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YO! & National Runaway Prevention Month

Up to 2.8 million youth run away each year in the U.S. At the Youth Outreach (YO!) drop-in center in Waikiki, which Hale Kipa and Waikiki Health have operated since 1989, we’re working to provide critical services to hundreds of at-risk youth each year. This includes street outreach, drop-in services, case management and health and medical services.

This year, Honolulu Hale will be lit green from November 8-14 to recognize National Runaway Prevention Month (NRPM) in Hawaii. Mayor Kirk Caldwell has issued a City & County of Honolulu Proclamation recognizing November as National Runaway Prevention Month to help raise awareness of the runaway and homeless youth crisis.

“Homelessness is an issue that affects everyone from our kupuna to our keiki,” City & County of Honolulu Mayor Kirk Caldwell said in a statement announcing the proclamation. “It’s up to all of us to help create an environment where our keiki can thrive. Even if they may feel alone, there are so many who love them and care for them. We should think about what each one of us can do to help prevent children from running away, and to help those organizations that work to take care of them and provide a loving home.”

You can also help “Shine a Light”

The theme of NRPM 2018 is “Shine a Light.” You can add a frame to your Facebook profile picture during November.
to help you show your support for runaway and homeless youth by visiting https://www.facebook.com/profilepicframe and searching “National Runaway Prevention Month.” Choose a Shine a Light frame and select the end of November to “switch back to previous profile picture” and click “use as profile picture.”

For other ways to get involved, visit the National Runaway Safeline website. The nonprofit organization offers a 1-800-RUNAWAY hotline and online services at 1800runaway.org.

Left to right: Sarah Combs, program manager at Waikiki Health, Managing Director Roy K. Amemiya Jr. and Alika Campbell, program coordinator at Hale Kipa.
Punky's Reflections: A New Home for Hale Kipa

Hale Kipa is planning a ground breaking for our campus on Old Fort Weaver Road on December 4th, 2018. This project is the result of a long and arduous process that began back in 2006 to find a permanent home for Hale Kipa. The campus will not be able to accommodate all of the Hale Kipa programs, nor should it, since we are in fact a community-based agency. However, it will however provide a sense of place to the organization and the opportunity to take advantage of synergies that will enhance our ability to provide services. / More

Facing the Long-Term Impact of Vicarious Trauma

As we look toward 2019, I have been thinking about the particularly difficult climate that many of us have experienced over the past year and how we can best navigate the year to come. We talk often at Hale Kipa about vicarious trauma and the impact of the work that we do on our staff, for this is a very tough business to be in. As helpers, we attempt to enter into relationships with those that we serve with positive energy and hopes for their future. But the terrible stories, the sad tales, the pain and the anguish that is so often a part of that process is not left only with them but also is part of us as a result. And how we deal with that and what we do with that actually matters. / More

Five Questions with New Board Member Katie Bennett

In June 2018, we were pleased to announce that Katie Bennett, JD, MSW, joined our Board of Directors. Katie is a family mediator with a practice in Hawaii focused on settlement and child-focused legal work. She has nearly two decades of experience in education, social work, child advocacy and family law. We’ve asked her five questions about her goals for the board and opportunities for Hale Kipa. / More
Kick'n for Kids: Hale Kipa's 1st-Annual Kickball Fundraiser

On October 27th we hosted our first kickball tournament fundraiser, Kick'n for Kids, at Hunakai Park. Over 75 players from seven sponsored teams participated. Attendees were treated to music, face painting, fun tattoos, balloon twisting and great food. A big mahalo to everyone who participated. Hale Kipa raised more than $36,000, which will be used to support programs and services that serve at-risk youth in Hawaii.

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Hale Kipa Holds Blessings for New Campus & Shelter
We were proud to celebrate our planned West Oahu campus with a blessing in September. Located on 4.26 acres along Old Fort Weaver Road in Ewa, the campus will serve as the agency’s headquarters. This location will consolidate Hale Kipa’s programs and operations to improve service quality, reduce costs and build a sense of place in West Oahu. It will be completed late next year. / More

We were pleased to hold a Hawaiian blessing ceremony in August to celebrate the completed preparation of the Lanipōlua Assessment Center. The Center, located on the grounds of the Kawaiola Youth and Family Wellness Center, will serve victims/survivors of commercial sexual exploitation and sex trafficking ages 12-17 years old with safe, nurturing emergency shelter services. / More

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