



Hawaii Family Celebration 2009

Mission Statement

The purpose of the Hawai'i Family Celebration Commission is to honor and encourage families to strengthen their commitment to the values of Aloha in the 'Ohana.

We affirm that the people of Hawai'i recognize that: 1) The Family is the crucial foundational component of Hawai'i's multi-cultural, multi-ethnic society; and 2) The strength of our society depends upon the strength and vitality of our families.

Our goal is to promote and renew the foundational values of Aloha in ourselves, our families, our neighborhoods, and even our adversaries. These values are: Akahai, Lökahi, 'Olu'olu, Ha'aha'a and Ahonui

Akahai- Unpretentious and Gentle

Promoting peace within one's family requires a quality of gentleness. This quality will foster an understanding of the feelings of others and the experience of calmness we need, to control our tempers so we may avoid conflict and find resolutions to our differences.

Lökahi- Harmony and Unity

Our daily lives are busy and can be filled with many challenges and pressures. Lökahi reminds us of our need to focus on our relationship with God, nature and with each other to keep everything in our lives balanced.

'Olu'olu- Pleasant and Gracious

If we treat others with unconditional acceptance and truly listen without judgment, our words and actions will reflect respect and praise instead of criticism and anger.

Ha'aha'a- Humble and Modest

To be strong in the eyes of others requires each of us to be secure in who we are, our achievements and our self-worth. This strength allows others to know of our limitations as well as our talents and gives us the ability to find solutions to our problems together.

Ahonui- Patient and Enduring

Each member of our 'Ohana has something to contribute and will do so when they know that their ideas are welcomed and respected. Extending patience to our 'Ohana strengthens our ability to learn from each other, endure our challenges together, and celebrate even the smallest accomplishments.

The Hawai'i Family Celebration Commission supports activities in the following area(s):

1. Education
2. Cultural Heritage
3. Arts & Entertainment
4. Health and Wellness

Criteria for sponsored events:

1. Provide opportunity for family enrichment in one of the four areas listed above.
2. Willingness to use the logo and be officially designated by the Hawai'i Family Celebration Commission.
3. Commit to publicizing event(s) and reaching out to local communities and government agencies.