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1. **Recent Highlights from Center on the Family's Facebook Page**

The Center on the Family, Hawai'i's state grantee for KIDS COUNT, posts weekly announcements on its Facebook page aimed at fostering community involvement and education on issues related to Hawai'i's children and families. Current data, publications, events, and child-related activities are regularly highlighted. Some recent posts include:

- What's the difference between binge and heavy drinking? Find out the answer by visiting SAMHSA's Too Smart to Start website.
- The percentage of Hawai'i's children in poverty climbed from 10% in 2008 to 14% in 2009 according to a recent update to the KIDS COUNT data center.
- Do you want to learn how to make delicious easy vegetarian meals for your family? local vegetarian food expert gives a free cooking demonstration.
- The National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) Hawai'i hosts a free health care advocacy seminar with national and local leaders discussing opportunities and challenges posed by the new health care law in reforming Hawai'i's mental health care system.
- Dealing with national disaster or the loss of a family member is difficult, especially for children. COF's past article "Helping Children Cope with Loss" explains how to approach comforting children during times of crisis.

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<https://www.facebook.com/COFHawaii?ref=ts>

2. **2011 Ranking of State Child Care Center Regulation and Oversight**

The National Association of Child Care Resource & Referral Agencies (NACCRRA) has released its 2011 update titled "We Can Do Better," the third update since the 2007 and 2009 reports were issued. New features of this update include rankings of the District of Columbia and the Department of Defense. Overall, NACCRRA's update found that states are making progress in the 10 identified program requirements and five oversight benchmarks for child

care centers, though no state earned an A. Out of a possible 150 points, the average score in 2011 was 87 (compared to 70 in 2007 and 83 in 2009). Some highlights from the update as well as Hawai'i's ranking are as follows:

- Hawai'i ranked 25 among the states, with a final score of 91 out of 150. The 2009 update ranked Hawai'i 20 among the 50 states with a total score of 54 out of 140.
- The average annual fees paid for an infant in a center was \$11,208; for a 4-year-old in a center it was \$7,452.
- For child care center regulations, Hawai'i fully met the benchmark requiring lead teachers to have a Child Development Associate (CDA) credential or an associate degree in ECE or related field.
- Hawai'i's child care centers fully met the requirement of addressing the six developmental domains.
- Six recommendations were made to Hawai'i, including requiring center staff to have fire training safety and requiring programs to encourage parent involvement.

To access the full report, visit:

<http://www.naccrra.org/publications/naccrra-publications/we-can-do-better-2011.php>

To see Hawai'i's state report, visit:

<http://www.naccrra.org/publications/naccrra-publications/publications/states/Hawaii.pdf>

3. May is Teen Pregnancy Prevention Month

Pregnant teens are at a higher risk of dropping out of school and living in poverty, as well as putting their goals for the future on hold. Their babies are at a higher risk for being born at a low birth weight, having various health problems and developmental delays, performing poorly in school, and experiencing child abuse and neglect. In the last few years, Hawai'i's rate of teen births experienced a decline from 46 per 1,000 teens in 2000, to a low of 36 per 1,000 in 2005. This was followed by a drastic increase in 2007, with a rate of 41 per 1,000 teens. Here are some statistics reflecting the most current data available from the KIDS COUNT Data Center on teen pregnancy:

- In 2008, Hawai'i ranked 23rd nationwide, with a rate of 42 per 1,000 births to teens between the ages of 15-19.
- In 2007, Kaua'i County led the state on the rate of teen pregnancies among women ages 15-19, with 65.6 per 1,000 women, followed by Hawai'i County (63.8), the City and County of Honolulu (62.5), and Maui County (54.4).
- In 2008, Hawai'i's rate of teen births between the ages of 15 to 17 was below the national average (Hawai'i's 19 compared to 22 per 1,000 females nationwide); however, the number of teen births between the ages of 18 to 19 has surpassed the national average (Hawai'i's 71 compared to 77 per 1,000 females nationwide).
- In 2008, Hawai'i was ranked 11th in the nation for teen births to women who were already mothers, 17 per 1,000 teens.

For more information on Hawai'i's profile or to see Hawai'i's ranking across states, go to:

<http://datacenter.kidscount.org/>

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