



Kamali'i
Foster Family Agency

2018 Annual Report



Our Mission

Kamali'i Foster Family Agency's mission is to provide foster youth and young adults with quality trained resource families while providing individualized treatment services. Goals of reunification and permanency are supported while empowering youth to be positive participants in their community.

Our Vision

Kamali'i Foster Family Agency envisions a future where... Families are supported in keeping children safe and healthy while empowering youth for future success.



Kamali'i Foster Family Agency, Inc.

Established in 1998, Kamali'i Foster Family Agency has provided excellent treatment-level foster care services to children and families in the San Diego, Riverside and San Bernardino Counties. In 2018, Kamali'i FFA served 185 children, youth and young adults in foster placement while achieving high successful permanency outcomes.

Kamali'i FFA looks to provide for the needs in the communities it serves by providing quality trained resource families who nurture, support and guide children who are placed in foster care due to suffering from various forms of abuse and/or neglect. One of the common phrases heard at Kamali'i FFA is "from initial placement to reunification". Through the services that we provide, children are able to be placed in a loving home that encourages them to grow into positive participants in their communities, empowered with the skills to not just survive but to reach their individual goals.

With the support of our key champions, Kamali'i FFA has been able to provide support programs and services to our youth and families such as our H.O.P.E. Independent Living Skills Program, Drug and Alcohol Awareness Program, Continued Resource Family Training and the Kamali'i Kids Club.

With a staff of 14 full-time professionals, Kamali'i FFA continues to strive for excellence moving forward as we strive towards additional programs and services in 2019 and 2020.

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Letter from the President/CEO:

Our community continues to show how much they care for our foster youth and families through their continuous generosity and support. Every outcome in this report represents a changed life and you helped make it happen. 2018 was a year of transition for Kamali'i Foster Family Agency. Our families and staff have really embraced the changes passed down from the State and Counties and have actively advocated for our children and youth. I want to share with you some of the significant events of the past year.



This year we focused on converting all of our Certified Foster Homes to Resource Family Homes. We have converted all but four of our homes and anticipate full conversion of all certified homes by the end of the first quarter. Being a Resource Family streamlines the process for future adoptions and permanency for our youth. Our families have been very helpful throughout this process and many have already provided permanent homes.

Kamali'i hosted its inaugural Poker Tournament Fundraiser for our young adults entering or continuing higher education. We were able to provide financial scholarships to offset college student expenses. We look forward to making this an annual event that rewards our young adults for attending our H.O.P.E. Independent Living Program and pursuing higher learning.

It is anticipated that the Kamali'i Counseling Center and Transitional Housing Programs will become realities this year. Counseling services will allow us to provide immediate mental health services to our families in need and extend those services to the communities we work within. Transitional housing will further assist our young adults to successfully transition to living on their own independently. We look forward to continued transition and providing the resources our youth and families need to be successful.

If you have questions or comments, please reach out to me at emortensen@kamalii.org. I would love to hear from you.

J. Eric Mortensen, M.S.
President/CEO
Kamali'i Foster Family Agency

Letter from the Vice President/COO:

Wow! I thought 2017 was a year of excitement and changes, but had no idea what we were in for in 2018. It came and went in the blink of an eye. Our Kamali'i Ohana has once again gone above and beyond all expectations and has proven to us that they are more than capable, committed, resilient, and ready to take on the many challenges thrown their way! Words cannot express the level of respect and gratitude I have for all of our families and staff.



2018 continued where 2017 left off, with several exciting challenges that were met head-on and now we are even more excited entering into 2019. From creating new programs to better serve our children and youth, to continually striving to improve our current programs, the Kamali'i Ohana has shown that together, we can achieve great things.

Looking ahead, I am humbled that I am afforded the incredible opportunity to play a part in the on-going story of all of what Kamali'i is looking to accomplish in the coming years. We cannot say enough about our extraordinarily incredible supporters that have continued to be Heroes for or children and families. Without your continued support, many of these achievements would not be possible.

Remember, "You were born with the ability to change someone's life, don't ever waste it!"

If you have questions or comments, please reach out to me at lburton@kamalii.org. I would love to hear from you.

