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THE CENTER ON THE FAMILY BROWN BAG SEMINAR: INNOVATIVE STRATEGIES TO IMPROVE CHILD PROTECTION OUTCOMES IN HAWAI'I

The University of Hawai'i Center on the Family will host the fourth and final seminar in its spring brown bag series on Friday, April 20, from noon to 1 pm in Room 2 of Miller Hall at the UH Manoa campus. *Innovative Strategies to Improve Child Protection Outcomes in Hawai'i* will be presented by Dr. Marianne Berry, a social worker and faculty member with the Center on the Family.

The child welfare system is charged with protecting children from maltreatment while supporting the family and community connections that are known to be critical to children's healthy development. Hawai'i's Child Welfare branch of the state's Department of Human Services is participating in a five-year demonstration to test new strategies aimed at achieving these two outcomes. Key findings from the first three years of this effort will be presented and discussed at the seminar.

Please bring your lunch and join the discussion.

If you have any questions about the brown bag presentation, please contact Dr. Hua Zan at hzan@hawaii.edu or Dr. Jenjira Yahirun at jyahirun@hawaii.edu.

The Center on the Family
Brown Bag Series Presents:
Marianne Berry
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"Innovative Strategies to Improve Child Protection Outcomes in Hawai'i"

DATE: April 20, 2018
LOCATION: MILLER HALL, ROOM 2

Marianne Berry is a social worker and health professor with the Center on the Family, School of Tropical Health & Global Studies, and the UICMA's Bureau, recognized for her exceptional and quality of her research supporting evidence-based decision-making by child welfare workers.

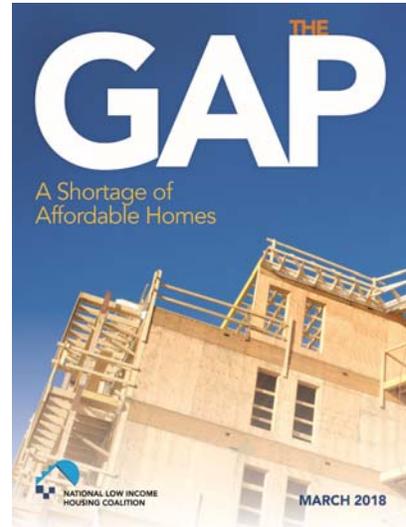
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THE GAP: A SHORTAGE OF AFFORDABLE HOMES

The National Low Income Housing Coalition (NLIHC) released *The Gap: A Shortage of Affordable Homes*, which highlights the struggle that millions of people experience trying to find affordable homes. The report provides information on the affordable housing supply and housing cost burdens at the national, state, and metropolitan levels. As in previous years, extremely low income (ELI) households—defined as households whose income is at or below either the poverty guideline or 30% of their area median income, whichever is higher—have more severe housing costs burdens when compared to other income groups. ELI households also face the largest shortage of affordable and available rental housing. Findings of the report include:

- The majority of ELI renter households are severely cost-burdened in all 50 states and the District of Columbia, spending more than half of their income on rent and utilities. Severe housing cost burdens can result in negative outcomes, especially for families with children who consequently have less available to spend on healthcare and food. Sixty-five percent of ELI households in Hawai'i are severely cost-burdened.
- Every state and large metropolitan area has a housing shortage for ELI renters. ELI renters in Nevada face the greatest challenge in finding affordable and available homes where there are only 15 affordable and available homes for every 100 ELI renter households. Maine has the greatest supply of affordable and available rental homes for ELI renters with 59 affordable and available homes for every 100 ELI renter households. In Hawai'i, there are 44 affordable and available rental homes for every 100 ELI renter households.
- There are 20,512 ELI renter households in the state of Hawai'i. The shortage of affordable and available rental homes is one of the biggest barriers to economic stability for families to make ends meet.

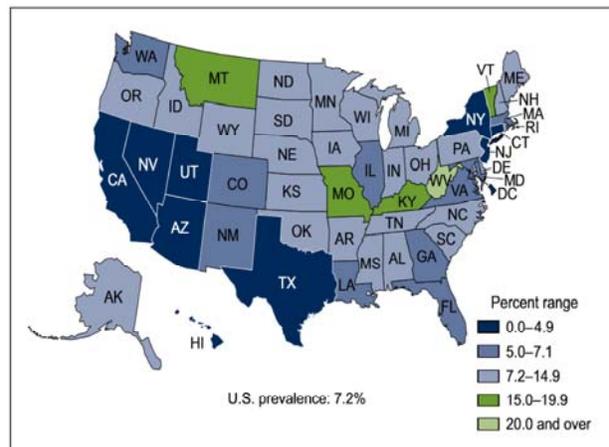


Read more about [The Gap Report at http://nlihc.org/sites/default/files/gap/Gap-Report_2018.pdf](http://nlihc.org/sites/default/files/gap/Gap-Report_2018.pdf).

CIGARETTE SMOKING DURING PREGNANCY: UNITED STATES, 2016

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention just released the data brief, *Cigarette Smoking During Pregnancy: United States, 2016*, which includes data on the prevalence of cigarette smoking during pregnancy by state, race, age, and educational attainment. Research shows that maternal tobacco use during pregnancy is linked to negative infant and child outcomes, including low birthweight, preterm birth, and various birth defects.

Identifying maternal characteristics associated with smoking during pregnancy can help inform the development of strategies to reduce the prevalence of maternal smoking. Some key findings from the brief include:



- In 2016, 7.2%, or one in 14 women, who gave birth reported smoking cigarettes during pregnancy.
- Rates of smoking during pregnancy were lower than the national average in 19 states and D.C. However, rates were higher than the national average in 31 states.
- Hawai'i had one of the lowest rates of maternal smoking, at less than 5.0%.
- The rates of pregnant women who smoked were highest among women aged 20-24 (10.7%), followed by women aged 15-19 (8.5%), and 25-29 (8.2%).
- Women with graduate degrees were least likely to smoke while pregnant (0.4%).

To read the full brief, please see the [NCHS Data Brief No.305 at https://www.cdc.gov/nchs/products/databriefs/db305.htm](https://www.cdc.gov/nchs/products/databriefs/db305.htm).

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