

# A Collaborative Teaming Process

Video

## What's working in Hawai'i's Schools

*This video beautifully captures the synergy created when team members are able to “leave their individual hats at the door and wear one hat” that focuses on reengaging youth in their schools, communities and families. Watch families act as full participants in the decision making process that holds their child as central to the planning process.*

Many of our students with complex needs are falling through the cracks and at risk of dropping out of high school. In an effort to better support these students and their families a multi-agency team that includes Education, Family Court, the Child Adolescent Mental Health Division, and parent organizations has developed an approach that places the hopes and dreams of the student at the center of their planning.

Through this video, viewers will meet the youth and their families, core team members, and leaders in the field who speak about the importance of working together to overcome barriers, and to more effectively utilize all resources available to them. See how strong relationships founded on trust, caring and the shared goal of supporting students and families are clearly the central theme to building multi-agency teams that work.

*Those who view this video might consider:*

- *How might this model further what we are currently doing?*
- *Who might we partner with to better supports students and their families?*
- *Who else might benefit from seeing this video?*

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