



Hawaii Kids Count E-BULLETIN

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[1\) Homeless Awareness Week in Hawaii is November 13th -19th](#)

Partners in Care, and the Statewide Continuum of Care, are working hard to raise public awareness about homelessness in Hawaii. A series of events are scheduled on the islands of Oahu, Hawaii, Kauai, and Maui. The public is invited to all events.

Below is a list of events on Oahu. For a list of events on neighbor islands, please contact the following chairs: Vern Faxon (808) 961-8379 on Hawaii; Stephanie Fernandez (808) 245-4072 on Kauai; and Bill Staton (808) 873-3145 on Maui.

OAHU EVENTS:

Tuesday November 15th

Statewide Forum on Homelessness

Oahu International Airport, 7th Floor of the Interisland terminal

8:30am – 3:30pm

Registration – Please contact Darlene Hein, 922-4790 or dhein@waikikihc.org

Agenda to include:

- Statewide Continuum of Care meeting with legislators to discuss legislative needs
- Update of homelessness Statewide by Continuum chairs
- Hale Aloha Award ceremony for outstanding citizens that helped people who are homeless
- Lynn Maunakea and Carol Ignatio share inspiring stories of years in the field

Wednesday November 16th

Truly Dually (a musical about homelessness)

CD release party

Mark's Garage

6:30 – 9:30pm

Live performances and more

Thursday November 17th

Governor's Proclamation Signing Ceremony

Lt. Governor's office, 2:00pm

Friday November 18th

Mayor's Proclamation Signing Ceremony
Mayor's Office, 3rd Floor, City Hall
2:15pm

Friday November 18th

Candlelight Vigil

4:30pm – 7:30pm

- Signwaving at the Capitol
- Sunset – meal serving for people who are homeless
- Candlelight vigil – testimonies from people who are homeless and formerly homeless, music, and more.

For more information about Oahu events, please contact Margot Schrire at (808) 447-2811 or MargotS@ihs-hawaii.org

[2\) State-Level Head Start Data Now Available Online](#)

State-level Head Start data have been added to the 50-State Policies Database on the National Center for Children in Poverty web site.

Some highlights for Hawaii include:

- The staff/child ratio is 2 to 15 for 3-year-olds and 1 to 10 for 4-year-olds
- The number of families participating in 2004 was 3,029
- The number of children participating in 2004 was 3,158
- Federal spending for Fiscal Year 2004 was \$22.7 million
- State spending for Fiscal Year 2003 was \$0.4 million

These data can be accessed at: http://nccp.org/policy_index_30.html

[3\) State-Level Medicaid Data Now Available Online](#)

The Kaiser Commission on Medicaid and the Uninsured presents the State Medicaid Fact Sheets and the Medicaid Benefits Online Database, two interactive tools featuring the latest key data, information and services provided for each state's Medicaid program. Both tools allow for easy access to the data, which can then be printed, saved and emailed.

State Medicaid fact sheets can be accessed at: <http://cme.kff.org/Key=9643.Px.C.C.D0bg9y>

[4\) State-by-State Analysis of the Links Between Marriage, Fertility, and Other Socioeconomic Characteristics](#)

A new analysis examining links between marriage, fertility and other socioeconomic characteristics was recently released by the U.S. Census Bureau, providing the first ever state-by-state analysis of median age at first marriage. The analysis of the multi-year marriage and fertility data from the American Community Survey (ACS) also shows how socioeconomic characteristics such as mother's income, age, work status and language spoken at home are correlated with birth rates.

The report, *Indicators of Marriage and Fertility in the United States from the American Community Survey, 2000 to 2003*, found that states with a high estimated median age at first marriage tended to have higher proportions of unmarried-couple households and lower proportions of married-couple households.

The full report can be accessed at:

<http://www.census.gov/population/www/socdemo/fertility/mar-fert-slides.html>

[5\) Drug Prevention Resources](#)

The National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA) has created the NIDA Goes Back to School (NGBTS) campaign for children, teens, and the adults who influence them, including science/health teachers, curriculum developers, science chairpersons, school nurses/counselors, and youth-health advocates. The campaign is a source for **FREE** science-based publications and teaching materials for grades K-12. The materials emphasize the consequences of drug abuse on the brain and the body, and aim to increase scientific literacy. Visit www.BacktoSchool.drugabuse.gov or call (800) 729-6686 to order **FREE** publications and teaching materials for grades K-12. To order bulk publications, please e-mail Brian Marquis at bmarquis@nida.nih.gov.

CSAP's Western Center for the Application of Prevention Technologies (CAPT) is one of five regional centers funded by the Center for Substance Abuse Prevention. It includes Alaska, Washington, Oregon, Idaho, California, Arizona, Nevada, Montana, Wyoming, Utah, Hawaii, Guam, American Samoa, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, Federated States of Micronesia, Marshall Islands, Palau, and the U.S./Mexico Border Region. The purpose of CSAP's Western CAPT is to assist states, jurisdictions, and community-based prevention programs in the Western Region to apply scientifically-defensible strategies in their efforts to prevent substance abuse.

CSAP's Western CAPT is organized to provide useful, efficient, cost-effective, and culturally sensitive prevention application services through a comprehensive system that matches services to the technological capabilities and capacity of local community-based prevention programs.

Please visit <http://captus.samhsa.gov/western/western.cfm> for a comprehensive list of services and resources, including funding opportunities, new research-based publications, and other substance abuse prevention information.

[6\) 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

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

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

A printable version of this e-bulletin can be accessed as a pdf file at:

http://uhfamily.hawaii.edu/hawaii_kids_count/kids_count.asp

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