



Hawaii Kids Count E-BULLETIN

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1) Hawaii State Commission on Fatherhood (SCF) Website and CALL FOR NOMINATIONS for Parent-Friendly Business Award

The Hawaii State Commission on Fatherhood is pleased to announce its new Website, which can be accessed at: <http://www.hawaii.gov/dhs/fatherhood/fatherhood/>

This Website contains a wealth of information, including an overview of the SCF's mission, activities and events, grants available, and a comprehensive directory of programs and services for fathers (statewide and by island).

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS—OUTSTANDING PARENT-FRIENDLY BUSINESS AWARD:

As part of Hawaii's Children and Youth Month (October), McDonald's Restaurant and Hawaii Children's Trust Fund will be honoring Hawai'i's Outstanding Parent-Friendly Business during their 12th annual luncheon to be held on Tuesday, October 31, 2006, at Washington Place.

Recommendations are being sought for corporations or other organizations that have demonstrated notable achievements in parent/family inclusion during the past year.

A committee will choose the outstanding businesses from among the nominees. If you know of a corporation or organization deserving of this recognition, please take the time to submit a nomination form and/or a nomination letter. Please include:

- A short written description of your nominee's special advocacy efforts performed on behalf of Hawai'i's parents and families. These might include supportive child care options; flexible work hours; job sharing; family leave; paid time-off for parents to attend to children's education or health concerns; or other workplace policies and benefits that support parents/families, especially those that are father friendly and inclusive, such as providing information and referrals to community resources.
- A short explanation of why this recognition is deserved

- Your contact information, including your name, address, telephone number, and email address; and
- Nominee's name, address, and telephone number

Note: Nominations may be mailed, faxed, or emailed and must be received by 4 p.m. on Friday, September 25, 2006.

Mail, email, or fax nomination forms to:

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Contest Rules and Information:

Entries must be 500 words or fewer, typed or neatly handwritten on 8 1/2" x 11" paper.

There is no cost to enter.

Contest sponsors and organizers are not responsible for lost or late entries.

Judging will be done by a panel from the Hawaii State Commission on Fatherhood.

Winner(s) will be judged on nominee's special efforts in the workplace, including policies and benefits (especially those that are father friendly and inclusive), such as providing information and referrals to community resources, supportive child care options, flexible work hours, job sharing, family leave, and paid time-off for parents to attend to children's educational or health concerns.

Winner(s) will be presented the Outstanding Parent-Friendly Business Award at the 12th annual luncheon, to be held Tuesday, October 31, 2006, at Washington Place in Honolulu.

For more information on Hawaii's Children and Youth Month, please visit www.kipchawaii.org/children.

2) State Fact Sheets on Health and Well-Being of America's Children

Now available on the national Kids Count Website are state fact sheets on the health and well-being of America's children. These four-page fact sheets compare indicators for children in lower-income and higher-income families, based on data from the American Community Survey and the National Survey of Children's Health. These reports were developed by the Population Reference Bureau and Child Trends.

Highlights for Hawai'i include:

- 45% of low-income children live in single-parent families, compared to only 18% in higher-income families
- 79% of low-income children are in "excellent or very good" health, compared to 92% of those in higher-income families

- 18% of low-income children ages 3 to 5 experience emotional or behavioral difficulties, compared to 9% of higher-income children
- 74% of low-income children ages 6 to 17 participate in extracurricular activities, compared to 89% of higher-income children
- 67% of low-income children regularly eat meals together with their families, compared to only 56% of higher-income children
- 79% of low-income children live in supportive neighborhoods, compared to only 56% of higher-income children

State fact sheets can be downloaded at:

http://www.aecf.org/kidscount/nsch_acs_fact_sheets.htm

[3\) New Publication: *Overweight and Physical Activity Among Children: A Portrait of States and the Nation, 2005*](#)

The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services' Health Resources and Services Administration presents a new report containing state and national data on overweight children and physical activity.

Highlights for Hawai'i include:

- Approximately 13% of Hawai'i's children are overweight, compared to 15% nationally
- 75% of Hawai'i's children exercised or participated in a physical activity for at least 20 minutes on three or more days during the past week, compared to 71% nationally
- More boys (81%) report exercising than girls (69%)
- 66% of Hawai'i's children report playing sports with a team or taking sports lessons, compared to 59% nationally
- 82% of Hawai'i's children have at least one parent who exercises regularly, compared to only 73% nationally

For more information, please visit:

<http://nschdata.org/documents/OverweightChartBook.pdf>

[4\) New Campaign from National Institute on Drug Abuse \(NIDA\)](#)

The National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA) has a new campaign for children, teens, and the adults who influence them, including teachers, curriculum developers, school nurses and counselors, and youth-health advocates. The new campaign, "NIDA Goes Back to School" (NGBTS), is a source for FREE science-based publications and teaching materials for grades K-12. The materials emphasize the effects of drug abuse on the brain and aim to increase scientific literacy.

To learn more about this campaign or to order these FREE materials, visit www.BacktoSchool.drugabuse.gov

You can also place orders (including larger orders) by calling (800) 729-6686.

[5\) 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 take a moment to follow the link below and 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

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

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[7\) 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

Archived versions of e-bulletins can be found at:

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