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#### RACE FOR RESULTS

Today, the Annie E. Casey Foundation released its 2017 *Race for Results* report. With the national conversation on race and immigration intensifying, the report gives particular emphasis to the well-being of children in immigrant families. *Race for Results* underscores formidable risks to healthy child development such as poverty, limited educational opportunities and family separation, in immigrant families and for children of color, exacerbated by policies that limit resources and restrict access. The report reveals the reach of chronic poverty: children of immigrants account for 30 percent of all low-income kids in the United States, but represent less than one-fourth of the nation's overall child population.

*Race for Results* comes at a time when the nation's lawmakers consider policy changes that will affect the 800,000 young people who have been granted a reprieve from fear of deportation through the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) program. The report makes three key recommendations to help ensure all children and their families are afforded opportunities to reach their full potential:

- **Keep families together and in their communities** — Helping to keep children with their families enables them to meet developmental milestones and for parents to meet the needs of their children.
- **Help children in immigrant families meet key developmental milestones** —The overall well-being of children is key to our nation's future and is influenced by their environments. Policies must focus on making those environments more supportive and healthy.
- **Increase economic opportunity for immigrant parents** —Meaningful programs and policies that improve opportunities for low-income workers and deal with the needs of parents and their children save taxpayers by reducing the costs of safety-net programs.

The Casey Foundation released the first *Race for Results* in 2014; the 2017 report is the second edition, and the ongoing series reflects the Foundation's commitment to examining data and offering data-informed policy



recommendations on issues of racial and ethnic equity. *Race for Results* measures children’s progress on national and state levels on key education, health and economic milestones by racial and ethnic groups. Due to the relatively small size of the population and constraints on several of the data sets, the report, unfortunately, presents data on Asian and Pacific Islander children as one combined group in order to provide comparisons across states. However, the Casey Foundation and Population Reference Bureau provided the Hawai’i KIDS COUNT project separate disaggregated data on a few of the measures that comprise the well-being and opportunity index presented in the report. The data provided highlight poorer outcomes for Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander children on measures of economic well-being and opportunity:

- 43% of Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander children (ages 0 – 17) live above 200% of poverty, compared to 68% of all children in Hawai’i.
- 75% of Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander young adults (ages 19 – 26) are in school or working, compared to 87% of all young adults in the state.
- 15% of Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander young adults (ages 25 – 29) have completed an Associate’s Degree or higher, compared to 39% of all young adults in the state.\*

To access the 2017 *Race for Results* report, please visit <http://www.aecf.org/m/resourcedoc/aecf-2017raceforresults-2017.pdf>.

\*Disaggregated data presented here was provided separately to the Hawai’i KIDS COUNT project by The Casey Foundation and Population Reference and is not presented in the 2017 *Race for Results* report.

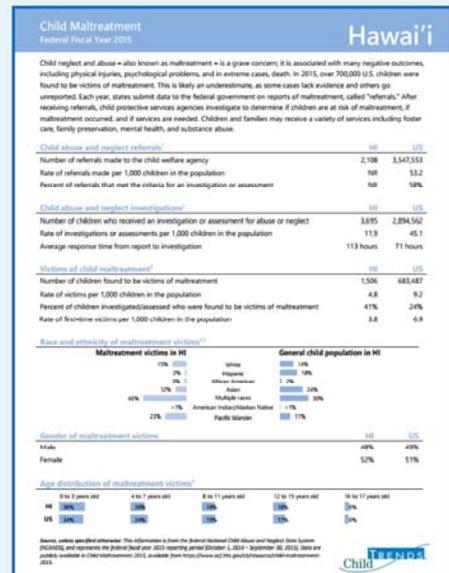
## CHILD MALTREATMENT FACTS IN HAWAI’I

As a part of an effort to provide national- and state-level data on children, youth, and families who come into contact with the child welfare system, Child Trends recently released a series of fact sheets on child maltreatment. The series uses data collected by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services to provide information on child abuse and neglect referrals and investigations, child maltreatment victims’ demographic information, child fatalities attributed to maltreatment, child maltreatment perpetrators, and post-response services. Children who are victims of maltreatment, whether in the form of neglect or abuse, are at risk for a number of negative physical, developmental and psychological outcomes. More than 700,000 children in the U.S. were victims of maltreatment in 2015.

