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some employees while also observing how government workers conceptualize how those they help view government aid. Initially, that was my intention going into the internship. However, due to the makeshift nature of my internship in general, I used anthropological frameworks, texts, and insights at the forefront of my internship work. My internship consisted of conference-style meetings where the two DHS employees would ask for my anthropological opinions on the topics and projects we wanted to work on. The two most significant projects were on multigeneration homes and analyzing the results of an event called Alternative Futures held during the summer of 2019.

My internship began with attending a two-day conference called Ascend 2Gen that focused on the importance of involving parents in government discussions on how to provide aid for two-generation homes. In this conference, the main takeaways were the importance of empowering single parents, getting them involved in discussions on what two-generation homes need to aid, and empowering parents to gain economic mobility. Once the conference was over, I was asked for my thoughts on the event and what I would change or add to within the context of

Hawaii and its own unique sociocultural family structures. The most prominent additions included incorporating children into conversations that focus on their needs, not just by their parents, the need for the framework to be shifted from a two-generation framework to a multigenerational home, and lastly, the need to deconstruct this Americanized understanding of the nuclear family and its limitations to community connection which is so omnipresent within Hawaiian and local communities. Within this conversation, I used frameworks from *Children as Caregivers* by Jean Hunleth, *Unequal Childhoods* by Annette Lareau, and my cultural understanding of Hawaii. Through this, I used my anthropological toolkit to propose what I would include in a science perspective on the situation.

The most significant portion of my internship was the analysis and discussion on the 2019 Alternative Futures, I use