



“ I tell other prospective parents that it feels good to encourage, advise and help these youth. You can give them a new life and help them.”

Remy Alegre and her husband Butch have participated in Hale Kipa’s Transitional Family Homes Program for more than a decade. Together they have helped more than 60 youth in their Oahu home.

“Hawaii has lots of kids on the street, and it breaks my heart to see them.”

Remy focuses on helping youth learn basic chores, such as how to clean their room and prepare dinner staples like rice.

“The most important thing you can do is show them that you trust them.”

She appreciates the 24/7 support from the Hale Kipa staff. Each parent receives 33 hours of training, for CPR and first aid, trauma-informed care, technology in the home and Hale Kipa policies.

About Hale Kipa

Hale Kipa, or “House of Friendliness,” is a multi-service, fully accredited 501(c)(3) nonprofit agency that specializes in working with at-risk youth and their families who often have nowhere else to turn. Hale Kipa has served more than 45,000 youth throughout Hawaii since its beginning in 1970 as a single shelter on Oahu.

This includes working in partnership with public agencies and private organizations to provide residential, outreach, and foster care services at no cost. With programs that are flexible and responsive to changing needs, Hale Kipa supports youth involved in juvenile justice, behavioral health, education and child welfare. Program goals include stabilizing young people in crisis and helping youth and families build resiliency to experience success in their lives.

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Transitional Family Homes Program



Invest in a child
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Consistency

What is a Transitional Family Home?

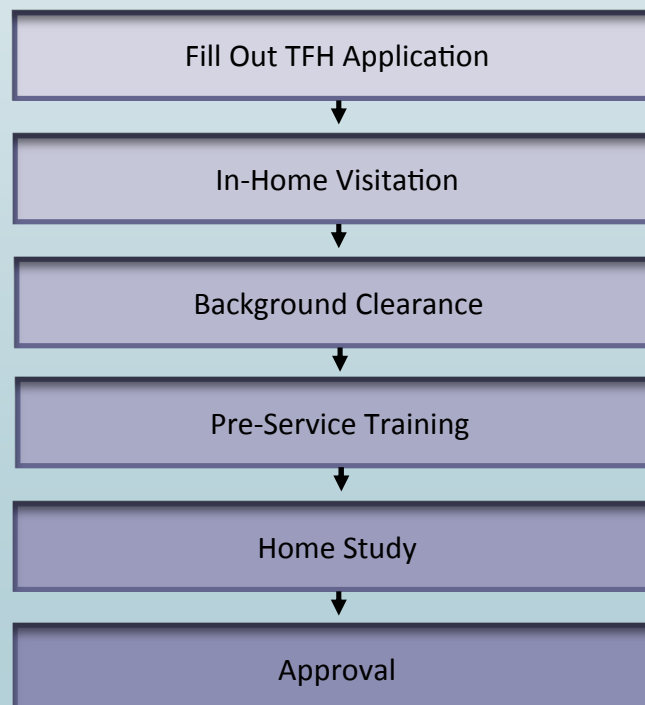
Youth in Transitional Family Homes need consistency, safety and support. Transitional Family Homes provide healthy therapeutic environments for youth with higher behavioral, physical or emotional needs.

The goal of Transitional Family Homes is to reunify the child with their natural family, and in cases where that is not possible, learn to live independently. Youth also learn to live in a healthy, nurturing home.

Hale Kipa works to match foster youth with the right Transitional Family Home for periods of 3 to 18 months. Families may also be trained and licensed to provide short-term respite care for just a few days a month.

Safety

Steps to Becoming a Transitional Family Home



Support

Benefits of Fostering with Hale Kipa:

- Make a life-long impact in a child's life
- 24/7 on-call staff support
- Routine therapeutic and support services for youth
- Dedicated staff member for your family
- 33 hours of initial training, plus ongoing training
- Monthly group support for families and respite care
- Generous monthly stipend