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1. "Managing Job Loss and Financial Stress" Brochure

Living in Hawai'i offers many advantages, but the high cost of living makes covering daily expenses difficult even in the best of times. This brochure is a personal and family guide that outlines what you can do for yourself and your family, and identifies community resources that you may find helpful during periods of economic strain. The brochure also provides concrete recommendations to minimize the negative impacts of financial strain. A monthly budget worksheet and a comprehensive list of community resources can be found in the publication.

"Managing Job Loss and Financial Stress" is available from the Center on the Family at (808) 956-4132 or cof@ctahr.hawaii.edu.

2. SAMHSA's New National Report on Substance Abuse and Mental Illness Problems

Providing state-by-state analyses of substance abuse and mental illness, this new report reveals that there are wide variations in the levels of problems like illicit drug use found among the states, but that every state suffers from these problems.

While nationally the dependence on or abuse of alcohol remained relatively unchanged between 2005-2006 and 2006-2007 (at 7.6% for all persons ages 12 and older), the only increase occurred in Hawai'i (from 7.1% to 8.9%). During these same years the population in Hawai'i also had a significant increase in needing but not receiving treatment for alcohol problems among persons aged 12 or older (from 6.8% to 8.7%).

However, Hawai'i did have some bright spots. The state garnered the following:

- the nation's lowest rate (5.0%) of people aged 18 and older experiencing a major depressive episode in the past year,
- the nation's lowest percentage (1.4%) of persons aged 12 or older who were dependent on illicit drugs in the past year, and
- a significant decline in serious psychological distress (SPD) between 2005-2006 and

2006-2007 among young adults aged 18 to 25.

To read this report in full, please visit <http://oas.samhsa.gov/2k7state/2k7state.pdf>

3. Child Maltreatment 2007

From 2003-2007 child victimization rates in Hawai'i declined overall, says the most recent publication of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services; Administration for Children and Families; Administration on Children, Youth, and Families; and the Children's Bureau.

- There were 14.1% of children victimized in the state in 2003 compared to 12.6% in 2004, 9.7% in 2005, 7.2% in 2006, and a slight increase from the year prior to 7.3% in 2007.

Other data show the following:

- Of the 2,075 victims, Hawai'i had 115 (5%) who received family preservation or family reunification services within the five years prior to 2007.
- In 2007, 965 (46.5%) of the victimized children in Hawai'i were removed from their homes while 449 (17.5%) of nonvictims were removed from theirs.

Report sources include professionals and nonprofessionals.

- The largest group of report sources for 2007 in Hawai'i were legal, law enforcement, and criminal justice personnel (21.8%), followed closely by educational (16.8%), social services (16.4%), and medical personnel (15.7%).
- The remaining percentages of professional report sources were made up of child daycare providers (0.1%), foster care providers (0.3%), and mental health personnel (1.7%).
- Nonprofessionals included alleged victims (0.3%), anonymous sources (3.1%), friends or neighbors (2.7%), other relatives (5.0%), and parents (2.6%).

National and State statistics about child maltreatment are derived from data that child protective services agencies collect through the National Child Abuse and Neglect Data System (NCANDS). The data are analyzed, disseminated, and published in an annual report. *Child Maltreatment 2007* marks the 18th issuance of this report.

To read this report in full, please visit <http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/cb/pubs/cm07/cm07.pdf>

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