



Hawaii Kids Count E-BULLETIN

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1) [Policy Matters 2008 Report](#)

The Center for the Study of Social Policy (CSSP) recently released its most recent report: *Policy Matters 2008: Twenty State Policies to Create Bright Futures for America's Children, Families and Communities*. The *Policy Matters* project identifies evidence-based state policies that improve opportunities for children and families. This state policy data report identifies key policy measures in the areas of employment, asset building, health, education, and family relationships, and presents 50-state data for each policy measure. This report also tracks recent changes in policy.

Some findings for Hawaii include:

- Hawaii is one of 38 states that does not promote access to affordable housing through statutes prohibiting discrimination against vouchers
- Between school year 2004-2005 and 2005-2006, Hawaii was one of 7 states that reduced the amount of funding per three-year-old resident
- 22 states now offer relationship skill-building services for adult couples; however, Hawaii is not one of these 22 states
- 7 states now offer relationship skill-building services for high school students; however, Hawaii is not one of these 7 states

The full report can be accessed online at:

<http://www.cssp.org/policymatters/fullreport.html>

2) [Child Maltreatment 2006 Report](#)

This report provides national and state-level findings about referrals for maltreatment, substantiated cases, and types of abuse and neglect. The statistics are derived from data collected by child protective service agencies through the National Child Abuse and Neglect Data System (NCANDS) of the Children's Bureau, Administration for Children and Families, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

Some findings include:

- Hawaii's child maltreatment rate ranges from 5.1 to 10 cases per 1,000 children

- The number of child fatalities resulting from maltreatment increased nationally, from 1,460 in 2005 to 1,530 in 2006; however, this increase could be due to better reporting practices rather than an actual increase in fatalities
- More than three-quarters (78%) of child fatality victims were younger than 4 years of age, nationally

The full report is available online at www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/cb/pubs/cm06/index.htm

[3\) State Health Snapshots from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services](#)

The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services and the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality have released state-specific health care quality information, including strengths, weaknesses, and opportunities for improvement. The goal is to help State officials and their public- and private-sector partners better understand health care quality and disparities in their State.

Hawaii's snapshot can be viewed online at:

<http://statesnapshots.ahrq.gov/snaps07/dashboard.jsp?menuId=4&state=HI&level=0>

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