M. Lee Burton, M.S.
Vice President/COO
Kamali'i Foster Family Agency

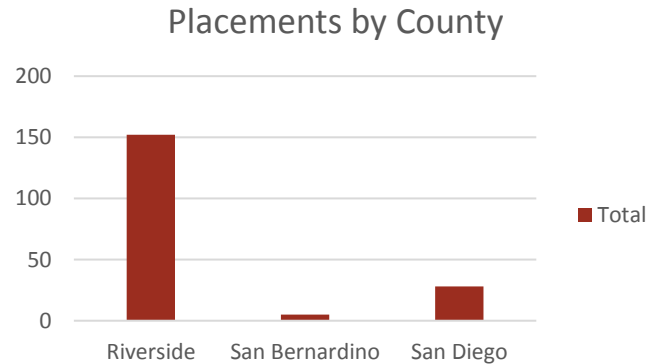
2018 Kamali'i Foster Family Agency Statistics

2018 Placement Statistics

Kamali'i Foster Family Agency provided services and supports to 185 youth and young adults throughout 2018. The majority of children were from Riverside County consisting of 82% of the total youth that were placed. 15% of the youth served were from San Diego County followed by a total of 3% from San Bernardino County. The majority of children placed were between the ages of 0 and 4 making up 39% of the total population served. 19% of the population served were between the ages of 5 and 8, 14% between the ages of 9 and 11, 14% between the ages of 12 and 14 and 14% between the ages of 15 and 21. The Agency provided services and supports to a very similar number of boys (51%) and girls (49%).

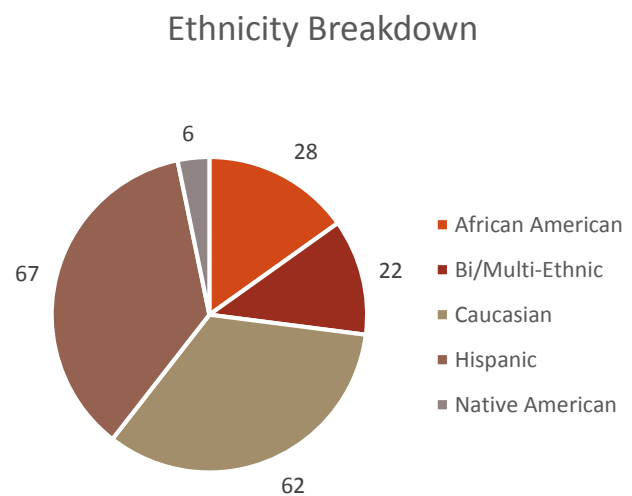
2017 KFFA Placements by County

Riverside	152	82%
San Diego	28	15%
San Bernardino	5	3%



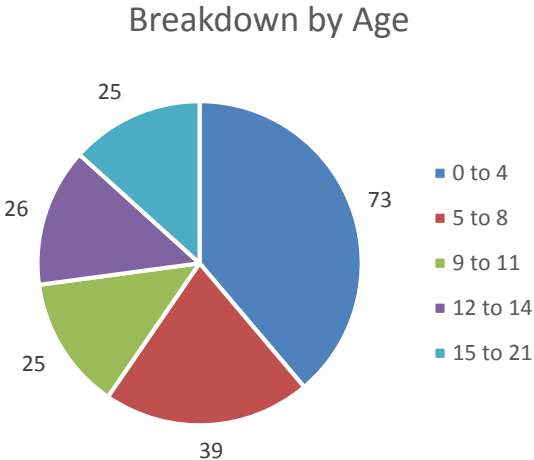
2018 Placement Ethnicity Breakdown

African American	28	15%
Bi/Multi-Ethnic	22	12%
Caucasian	62	34%
Hispanic/Latino	67	36%
Native American	6	3%



2018 Placement Breakdown by Age

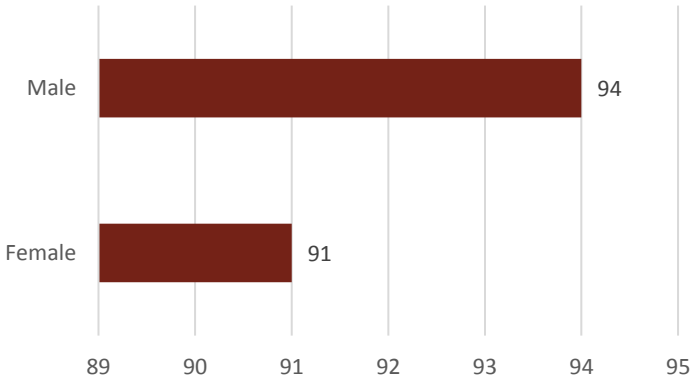
0 to 4	73	39%
5 to 8	39	19%
9 to 11	25	14%
12 to 14	26	14%
15 to 21	25	14%



