

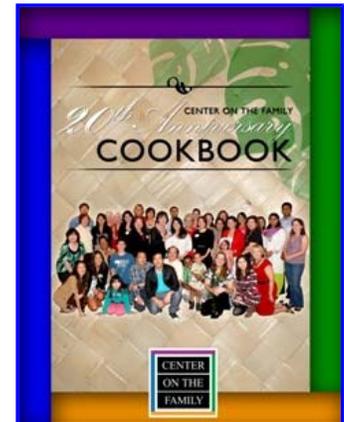


Hawai'i KIDS COUNT E-Bulletin

It's not too late to complete the E-Bulletin online survey! If you haven't already done so, please take a few minutes to tell us how we are doing. The last day to complete the survey is February 5th. We need your feedback to ensure that the E-Bulletin continues to meet your needs. If you have questions about the survey, feel free to email kcadmin@hawaii.edu or call us at 808-956-3760. As a token of our gratitude, five lucky winners will receive a limited edition Center on the Family 20th Anniversary Cookbook. To enter the drawing, you will be asked to provide your email address at the end of the survey.

Click here to take the survey:

<http://uhfamily.hawaii.edu/projects/kidscount/ebSurvey2012.asp>



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NEW EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF EARLY LEARNING WEBSITE



In June 2012, the Executive Office of Early Learning (EOEL) was established to create a comprehensive early childhood development and learning system for Hawai'i's keiki, prenatal to age five. Inspired by a national, research-based framework, the EOEL engaged with partners across the state with the overarching vision that Hawai'i's young children are valued, safe, healthy, ready for school and succeeding by third grade. The EOEL engaged partners across the state to help define the desired outcomes for children and families and the critical strategies that will be prioritized, sequenced and implemented over the next three years. EOEL recently launched a website to inform the public about the state's school readiness program. The action strategy, goals and outcomes for each goal area are outlined on the website. More information, including the latest news, reports, background and significance of the early learning program plan, staff bios and more can be found at: <http://earlylearning.hawaii.gov/>

CHILD MALTREATMENT 2011

The Administration for Children and Families recently released national and state data in its Child Maltreatment 2011 report. All states have laws requiring professionals to report suspected maltreatment to a child protective services agency. Most states recognize four major types of maltreatment, which can occur in combination: neglect, physical abuse, psychological maltreatment and sexual abuse. Data are a critical source of information for many publications, reports and activities of the federal government and other organizations. During FY 2011, data derived from state child protective services (CPS) agencies reported an estimated 3.4 million referrals, while the alleged maltreatment of children was estimated at approximately 6.2 million children. The following are key findings for the state of Hawai'i:



- There were 1,376 substantiated (disposition given after an assessment has been made and the reported abuse or neglect was found to exist) reports of child maltreatment.
- The rate of unique victims (counts a child only once regardless of the number of times he or she was found to be a victim during the reporting year) was 4.4 per 1,000; lower than the national rate of 9.1.
- Children younger than one year had the highest rate of victimization at 11.7 per 1,000 children in the

population of the same age, lower than the national rate of 21.2.

- Over three-fourths (76.4%) of the unique victims were victims for the first time, which is slightly higher than the national average of 73.2%.

The complete report can be accessed at: <http://www.acf.hhs.gov/sites/default/files/cb/cm11.pdf>

THE RECESSION'S ONGOING IMPACT ON CHILDREN, 2012: INDICATORS OF CHILDREN'S ECONOMIC WELL-BEING

The effects of the recession on children may be difficult to see as economic statistics that address the well-being of children tend to lag. This report by the Urban Institute, the third in an annual series, provides nearly "real-time" tracking of the recession's impact on children. The report provides state-by-state trend data on three indicators of children's economic well-being: children with an unemployed parent, individuals receiving nutrition assistance benefits and children in poverty. Findings from the report suggest that the recession continues to negatively impact America's children and that safety net programs remain critical in helping families make ends meet. Key findings pertaining to Hawai'i include:



- Hawai'i is among the twelve states where the number of children living with an unemployed parent more than doubled since the recession, from 3% in 2007 to 7% in 2012.
- Between 2007 and 2012, the number of people in Hawai'i receiving SNAP (Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, formally Food Stamps) benefits grew by 99%, with the reciprocity rate increasing from 7% in 2007 to 13% in 2012. Nationally, the reciprocity rate increased from 9% in 2007 to 15% in 2012.
- In Hawai'i, the child poverty rate rose from 13% during the pre-recessionary period to 17% in 2011. Nationally, the child poverty rate was 18% pre-recession and increased to 23% in 2011.

The full report is available for download on the First Focus website:

<http://www.firstfocus.net/sites/default/files/Recession%20Paper%202012%20-%20Final.pdf>

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