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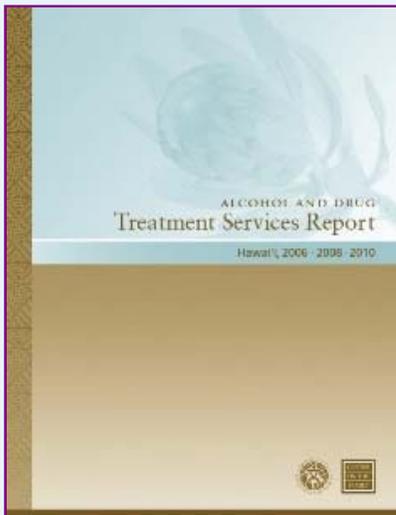
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This report is third in a series of reports developed in collaboration by the Alcohol and Drug Abuse Division (ADAD) of the Hawai'i Department of Health and the University of Hawai'i's Center on the Family. The report presents updated data on substance abuse treatment services utilization in Hawai'i. State-level data presented in the report were collected from agencies that received funds from ADAD during the 2010 fiscal year. Trend comparisons for 2006 and 2008 are also available in the report. The report aims to increase the knowledge and understanding of substance abuse treatment in Hawai'i in order to improve services for those overcoming their addiction to alcohol and drugs. Data highlights pertaining to adolescents (17 years and younger) who received state-funded services include the following:

- The number of admissions of adolescents to treatment services increased steadily, by 20.9% between 2006 and 2008 and by 16.4% between 2008 and 2010.
- Adolescent admissions vary by month, but were always highest at the beginning of a new school year, i.e., August and September, with the lowest in July of all years (2006, 2008, and 2010).
- Marijuana was the primary substance that was used at the time of admission for the

majority of adolescents (59.5%), followed by alcohol (32.1%).

- At 6-month follow-up after completing treatment services, almost all adolescents (97.9%) were attending school and more than half (54.1%) reported not using any substances in the past 30 days.

The full report is available for download at:

<http://uhfamily.hawaii.edu/publications/brochures/Treatment%20Report%202012%20FINAL.pdf>

YOUTH RISK BEHAVIOR SURVEILLANCE - UNITED STATES, 2011

This report, released by the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), presents data from the 2011 Youth Risk Behavior Surveillance (YRBS) System survey. The YRBS system is the only surveillance system designed to monitor a wide range of priority health risk behaviors among a representative sample of high school students at the national, state, and local levels. Conducted every two years, these surveys monitor health behaviors including: unintentional injuries and violence; tobacco, alcohol, and other drug use; sexual behaviors that contribute to unintended pregnancy and sexually transmitted diseases, including HIV; unhealthy dietary behaviors; and physical inactivity. According to the report, there has been significant progress in the last two decades in improving health-risk behaviors associated with the leading cause of death among youth, motor vehicle crashes (i.e., wearing a seatbelt, binge drinking, or riding with impaired drivers). Questions about bullying through electronic media and about texting or emailing while driving were included for the first time in 2011. One in three high school students had texted or e-mailed while driving a car or other vehicle in the past 30 days. The survey also found that one in six had been bullied through email, chat rooms, instant messaging, websites, or texting during the past year. Findings for Hawai'i include the following:

- A higher percentage of Hawai'i's high school students (15.0%) made a plan about how they would attempt suicide in the last 12 months before the survey, compared to their counterparts in the U.S. (12.8%).
- 18.5% of students reported that they did not participate in at least 60 minutes of physical activity on any day during the week before they were surveyed, which was higher than 13.8% in the U.S.
- While 38.7% of high school students across the U.S. reported having at least one drink of alcohol on at least one day during the 30 days before the survey, a lower percentage (29.1%) of Hawai'i students reported the same use.

A summary report on the results of the Hawai'i YRBS is expected to become available in the Fall.

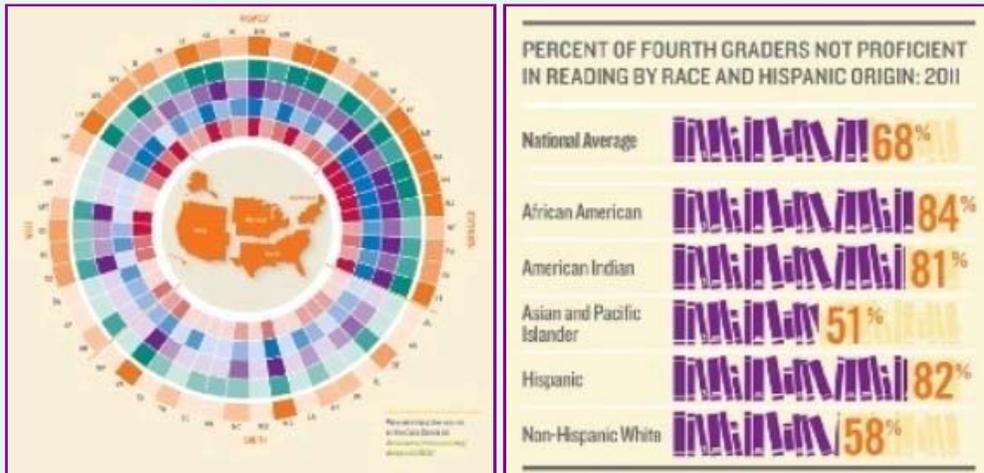
To download the complete U.S. report on the CDC website, go to:

<http://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/pdf/ss/ss6104.pdf>

THE KIDS COUNT INFOGRAPHICS CHALLENGE

The Annie E. Casey Foundation knows the value of a good infographic. According to Wikipedia, infographics are graphic visual representations of information, data or knowledge. These graphics

present complex information quickly and clearly, such as in signs, maps, journalism, technical writing, and education. The KIDS COUNT 2012 Infographics Challenge is a crowd-sourced competition that invites young people (ages 13 to 21) and adults (ages 22 and older) to share their creativity in presenting the 2012 KIDS COUNT data. Participants will design an infographic or other visual/multimedia presentation, upload it to the Challenge platform, and mobilize their friends and social networks to vote for their submission. The infographic could focus on data pertaining to Hawai'i, or an issue area that is close to their heart. Prizes include a state-of-the-art laptop or iPad. More information about the infographics challenge will be posted on the Center on the Family Facebook page when the Challenge is launched in early September. Some examples of infographics from the Annie E. Casey Foundation are provided below. Other examples can be found here: <http://caseyfoundation.tumblr.com>



OCTOBER IS HAWAII'S CHILDREN AND YOUTH MONTH

Children and Youth Month is right around the corner! The month of October is designated every year to raise awareness and promote the well-being of children and youth statewide. The Children and Youth Summit kicks off the month on Monday, October 1. The annual summit brings together children, youth, and adults interested in priority setting discussions on various issues that impact children and youth in Hawai'i. The entire family is invited to participate in Children and Youth Day on Sunday, October 7. Free interactive activities, games, learning workshops and demonstrations will be held on the grounds of the State Capitol. If you are interested in volunteering for Children and Youth Day, please visit the online registration form and select the "I want to volunteer" option: <http://bit.ly/HCYD2012App>

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