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### WHAT'S NEW

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#### **1. DOH Family Health Services Division Profiles 2009**

The Hawai`i Department of Health (DOH) published its first edition of the Family Health Division Profiles 2009 to highlight selected programs and activities within the division, as well as to furnish program-specific data towards improving the health status of women, infants, children, and adolescents in Hawai`i. The data presents overall trends in Hawai`i as well as disparities in race/ethnicity, age, and county when available. National comparisons are also provided when possible.

- In the state of Hawai`i, the proportion of mothers without first trimester prenatal care has steadily risen from a 13.5% low in 1999 to 18.6% in 2007.
  - In 2006, 17.6% of Hawai`i's mothers did not have first trimester prenatal care, compared to a 32 state national aggregate of 16.8%.
  - In 2007, there were significant disparities by county. The proportion of mothers without first trimester prenatal care in Honolulu (16.0%) was lower than in neighboring counties of Hawai`i (26.7%), Maui (24.2%), and Kauai (22.3%).
- In Hawai`i, approximately 6.0% of women reported using alcohol during their pregnancy in 2007—an increase from 3.6% in 2002.
- In Hawai`i, approximately 8.4% of pregnant women reported smoking during the last 3 months of pregnancy in 2007. There has been little change in self-reported smoking since 2000 and the current abstinence rate fails to meet the Healthy People 2010 objective of 98%.
- The proportion of low birth weight births in Hawai`i has increased from 7.1% in 1990 to 8.0% of all births in 2007.
- The state of Hawai`i has seen a steady increase in the immunization rate for children over the past 7 years, achieving a 2007 rate of 87.8%. Hawai`i's rate for children 19-35 months of age who had received routine vaccination surpassed the national Healthy People 2010 objective of 80.0% in 2003 and has since remained above the national objective.
- Between 2003 and 2007, there was little change in the proportion of children 2-17 years of age with problems requiring counseling who received mental health care in Hawai`i (66.1% and 62.8%, respectively). There also was no difference between Hawai`i and national estimates.

- In 2007, 72.1% of children in Hawai`i had dental caries, exceeding the Healthy People 2010 objective of 42%.

For the complete report, please see

<http://hawaii.gov/health/doc/FHSDProfiles2009.pdf>

## **2. SAMHSA's FFY 2008 Annual Synar Reports: State Compliance—Spotlight on Hawai`i**

The above report highlights how the Hawai`i Department of Health, Alcohol and Drug Abuse Division (ADAD) has implemented an exemplary enforcement program under the Synar Amendment program—a federal and state partnership aimed at ending illegal tobacco sales to underage youth (those younger than age 18).

The Hawai`i State Synar program coordinates its efforts between county police departments, the Department of Health's Tobacco Prevention and Education Program (TPEP), and the University of Hawai`i, Cancer Research Center of Hawai`i (CRCH) to implement a comprehensive enforcement and prevention approach that includes:

- sustainable and targeted State funding for enforcement
- extensive tracking of retailer violations
- targeted follow-up inspections
- the use of handheld personal digital assistants (PDAs) for consistent and complete data collection
- the use of enforcement data for planning and evaluation purposes.

This interagency collaboration helped reduce Hawai`i's tobacco retailer violation rate to 8.7% in 2008.

The average national tobacco retailer violation rate dropped to 9.9% for federal fiscal year 2008, down from 40.1% in 1997. The national average is at its lowest point in Synar's 12-year history.

For the complete report, please see

<http://prevention.samhsa.gov/tobacco/synarreportfy2008.pdf>

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