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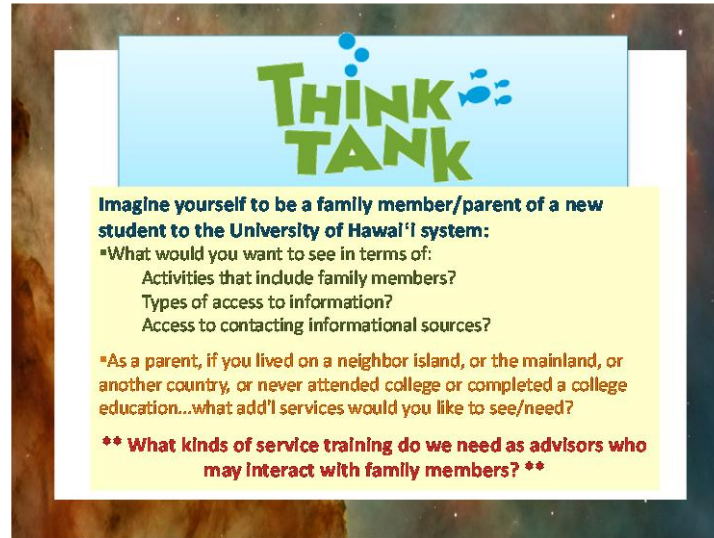
“Re-thinking the Enigma of the Helicopter Parent”

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Think Tank discussion points:

- Hawaii Community College implemented a Parent Orientation (free of charge)
- UH-WO 'Ohana Orientation is strictly for Parents/Family: includes presentation on advising/a student discussion panel/ campus security/ student services ~ held before the beginning of the semester. (Also, free of charge)
- As an advisor, I think I would benefit from more training on this paradigm shift and how to create integrative ways to work w/the families of our students.
- We need strategies to help students communicate with parents/family regarding their academic experiences.
- I think I'm a "hang glider" parent ~ watchful from a distance and can swoop in when needed. Maybe that's a more positive role for family members! (group agreement on this!)
- We need to find strategies to help educate parents/family on appropriate ways to engage with their student, with campus services & staff, etc. Find "teaching moments" to help shape workable and more positive engagement towards student success.
- Provide "transition" trainings for families (on-site; and/or via other types of media tools).
- Several members voiced concerns that their campus websites had nothing welcoming or focused for families of students.
- It was suggested that the UH System website should have a site for 'ohana/families of students. Could also be linked with campus sites that focus on families/'ohana events, etc.