In Hawai’i:

- The rate of victims per 1,000 children in the population was 4.8 in 2015, compared to 9.2 in the U.S.
- 41% of the children investigated/assessed were found to be victims of maltreatment, compared to 24% of those investigated/assessed nationally.
- 36% of maltreatment victims were young children, 0 to 3-years-old, and 20% were between 4 and 7 years old.
- 89% of child maltreatment perpetrators were parents of the victims.

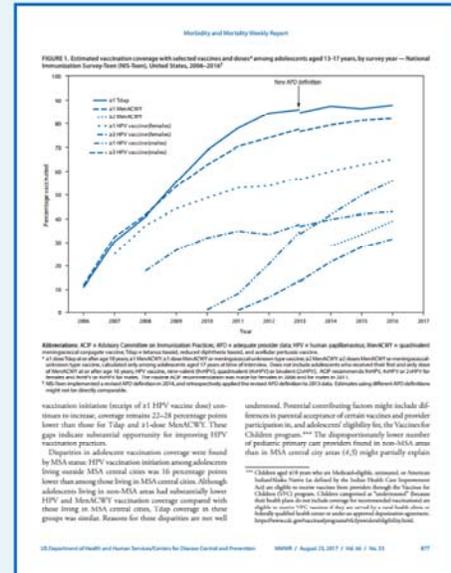
To view the Hawai’i fact sheet and to learn more, please visit: [https://childtrends-ciw49tixgw5lbab.stackpathdns.com/wp-content/uploads/2017/09/Hawaii-Child-Maltreatment-Factsheet\\_2015.pdf](https://childtrends-ciw49tixgw5lbab.stackpathdns.com/wp-content/uploads/2017/09/Hawaii-Child-Maltreatment-Factsheet_2015.pdf).



# NATIONAL, REGIONAL, STATE, AND SELECTED LOCAL AREA VACCINATION COVERAGE AMONG ADOLESCENTS AGED 13 – 17 YEARS — UNITED STATES, 2016

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recently released its *National, Regional, State, and Selected Local Area Vaccination Coverage Among Adolescents Aged 13 – 17 Years – United States, 2016* article. The article, published in the CDC's *Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report*, provides data on vaccination coverage among adolescents aged 13 – 17 at the national and state levels. To protect against vaccine-preventable diseases, including human papillomavirus (HPV)-associated cancers, diphtheria, pertussis, tetanus, and meningococcal disease, routine immunization of adolescents is recommended by the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices.

Recent improvements include greater coverage for tetanus, diphtheria, and acellular pertussis (Tdap), varicella, meningococcal conjugate (MenACWY), and human papillomavirus (HPV) vaccinations. HPV vaccinations have been more widely integrated into vaccination practices, increasing coverage for both males and females. However, every year, nearly 31,500 newly diagnosed cancers for men and women can be linked to HPV, and about 90% of these would have been preventable with the HPV vaccine.



Hawai'i specific data presented in the report include the following:

- Hawai'i is one of 9 states and DC to have over 72% HPV vaccination coverage among female adolescents aged 13 – 17 years. The national average is 65%.
- Similar to the 56% national average, 58% of Hawai'i's adolescent males aged 13 – 17 years received the HPV vaccination.
- 82% of adolescents in Hawai'i received the Tdap vaccination, compared to 88% of U.S. adolescents.
- The percentage of Hawai'i's adolescents who received the MenACWY vaccination is lower than the national average (76% vs. 82%, respectively).

The authors of the article point out that, while vaccination coverage is improving gradually, it is important to continue monitoring it to better prevent diseases such as HPV-associated cancers. Clinicians are encouraged to recommend and administer vaccinations to adolescents. Furthermore, health care providers should carefully review vaccination histories and create systems in which missed vaccinations can be eliminated or minimized.

To read the full report, please visit: <https://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/volumes/66/wr/pdfs/mm6633a2.pdf>.

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