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1. Strategic Prevention Framework State Incentive Grant (SPF-SIG) Progress Report

In an effort to reduce and prevent underage drinking in our communities, the State’s Department of Health Alcohol and Drug Abuse Division (DOH–ADAD) has been working with the counties, service providers, and other stakeholders to plan and implement prevention programs throughout the state. This effort has been funded by the Strategic Prevention Framework State Incentive Grant (SPF-SIG) of the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) since October of 2006. A recently published progress report provides an overview of the work that was accomplished in the first four years of the project toward building a comprehensive, coordinated, and sustainable substance abuse prevention infrastructure in Hawai‘i. Here are the highlights from the progress report:

- SPF-SIG identified eight guiding principles for underage drinking prevention in Hawai‘i (see page 3 of report).
- All counties completed their prevention program planning using a data-driven approach.
- A total of 45 training sessions were conducted statewide, with most of the sessions focused on how to conduct evaluation. Other training topics included building prevention system’s capacity, implementation of evidence-based programs, planning, and sustainability.
- The number of evidence-based prevention programs that were selected to receive funds ranged from five to ten per county, for a total of 17 different programs statewide.

The complete report can be accessed at:

http://uhfamily.hawaii.edu/publications/brochures/HawaiiSPF-SIG_ProgressReport2011.pdf

2. Hawai'i Hospital Emergency Department Visits: Insured vs. Uninsured 2000-2010

This report released by Hawai'i Covering Kids presents the most recent data available on emergency department visits by insured and uninsured persons in Hawai'i. Emergency department visits by children and youth (insured and uninsured) has increased over the past decade and the percentage of visits by uninsured children and youth has declined. Key findings on Hawai'i's insured and uninsured children and youth who visited emergency rooms include:

- During 2000-2010 there was a 58% increase in the total number of visits by children and youth 0-18 years to emergency rooms.
- The percentage of emergency room visits by uninsured children and youth 0-18 years declined from 5.2% in 2000 to 3.6% in 2010.
- Between 2009 and 2010, the percentage of children under one year of age that visited an emergency room increased from 2.2% to 4.8%.

To view the summary report with data on insured and uninsured children by age group, please see: http://www.coveringkids.com/hot_happenings/UninsuredKidsEDVisits2000-2010.pdf

3. 2011 Survey of Youth Development Organizations Serving Older Youth & Young Adults

In February 2011, Hawai'i Community Foundation (HCF) invited over 400 of Hawai'i's youth development organizations to participate in this survey, with the goal of increasing knowledge and creating connections within the youth development field. The survey, conducted online, asked participating organizations about issues such as program focus, populations served, funding sources, quality, and programming needs. Data from the survey helps to shed light on areas for improvement in youth organizations and programs throughout the state. Here are some key findings:

- Well over a third of the organizations (37%) have been serving youth for more than 20 years, while the majority of organizations (57%) have been serving youth for more than 10 years.
- The majority of programs focused on the areas of social/emotional and life skills (83%), cultural (64%), civic engagement (57%), health (54%), and community leadership (45%).
- Half of the youth organizations (55%) actively recruit youth from low-income households in geographical areas commonly associated with poverty.
- Federal and state funding represent the most significant portion of funding for these organizations.
- On measures of quality, most organizations were strong in professional development (75%) and data collection (80%); however, the areas of youth engagement (26%) and quality assessment (19%) needed improvement.

The full survey with more key findings can be viewed at:

[http://www.hawaiicommunityfoundation.org/sites/default/files/content/docs/Online version for HCF website FINAL 0.pdf](http://www.hawaiicommunityfoundation.org/sites/default/files/content/docs/Online%20version%20for%20HCF%20website%20FINAL%200.pdf)

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