facilitators.

Lunch will be provided by Epic.

2:00 - 3:30 Hana Like Home Visitor, Parents and Children Together
Dillingham Shopping Plaza
1505 Dillingham Blvd, Room 208, Honolulu, 96817
Phone: (808)842-9604

Visit a family service center and meet with its Site Managers, Supervisors, Home Visitors and possibly a client: http://www.pacthawaii.org/hana_like_home.html

3rd Day Wednesday November 5:

Visit rural Wai'anae—Leeward Coast of O'ahu—40 miles from Honolulu

8:30 - 9:30 Ke Aka Ho'ona Self-help Housing Community,
85-1019 Ho'oku'ikahi Street. Waianae, HI 96792
Telephone: 696-2680

The delegates will drive through this unique housing community. In 1991, the Consuelo Foundation (see November 4 schedule for Foundation description) developed a program to help working poor families on Oahu's Leeward Coast create their own neighborhood free of violence and substance abuse while building their own affordable homes. Today, Ke Aka Ho'ona (meaning the Spirit or Hope of Consuelo) is complete and 75 homes built by its residents accommodate 150 adults and 235 children. Efforts now focus on resident-centered leadership and management. Various homeowner committees have assumed most of the responsibility for covenant enforcement, planning community programs and activities for youth and adults, and creating a homeowners association.

Delegates will also meet with Imiola Gora-Aina, a resident and the program assistant at Ke Aka Ho'ona to hear directly from a person living in the community and her impressions of its strengths.

10:00 – 12:00 Combined meeting with:
Ka Wahi Kaiaulu, Wai'anae Neighborhood Place
85-979 Mill Street, Wai'anae, 96792
Phone 696-9498

Hawai'i Advocate Program, Hale Kipa
Phone (808) 754-7646
Web www.halekipa.org

Delegates will meet at The Neighborhood Place for this combined meeting of the two above agencies, which are located near each other, are familiar with each other's

strategies and challenges, and work with similar populations.

The Neighborhood Place is where child protection cases may be diverted. Residents of the Wai`anae Coast with youth up to 17 years of age; who may be in a potentially unsafe or risky circumstance and/or environment; who do not need or are not currently involved with the Child Protection Services, whose needs are less severe; and self or community referrals are also welcomed. Ka Wahi Kaiaulu-Wai`anae Neighborhood Place is here to ensuring the well being of Wai`anae's children and families by awareness activities and educational workshops, while enlisting the Wai`anae Coast's commitment and responsibilities to our community.

Hawai'i Advocate Program (HAP) is for children and families known to the child welfare and juvenile justice systems - or at-risk of becoming known to these systems - the Hawai'i Advocate Program (HAP) provides comprehensive, community-based care. This statewide program strives to prevent out-of-home placements of youth.

The services, which are a replication of the nationally successful Youth Advocate Program model, are based on an intensive, individualized, strengths-based approach that focuses on the youth's and family's needs and goals.

Once admitted to HAP, each family is assigned a Community Advocate. The Advocate helps the family identify and cultivate relationships with persons and associations within the community that can provide support. Families receive an average of 10 hours of advocacy service per week. Services are flexible, creative and determined by the family's needs, and are guided by a "No Reject, No Eject" policy.

**12:30 - 3:30 Ka Po'e Hale
86-660 Lualualei Homestead Rd., Wai`anae, 96791**

Ka Po'e Hale provides a variety of strength-based programs for families on the Wai`anae Coast including family group conferencing, ho'oponopono (a Hawaiian conflict resolution practice) and legal services to divert families from government intervention. Meet with staff and after lunch learn about ho'oponopono.

Lunch will be enjoyed and provided by Ka P'oe Hale on its grounds under its beautiful bodhi tree and lovely garden area.

4th Day Thursday November 6:

9:00 – 10:00 **Kapolei High School**
91-5007 Kapolei Pkwy, Kapolei, HI 96707
Email: lorenn@hawaii.edu

Observe *Violence Prevention Through Cooperative Education* program where at-risk secondary students read picture books dealing with conflict and problem solving to elementary or special education students. After reading the books they are gifted to the classrooms and the secondary students facilitate discussion about conflict and program solving. Two articles have been published on this innovative program.

10:15 – 11-15 **Child & Family Services**
91-1841 Fort Weaver Rd., Ewa Beach, HI 96706
www.childandfamilyservice.org

Child & Family Services is Hawai'i's largest non-profit organization. Its mission concerns "strengthening families and fostering the healthy development of children." Delegates will learn more about the many programs this successful agency provides on the tour.

12:00 - 1:30 **Consuelo Zobel Alger Foundation,**
110 N. Hotel Street, Honolulu, HI 96817
Tel: 808 532-3939
Email: info@consuelo.org

In an act of extraordinary grace Mrs. Consuelo Zobel Alger created the Consuelo Foundation in 1988 to improve the lives and living conditions of disadvantaged children, women and families throughout the Philippines and Hawai'i. On July 6, 1990 shortly before her death, Consuelo expressed her desire to "renew hope for those who have lost it or to give hope to those who never had it."

Established as a private operating foundation under U.S. law, the Consuelo Foundation operates programs either directly with its own staff or by contracting others. It does not solicit contributions for its programs and operations nor does it consider unsolicited requests from individuals or organizations. The headquarters is located in Honolulu while its Philippine operation is managed from Manila.

To fulfill Consuelo's vision, the Foundation pursues three programmatic goals:

1. Reduce the incidence of child abuse and neglect and improve the quality of life of exploited children.
2. Strengthen families and neighborhoods.
3. Enhance the well being and status of under-privileged women.

Dr. Marullo, Consuelo director in Honolulu, will meet with delegates and a light lunch is kindly provided by Consuelo for the delegates.

2: 00- 3:30 Kapi`olani Child Protection Center

55 Merchant Street, 22nd Floor

Honolulu, HI 96813

Phone: (808) 535-7711

Email: steven@kapiolani.org

Web: <http://www.kapiolani.org/facilities/programs-kcpc.html>

Meet with Steven Choy, PhD, Director, Kapi`olani Child Protection Center and learn about its goal to maximize the number of children returning to a safe home, prevent abuse, and prevent co-morbidities of abuse through diagnosis and treatment planning. Services include child abuse professional evaluations, psychological and medical treatment, and child safety team review for the Department of Human Services, consultation for hospitalized children, professional training, and advocacy.

5th Day Friday November 7:

9:30 – 2:00 Ka Po`e Hale, Wai`anae Solution-focused de-briefing and lunch.

A solution-focused meeting to discuss what delegates have learned and how they can apply lessons to the Korean child welfare system. Loren Walker will facilitate www.lorenwalker.com.

5:30 - 7:00 p.m. Visit and dinner at the Family Education Training Center of Hawai'i, Family Night Program

Observe a parenting education and youth social skills training program held in Miller Hall, 110, University of Hawai'i at Manoa. Buffet dinner is provided. Mary Martini, Director, will host visitors: mmartini@lava.net