



Evaluation with Aloha Handout

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Principles of Trauma Informed Care and Description of Our Participatory Evaluation Approach

Trauma Informed Care Principle	Participatory Approaches to Collect Evidence of Resilience
Safety Staff and people they serve feel physical and emotional safety.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The health and safety of community participants and partners were of utmost concern given the COVID-19 pandemic.• An online survey and online training video for staff was developed so that data could be collected virtually, relieving fears of transmission.• Community partners engaging with families ensured the psychological safety of the families, caregivers, and keiki (children) to share photos.
Trustworthiness and Transparency Operations and decisions are conducted with transparency with a goal of building and maintaining trust.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Prior to our evaluation efforts, the Hawai'i Community Foundation and community partners had built deep relationships and trust with families, facilitating the data collection process and interpretation.• Photo release information clearly explained how photos and information may be shared.
Peer Support Use peer support and mutual self-help with stories and lived experience to promote recovering and healing.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Community partners supported each other to learn about photovoice and how to engage families.• Ohana and caregivers leaned on each other to interpret the photos (data) they had taken of their keiki and what they say about childhood and family resilience in Hawaii.
Collaboration and Mutuality Importance placed on partnering and leveling of power differences; everyone has a role to play in a trauma-informed approach.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Community Partners utilized Photovoice as a form of therapy to assist ohana and caregivers to interpret interactions with their keiki and identify helpful parenting strategies to better meet the needs of keiki. (<i>key outcome data</i>)• Ohana and caregivers, despite challenging internal family dynamics, worked together to capture moments of resilience and their keiki's positive developmental growth. (<i>key outcome data</i>)
Empowerment, Voice and Choice Individual strengths and experiences are recognized and built upon; support cultivation of self-agency.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Guiding questions for the photovoice process were intentionally framed in an asset-based way, focusing on the resilience of keiki and their positive development.• Ohana and caregivers had the freedom to identify any pictures they wanted to share with minimal guidance on how to frame the photos or what the subject of the photo should be. This invited caregivers the opportunity to define what resilience in their keiki looked like and what it meant to them.• The voice of ohana and caregivers were honored as much as possible during the analysis and dissemination of the photovoice data.
Cultural, Historical and Gender Issues Attends and responds to cultural, historical and gender issues with recognition and humility.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Online training videos for staff included information on how the photovoice data fit into the larger evaluation effort to learn about community efforts to improve the lives of keiki through trauma informed practices and highlight moments of positive connections between keiki and caregivers. Staff were prepared to relay this information to families as needed.• The community-oriented nature of Hawaiian culture was an asset for this effort. Families wanted to do their part to improve outcomes for children in Hawaii and saw their participation in photovoice as a way of capturing stories of resilience in the Hawaiian context.