

# Parent Partners

## Hawaii Families As Allies (HFAA)

- **Parent Partners** are parents of children with emotional and/or behavioral challenges who help other parents navigate the child and adolescent mental health service system, as well as the educational system. Parent Partners are found in each Family Guidance Center. They also help Mental Health Care Coordinators to engage families and make their practice as family friendly as possible, and represent a family voice in Family Guidance Center operations.
- **Parent Partners** offer technical assistance to parents about navigating the system as well as emotional support. They facilitate parent support group meetings and provide training on topics important to parents. They attend treatment and Individualized Education Program (IEP) meetings with parents to assist parents with the process.
- **Parent Partners** also act as support to Mental Health Care Coordinators by offering consultation and assistance to families who may be going through particularly challenging times. They assist the Family Guidance Centers by participating in governing body committees and representing a family voice on decisions impacting the center.