SNAPSHOTS OF HAWAIʻI’S YOUNG CHILDREN (AGES 0-5)
STATE OF HAWAIʻI, Year 2013
THERE ARE ABOUT 108,500 CHILDREN AGES 5 & UNDER IN HAWAIʻI'

ECONOMIC SECURITY

36%

OF YOUNG CHILDREN LIVE BELOW 200% OF THE FEDERAL POVERTY LEVEL

- 33% OF YOUNG CHILDREN LIVE IN A FAMILY HEADED BY A SINGLE PARENT
- OVER 7,508 FAMILIES A YEAR EXPERIENCE THE BIRTH OF A FIRST CHILD:
  - 42% OF THE NEW PARENTS ARE UNMARRIED
  - 6% OF THE NEW MOTHERS DO NOT HAVE A HIGH-SCHOOL DIPLOMA

HEALTH & SAFETY

86%

OF BABIES ARE BORN TO WOMEN WHO RECEIVE EARLY PRENATAL CARE

- 7% OF BABIES ARE BORN AT LOW-BIRTH WEIGHT (LESS THAN 5.5 lbs.)
- OVER 670 YOUNG CHILDREN ARE CONFIRMED ABUSED AND/OR NEGLECTED EACH YEAR
- 3% OF YOUNG CHILDREN ARE WITHOUT HEALTH INSURANCE
- 6 INFANTS FOR EVERY 1,000 BORN DIE WITHOUT HAVING CELEBRATED THEIR FIRST BIRTHDAY

EDUCATION

60% OF 4-YEAR-OLD CHILDREN ATTEND NURSERY SCHOOL OR PRESCHOOL

- OVER 22,664 YOUNG CHILDREN ARE IN LICENSED CHILD CARE
- ON AVERAGE, OVER 11% OF CHILDREN IN A KINDERGARTEN CLASS CONSISTENTLY DISPLAY CHARACTERISTICS OF SCHOOL READINESS WITH ALL MEASURED DIMENSIONS CONSIDERED
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