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COUNTY SNAPSHOTS OF HAWAI'I'S YOUNG CHILDREN, CHILDREN, AND TEENS

As a follow-up to the state-level Snapshots of Hawai'i's Young Children, Children, and Teens released in May, Hawai'i KIDS COUNT developed county-level data snapshots. *County Snapshots* present point-in-time data for all four counties focusing on three important areas of child well-being: economic security, health and safety, and education. *County Snapshots* provide data on Hawai'i's young children (ages 0-5), children (ages 6-11), and teens (ages 12-17). Data were collected from various sources including: U.S. Census Bureau, Hawai'i Department of Health, National Center for Health Statistics, National Child Abuse and Neglect Data System, and Hawai'i Department of Education. Here is a sample of the data that are included in the series:

Young Children (Ages 0-5)

- In Maui County, 47% of young children (ages 0-5) live in a family headed by a single parent.
- About three-fourths (74%) of babies are born to women who receive early prenatal care in Hawai'i County.
- In the City and County of Honolulu, over half (56%) of 4-year-old children attend nursery school or preschool.

Children (Ages 6-11)

- Over half (54%) of public elementary school students in Kaua'i County receive free or reduced-cost



lunches.

- In Maui County, 5% of children are without health insurance.
- In Hawai'i County, 7% of public elementary school students are absent on an average day.

Teens (Ages 12-17)

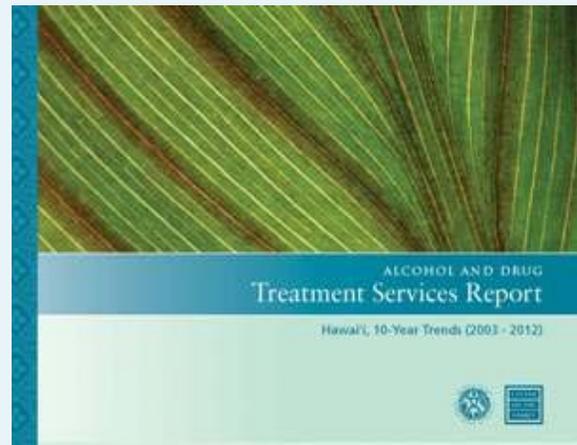
- In the City and County of Honolulu, over one-quarter (28%) of teens live below 200% of the federal poverty level.
- Around 200 teens a year are confirmed abused and or neglected in Kaua'i County.
- In Hawai'i County, 92% of public high school seniors graduate with a diploma.

The new series is available for download on the Center on the Family website at:

http://uhfamily.hawaii.edu/publications/brochures/18fe2_13101009_COF_Snapshots-ALL_COUNTIES-FINAL.pdf.

ALCOHOL AND DRUG TREATMENT SERVICES REPORT HAWAII, 10-YEAR TRENDS

This 10-year trend report focuses on alcohol and drug treatment services provided by agencies that were funded by the Alcohol and Drug Abuse Division (ADAD) of the Hawai'i Department of Health during state fiscal years 2003 to 2012. The report was developed collaboratively by ADAD and the University of Hawai'i's Center on the Family. The report aims to increase knowledge and understanding of substance abuse treatment in Hawai'i, which is an important step in improving services for those who require assistance in overcoming their addiction to alcohol and drugs. Data highlights pertaining to adolescents (17 years and younger) who received state-funded services include the following:



- Overall, the number of admissions to treatment services increased during the period examined (with some fluctuation), with the highest number reported in 2009 (2,653). From 2009 to 2012, the number of admissions decreased slightly (to 2,214 in 2012).
- Across 10 years, marijuana was the primary substance used at the time of admission for the majority of adolescents (52.8% - 63.1%), consistently followed by alcohol (26.9% - 39.9%).
- The vast majority of adolescents were admitted to Outpatient Treatment programs during the 10-year period (92.5% - 99.1%).
- During the earlier part of the period examined (2003 to 2007), adolescents were more likely to complete treatment with *some drug use* than with *no drug use*; however, this trend was reversed beginning in 2008. Over the 10 years, the percentage of adolescents who left the programs before completing treatment increased from 20.5% to 31.9%.

The report can be downloaded from the Center on the Family website:

http://uhfamily.hawaii.edu/publications/brochures/33f7f_COF_ADAD_Report_2013-webFINAL.pdf.

STATE CHILD WELFARE POLICIES AND INITIATIVES

Changing the Course for Infants and Toddlers



A Survey of State
Child Welfare Policies
and Initiatives
September 2013



According to a new report by ZERO TO THREE and Child Trends, the “one-size-fits-all” child welfare approach adopted by most states does not work in meeting the unique developmental needs of many of the 200,000 infants and toddlers who come under state care annually. The first three years are a critical time when early experiences are shaping the brain’s architecture into a foundation for learning, health, and future success. High-quality, timely interventions focused on the unique needs of infants and toddlers who have been maltreated can significantly reduce developmental damage. The report, *Changing the Course for Infants and Toddlers: A Survey of State Child Welfare Policies and Initiatives*, is based on a 2013 survey of 46 state child welfare agencies. States responded to questions regarding the policies and practices that guide their work in addressing the needs of infants and toddlers who have been maltreated. Hawai‘i seems to be doing well on the following policy/practice measures:

- Hawai‘i is one of seven states that require assessments for all maltreated infants and toddlers in each of the four categories (physical health/immunizations, dental health, mental/behavioral health, and developmental monitoring/screening).
- Hawai‘i is one of four states that routinely hold case reviews more frequently and one of three states that hold court review hearings more frequently for infants and toddlers in foster care as compared to other age groups.
- Hawai‘i is one of only three states that require training on developmentally-appropriate practices for maltreated infants and toddlers for all child welfare staff, including case workers, supervisors, and administrators.

To access the report, visit <http://www.childtrends.org/wp-content/uploads/2013/09/changing-the-course-for-infants-and-toddlers-FINAL.pdf>.

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