1970ˢ — THE VISION BECOMES REALITY

Foundations of Care

In 1974, prompted by a Family Court (FC) needs assessment, a small group of community leaders founded Hale ʻŌpio Kauaʻi (HOK) to build skills and provide experiences for vulnerable youth to develop capabilities and competence













- **Licensed by DHS** and opened **Hale ʻŌpio Group Home** for 16 youth – providing shelter, counseling, education, recreation, and arts programs
- **Partnership with DOE (1976)** – staff supported youth daily in Kauaʻi schools to reach education and behavior goals
- **In Partnership with Wilcox Hospital** – launched School-Based Health Services at Kapaʻa High, reaching 1,300 students
- **Family Therapy for Off-Island Youth** – expanded services from Oʻahu to Kauaʻi through Child & Family Service
- **Annual Program Evaluations by UH Mānoa** – guided improvements and published statewide
- **Relocated to Former U.S. Coast Guard Loran Station in Poʻipū,** establishing a lasting home base