

ABOUT HOPE INC

HOPE INC's mission is to: strengthen, equip and assist expecting and single mothers and at risk couples to avoid family breakup; in the event of unpreventable family breakup, provide foster and adoptive parents to care for children whose original family permanency has been or is at threat of being disrupted.

FWK's MISSION

Families for Waiting Keiki's Mission is to recruit and provide advanced training and Post placement support for families who will adopt difficult to place foster children whose only legal parent is the state. In this way, these children will be provided with security and permanency for their remaining childhood and throughout their adult lives.

TOP TEN REASONS TO ADOPT A TEENAGER

1. No diapers to change.
2. We sleep through the night.
3. We will be ready to move out sooner . . .
But we can still visit.
4. You don't just get a child, you get a friend.
5. We will keep you up to date with the latest fashions.
6. No more carpools—we can drive you places.
7. No bottles, formula or burp rags required.
8. We can help out around the house.
9. We can learn from you.
10. We will teach you how to run your computer.

*Concept developed by the
Oklahoma Youth Advisory Board, 2000*

FAMILIES FOR WAITING KEIKI

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Families for Waiting Keiki

**A Project of HOPE INC's
KeOlaKa Pu'uwai Children
Services &
Hawaii Family Forum**



**Finding forever families, through
adoption, for children in the State
Child Welfare System.**

ABOUT THE FAMILIES FOR WAITING KEIKI PROJECT

In January 2006 HOPE INC kicked off the Families for Waiting Keiki Project (FWK) in collaboration with Hawaii Family Forum (HFF). This project's focus is to recruit, train and license prospective adoptive parents for waiting, difficult to place foster children. These children are in the permanent custody of the state and have no family members or foster parents able to provide them with security and permanency. To find families to adopt these children HOPE INC and HFF work together to recruit families from local churches.

Kelly Rosati, president of the HOPE INC Board of Directors and Executive Director of Hawaii Family Forum does presentations in churches, bringing awareness to congregations of both the tremendous needs and the exciting opportunities to change a child's life forever. Faith community members are asked to consider adopting a child. If they cannot adopt they are asked to support those who can. The Families for Waiting Keiki Project is intent on recruiting families who are:

- Willing to go through advanced training in HOPE INC's Connect with Keiki Retreat—Preparing for Adoption and Connect with Keiki Retreat—Advanced Parenting for Challenging Children. "
- Willing to make a forever commitment to the child regardless of their challenging behaviors.
- Willing to accept post placement services from; HOPE INC staff, Mentor Families, church volunteers as well as community therapists.

ADVANCED TRAINING, FOREVER COMMITMENT AND POST-PLACEMENT SERVICES

The advanced training, forever commitment and post placement services ensure that the adoptive family can help the children learn to trust adults so they can recover from the effects of early childhood trauma and negative thoughts about self that lead to challenging behaviors.

Connect with Keiki Retreat trainings and post placement services are supervised and directed by DeeannaMarie Wallace, founder and Supervising Director of HOPE INC and Dae Leckie MSW, LCSW, HOPE INC Executive Director.

FAMILIES FOR WAITING KEIKI LEADERSHIP

DeeannaMarie Wallace and her husband Randy, began foster parenting in 1979 when their birth sons were one and five. Since, then they have opened their home to over one hundred children and young ladies and have adopted nine children. Six of those children were adopted through the Washington and Hawaii state foster care systems, three were adopted in Japan where the Wallaces worked with an international adoption agency. The Wallaces have lived in Hawaii since 1997. They were inspired to establish HOPE INC (In the Name of Christ) a faithbased, licensed, nonprofit fostercare/adoption agency in Hawaii when they learned about children in permanent foster custody living for years in temporary foster homes.

Dae and Ron Leckie are adoptive parents of two children who have had reunions with birth family and they are foster parents. Dae has twenty-six years of clinical experience working with families and children. For seven years she was the VicePresident of Clinical Services at Parenting Resources, a California agency established to provide education and counseling for members of the adoption constellation. Her counseling experience focuses on working with clients to overcome issues of separation and loss in the areas of adoption, sex abuse, physical abuse, chronic illness, death, dying, divorce. She specializes in attachment disorders, addictive behavior patterns, and codependency.

If you or anyone you know are **interested in** learning more about **adopting** one of Hawaii's precious children through a Christian Agency, or if your **church or community organization** would like a Families for Waiting Keiki presentation please call DeeannaMarie Wallace at (808) 230-2445.

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