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Thank you for subscribing to the Hawaiʻi KIDS COUNT E-Bulletin! After a brief pause, we're resuming sending you data items, links, and resources relating to Hawaiʻi’s keiki. Marika Ripke, who previously served as our KIDS COUNT coordinator, has left to pursue a new career direction. We welcome Anjoli Roy as our new e-bulletin editor. We look forward to communicating with you monthly on data that we hope you will find interesting and helpful, especially in your work to improve the conditions for children in our state.

WHAT'S NEW
1. Latest Updates to the National KIDS COUNT Data Center
   a. Children in Immigrant Families Profile
   Nationwide, Hawaiʻi ranks 8th highest in this profile, which now includes data from the 2007 American Community Survey. The report indicates the following:
      • 10% of children in immigrant families in Hawaiʻi live below the poverty level, as do 10% of all U.S.-born families.
      • 16% of immigrant families in Hawaiʻi are low-income, working families, compared to 15% of all U.S.-born families.
      • Hawaiʻi has the lowest percentage (49%) nationwide of resident immigrant parents who have difficulty speaking English.

For the complete report, please see http://www.kidscount.org/datacenter/errata/update52.jsp

b. Education, Population and Family Characteristics, Poverty, and Youth Risk Factors
   These updates indicate the following:
      • Within Hawaiʻi, the number of teenaged high school dropouts has decreased by 2% from 2006 (6%) to 2007 (4%). Also, Hawaiʻi had 3% fewer dropouts in 2007 compared to the rest of the nation.
      • In 2007, compared to the national percent of 32%, 28% of children in Hawaiʻi were living in singe-parent families, which is a decrease of 1% since 2006.
      • The number of children in poverty decreased from 11% to 10% between 2006 and 2007, showing an 8% difference between Hawaiʻi and the national percentage.

2. Alcohol and Drug Treatment Services Report
3. The 2008 Hawaiʻi Homeless Service Utilization Report
• In 2007, Hawai`i reported a 3% increase between 2006 (6%) and 2007 (9%) in children not attending school or working in 2007, compared to the national percentage of 8%.

For the complete report, please see
http://www.kidscount.org/datacenter/profile_results.jsp?r=13&i10=1000&i6=50&i6=70&i6=80&i6=100&i6=10&i5=440&i7=120&i3=290&i1=190&i9=721

2. Alcohol and Drug Treatment Services Report
Reflecting the increasing numbers of juveniles who are utilizing treatment centers (from 1,240 admitted in 2000 to 1,743 in 2006), this report shows that in Hawai`i the total number of ADAD-funded treatment sites for juveniles has grown from 36 to 65 since 2000. The primary substance that juveniles used was marijuana (58%), followed by alcohol (34%). Hard copies of this report can be requested directly from the Center on the Family.

For the complete report, please see

3. The 2008 Hawai`i Homeless Service Utilization Report
Children accounted for just over one third (32%) of the demographic profile of homeless shelter users; almost half of those minors were below age 6. Hawai`i and Kaua`i counties reported higher percentages of children (48% and 47%), compared to their counterparts in the other two counties (Maui, 32% and Honolulu, 30%). The report also profiles users of homeless outreach services in the state, as well as other data relating to the homeless. Hard copies of this report can be requested directly from the Center on the Family.

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