



# Hawaii Kids Count E-BULLETIN

## March 2006 Issue

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### [1\) Inspiring Fathers Conference: April 6<sup>th</sup>](#)

The Hawaii State Commission on Fatherhood, along with partners Hawai'i Coalition for Dads and Prevent Child Abuse Hawaii, and primary sponsor the Hawai'i Children's Trust Fund, are pleased to invite you to the 1st Annual Statewide Hawaii Fatherhood Conference, "Inspiring Fathers." We hope you will take this opportunity to learn about the importance of father involvement in children's lives and how the provider community can effectively encourage father involvement through programs, services, policies, and laws.

#### Details:

Date/Time: April 6<sup>th</sup>, 8 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Location: Radisson Waikiki Prince Kuhio

Parking: Parking (self-park, not valet) is available at the Radisson at no additional charge.

Agenda items include: *The Impact of Fathers' Presence and Parenting Style on Child Development; The Changing Roles and Responsibilities of Fathers: Stresses and Successes; How to Create Successful Father-Friendly Programs and Services; The Impact of State Policies and Laws on Fatherhood; and, Strategies to Engage and Support Fathers in Schools, Programs, and Prisons.*

Special guest: Kumu Hula John Kaimikaua and halau will address *Cultural Influences on Fathering*

Registration fee is \$25 and includes conference materials, certificate of completion, continental breakfast and lunch. Payment may be made by check or purchase order to State of Hawaii Department of Human Services. Purchase orders will be accepted and should accompany the registration form. If purchase order is not available at time of remittance, a purchase order number, authorized signature, and billing address are requested.

Certificate of Completion: All participants will be awarded a certificate of completion, which may be picked up at the close of the conference.

Registration confirmations will be sent via email or fax upon receipt of registration and payment.

**Please return registration form below and payment so it is received by March 24, 2006 to:**  
Greg Farstrup, Chair, Hawaii State Commission on Fatherhood  
c/o Parents and Children Together  
1485 Linapuni Street #105, Honolulu, Hawai'i 96819  
Phone: (808) 841-2245 x240 Fax: (808) 842-9604 E-mail: [HawaiiDads@pacthawaii.org](mailto:HawaiiDads@pacthawaii.org)

**Participant Information - One Form Per Person - Please Type or Print Clearly**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Title \_\_\_\_\_

Organization \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Work Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Fax \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

**Conference Fee: \$25.00**

Check Enclosed. **Please make checks payable to: State of Hawaii Department of Human Services**

Purchase order/State Voucher # \_\_\_\_\_ (Please return with registration)

I want an exhibit table (Space is limited)

I have special dietary needs and would like a vegetarian lunch / other

Special accomodation request \_\_\_\_\_

**Affiliation (Please select one field which best indicates your affiliation):**

- Parent/Grandparent/Foster Parent    Social Work    Education    Program/Agency Admin.  
 Child Care    Child Advocacy    Court System/Legal/Law Enforcement    Health/Nursing  
 Dept. of Labor    Research    Mental Health    Substance Abuse    Student    Volunteer  
 Other

## [2\) New State Level Data on Overweight and Obese Youth](#)

The Annie E. Casey Foundation has released a new KIDS COUNT Data Snapshot that highlights state differences in rates of overweight and obese youth. Approximately 10 million U.S. youth ages 10 to 17 are overweight or obese.

Highlights for Hawaii include:

- 27% percent of Hawaii's youth aged 10-17 were considered overweight or obese, compared to 31% nationally
- 28% of Hawaii's males and 26% of females aged 10-17 were considered overweight or obese, compared to 35% and 26% nationally, respectively

- 51% of Hawaii's youth did not exercise regularly, similar to 52% nationally

To view these data online, please visit:

[http://www.aecf.org/kidscount/sld/compare\\_results.jsp?i=105](http://www.aecf.org/kidscount/sld/compare_results.jsp?i=105)

### [3\) Income Limits Increased for Hawaii's Free Health Insurance Programs](#)

2006 income limits for Hawaii's free health insurance programs have been increased. A family of four can now earn up to \$46,000 annually and their children may qualify for the state's free QUEST and Medicaid programs. This is an increase of \$1,480 from 2005 income limits. The new income limits are retroactive to January 1, 2006; therefore, it is recommended that if children were recently denied because their family is slightly over income that the parents or guardians reapply.

More information and Med-QUEST's application are available at [www.coveringkids.com](http://www.coveringkids.com). Parents and guardians may also call 211 (free from all islands) to talk with a live operator who can mail the application as well as link each family to an outreach worker for assistance.

### [4\) Feedback Wanted: Hawaii Kids Count E-bulletin Feedback Survey](#)

Hawaii Kids Count is collecting feedback to help ensure that our products and services meet the needs of our users. Please follow the link below and take a moment to complete a quick, online survey. All responses will remain confidential. We appreciate your participation.

You may access the survey at: [http://uhfamily.hawaii.edu/hawaii\\_kids\\_count/ebsurvey.asp](http://uhfamily.hawaii.edu/hawaii_kids_count/ebsurvey.asp)

### [5\) Hawaii Kids Count E-Bulletin Subscription Information](#)

Below are instructions on subscribing and unsubscribing to future issues.

#### ***SUBSCRIBING:***

If this newsletter was forwarded to you by a colleague and you would like to receive future newsletters, you may subscribe to this newsletter by sending an email to [cof@ctahr.hawaii.edu](mailto:cof@ctahr.hawaii.edu) with the phrase "Subscribe Hawaii Kids Count Newsletter" in the subject field.

#### ***UNSUBSCRIBING:***

If we have reached you in error, or if you would prefer not to hear from us in the future, simply send an e-mail to [cof@ctahr.hawaii.edu](mailto:cof@ctahr.hawaii.edu) with the phrase "Unsubscribe Hawaii Kids Count Newsletter" in the subject field.

### [6\) Printable and Archived Versions of E-bulletins](#)

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[http://uhfamily.hawaii.edu/hawaii\\_kids\\_count/kids\\_count.asp](http://uhfamily.hawaii.edu/hawaii_kids_count/kids_count.asp)

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