

# A FAMILY TREE



Creating and Supporting Families Since 1975

## All About A Family Tree

Hawaii International Child (HIC) was established in 1975 by members of Hawaii's adoption community. In 2020 we grew into A Family Tree. Our staff is united in our love of children, our respect for birth parents, our support of adoptive families, and our enjoyment of the important work we are honored to do every day.



The AFT Team is dedicated to and personally believes in our mission. Our staff includes adoptive parents, adoptees, and siblings of adoptees. We love what we do.

We look forward getting to know anyone interested in our programs. There's no obligation to commit; we encourage careful thinking, and welcome your thoughts and questions.

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## HOURS

Monday - Thursday 8 AM to 4 PM

Closed Friday

## LOCATION

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## Where We've Been, What We Do

Since 1975 HIC, now AFT, has found families for children. We've managed adoption programs in Azerbaijan, Cambodia, China, Georgia, Hong Kong, Japan, Kazakhstan, Philippines, Russia, Swaziland, Taiwan, Thailand, and Vietnam.

Today our primary focus is on serving families and children in Hawaii. As a fully licensed, adoption agency, we are experts in every single aspect of any kind of adoption. Yes, we really are that confident! Whether you need a home study, a post placement report, have a question about your (adopted) child's immigration status, or are just starting to consider adoption as an adoption, we look forward to meeting you, and figuring out how we can be of service.

## Our History

Since 1975, HIC has helped more than 3,000 children find their forever families. As AFT, we work directly with local birth parents to provide supportive counseling and family planning. Our domestic adoption work includes: home studies for any type of adoption; collaboration with the State of Hawaii Department of Human Services to place children from foster care into permanent homes in Hawaii; placement from mainland state foster programs of waiting children into permanent homes in Hawaii; cooperation with local and mainland-based adoption agencies and attorneys in private adoptions; services and support for nearly any type of intercountry adoption program; and our own, AFT domestic adoption program called Ka Makana.

**"Parents can only give good advice or put them on the right paths, but the final forming of a person's character lies in their own hands."**

**- Anne Frank**

We provide counseling services to families, children, and couples. We offer support and empowerment groups to younger adoptees. We train and support adoptive parents. We support and empower birth mothers in determining what is in their best interest. We provide pre-adoptive parent training for domestic or international adoption.

As a 501(c)3 non-profit agency, HIC/AFT is governed by a Board of Directors and is licensed by the State of Hawaii. AFT undergoes an annual financial review performed by an independent certified public accounting firm.



## Find Us



## What We Believe

We recognize the critical importance of early childhood love and nurture and that children suffer in the limbo of uncertainty and blossom with the security of stability and consistency. We wish to do our part to create a community into which these children may grow and thrive. **We recognize** the needs of prospective birth parents for truth and education in order to properly assess whether adoption is right for them. **We recognize** the need for reassurance that prospective adoptive parents have been professionally screened and assessed prior to being presented to birth parents for consideration. **We recognize** the need for ongoing support for all members of the adoption triad and further education following placement of children into homes.

We choose to remain a small agency with a large amount of love for what we do. We believe in a quality adoption experience. AFT respects the individuality of each person, and the importance of diversity to a healthy world.

### Driving Directions:

#### H1 - Heading Ewa

Get off at the King Street exit. Follow King St. up to Punahou. Turn left (makai) onto Punahou. Turn left (Kokohead) onto S. King. We are just past Baskins and Robbins on the mauka side of the street.

#### H1 - Heading Kokohead

Get off at the Punahou exit. Turn right (makai) onto Punahou. Turn left (Kokohead) onto S. King. See above.

AFT is located in the Prince of Peace building (previously known as Pemco) at 1632 S. King St. We are in a three story building on the mauka side of the street, across from Washington Middle School and directly past Baskins and Robbins.

### Parking:

There is plenty of on-street parking on S. King directly in front of our building. Please be aware of the bike lane when you exit your vehicle.