Gender Breakdown

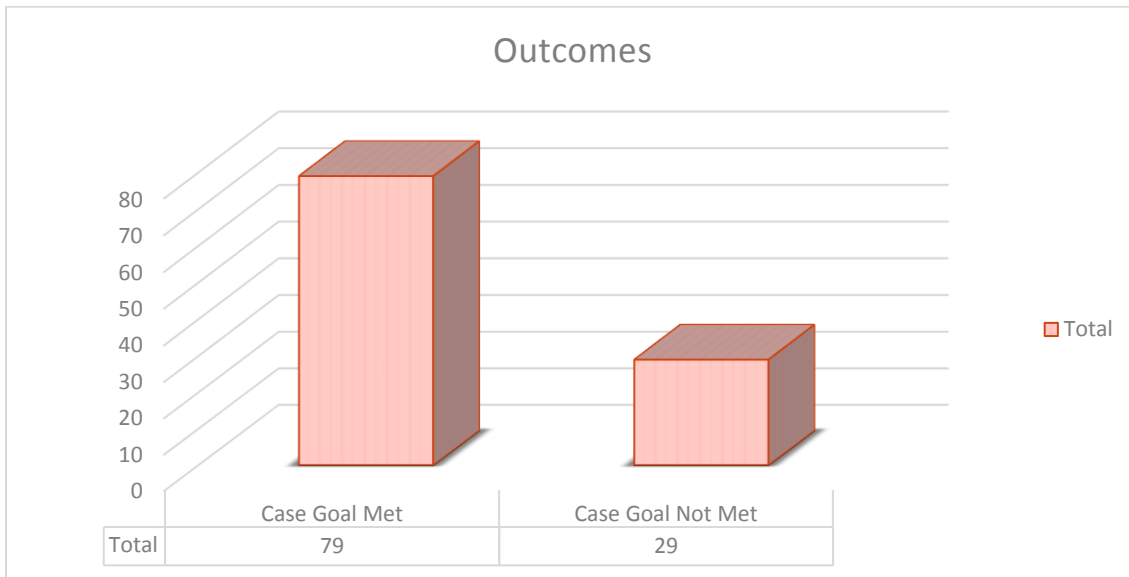
2018 FFA Gender Breakdown

Male	94	51%
Female	91	49%



2018 Successful Placements/Achieved Permanency – (108 Discharges)

In 2018 Kamali'i Foster Family Agency achieved a 73% success rate in terms of successful discharges. Success is seen when a child was successfully reunified with family, adopted, placed in an adoptive home, transitioned to transitional housing or moved away to attend college. An indifference was attained if a child or youth was moved due to reasons outside of the Agency control such as a Court order.



Riverside County	67 of 91	Case Goals Met
San Diego County	8 of 13	Case Goals Met
San Bernardino County	4 of 4	Case Goals Met

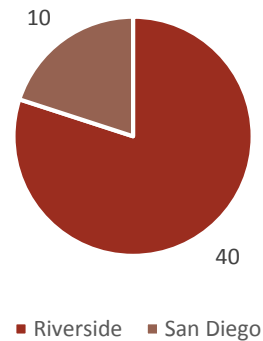
2018 Resource Family Home Statistics

Kamali'i Foster Family Agency maintained 50 Resource/Certified Homes at the end of 2018. Kamali'i FFA converted 21 Certified Foster Homes over to Resource Family Homes by the end of year representing 42% of the Agency's total homes. 10 families were decertified and 9 new families were approved over the year representing a decrease in the number of homes maintained in 2017 but an increase in new homes approved. The families of Kamali'i FFA provide for a good representation of the diversity of the children and families that we serve.

2018 Resource/Certified Homes

Riverside	40
San Diego	10

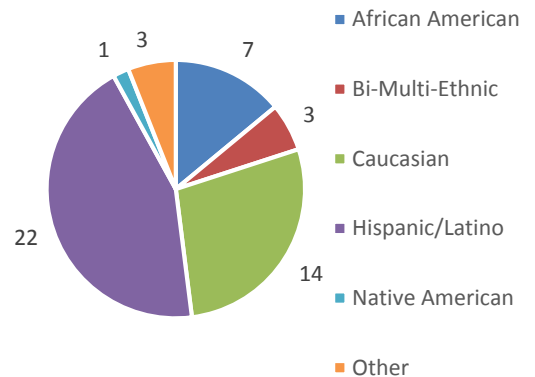
Approved/Certified Homes



2018 Resource/Certified Homes Ethnicity Breakdown

African American	7	14%
Bi/Multi-Ethnic	3	6%
Caucasian	14	28%
Hispanic/Latino	22	44%
Native American	1	2%
Other	3	6%

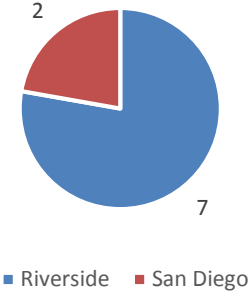
Ethnicity Breakdown



2018 Newly Approved/Certified Homes

Riverside	7
San Diego	2

Newly Approved/Certified Homes



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