SNAPSHOTS OF HAWAI‘I’S YOUNG CHILDREN (AGES 0-5)

THERE ARE ABOUT 105,000 CHILDREN AGES 5 & UNDER IN HAWAI‘I

**ECONOMIC SECURITY**

- **34%** OF YOUNG CHILDREN LIVE BELOW 200% OF THE FEDERAL POVERTY LEVEL
- **33%** OF YOUNG CHILDREN LIVE IN A FAMILYヘADED BY A SINGLE PARENT
- EACH YEAR OVER 7,600 FAMILIES EXPERIENCE THE BIRTH OF A FIRST CHILD
  - **44%** OF THESE NEW PARENTS ARE UNMARRIED
  - **7%** OF THESE NEW MOTHERS DO NOT HAVE A HIGH-SCHOOL DIPLOMA

**HEALTH & SAFETY**

- **85%** OF BABIES ARE BORN TO WOMEN WHO RECEIVE EARLY PRENATAL CARE
- **8%** OF BABIES ARE BORN AT LOW-BIRTH WEIGHT (LESS THAN 5.5 lbs.)
- OVER 700 YOUNG CHILDREN ARE CONFIRMED ABUSED AND/OR NEGLECTED EACH YEAR, OF WHICH 46% ARE ONE YEAR OLD OR YOUNGER
- **3%** OF YOUNG CHILDREN ARE WITHOUT HEALTH INSURANCE
- **81%** OF CHILDREN AGES 19 TO 35 MONTHS HAVE AGE-APPROPRIATE IMMUNIZATIONS
- **5 INFANTS FOR EVERY 1,000 BORN DIE WITHOUT HAVING CELEBRATED THEIR FIRST BIRTHDAY

**EDUCATION**

- **53%** OF 4-YEAR-OLD CHILDREN ATTEND NURSERY SCHOOL OR PRESCHOOL
- OVER 2,000 YOUNG CHILDREN ARE IN LICENSED CHILD CARE
- **8%** OF KINDERGARTEN CLASSES HAVE AT LEAST THREE-FOURTHS OF ALL ENTERING CHILDREN CONSISTENTLY DISPLAYING THE SKILLS & CHARACTERISTICS NECESSARY FOR SUCCESS IN SCHOOL LIFE
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