



## **KEEPING SIBLINGS CONNECTED IN FOSTER CARE: VALUES, VISION & RECOMMENDATIONS**

### VALUES

- ‘OHANA: Honoring **FAMILY** connections
- PILINA: Honoring and promoting **UNSEVERABLE BONDS** between siblings
- KULEANA: Understanding our role and **RESPONSIBILITY** in keeping siblings connected
- MALAMA: **CARING** for the well-being of our keiki
- LAULIMA: **WORKING TOGETHER** as a team to support sibling connections

### VISION/RECOMMENDATIONS

Sibling relationships are honored and prioritized as critical, lifelong relationships. We support this by:

- **Placing siblings together** when they enter foster care (preferably with family).
- If siblings must be separated, keep them in the **same school district or neighborhood**.
- Ensure that their team (social worker, resource caregiver, GAL/CASA, judge) is committed to **providing strong, consistent sibling connections** (visits, phone/FaceTime, social media, letters/cards, activities, birthdays, holidays, milestones).
- Community members **provide resources and supports** to ensure sibling connections