

# Healthy & Welcomed Births



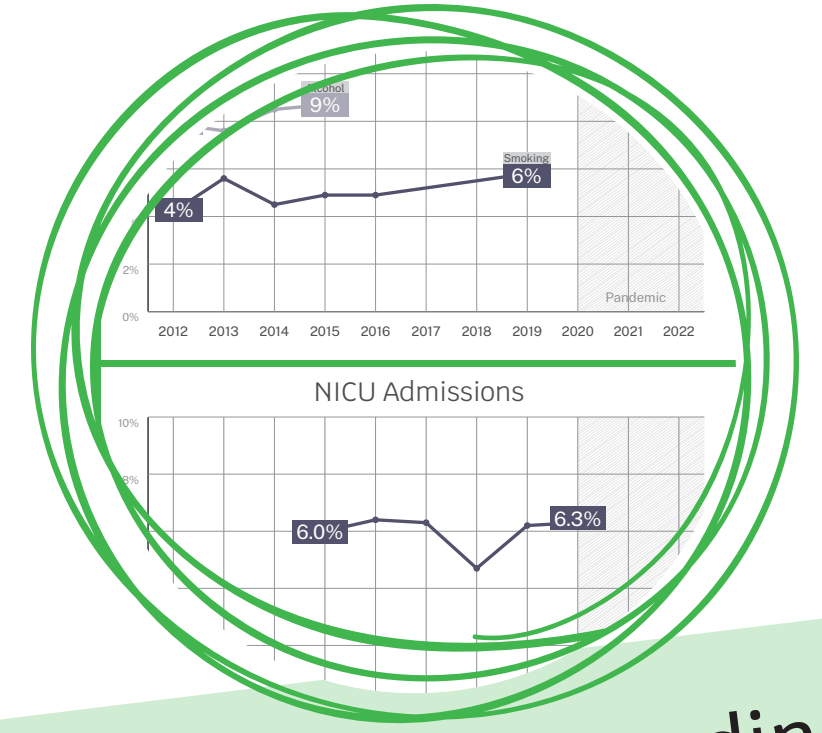
High-quality care and resources for perinatal people



Access to reproductive life planning and contraception



Adequate breastfeeding support across all communities



Shared understanding about opportunities to reduce infant morbidity & mortality

HI Legislation focused on maternal, infant, sexual and reproductive health

Peer support for people with substance use disorder (PSUD)

## Action Highlights April 2023



Innovate and Scale Promising Practices

- » Expanded perinatal substance use peer support: *Makua Allies*
  - » *Makua Ally* now working on Hawai'i Island as of Feb 2023, in addition to O'ahu-based *Makua Ally*



Shift Awareness, Narrative, and Culture

- » Creating a web-based, inter-disciplinary training module system for providers across Hawai'i to better address the needs of people with perinatal substance use disorder
  - » Secured initial funding and gathered stakeholder feedback
  - » Participating in SMALLIFY accelerator

- » Pursuing breastfeeding health equity activities with *DOH* and *HIPHI* funding/partnership

- » Assessment of current hospital maternity care practices, barriers and training/technical assistance needs
- » Review of existing maternity care hospital recognition programs and cultural recommendations
- » Community organization needs assessment
- » Statewide messaging and data gathering via SMS text
- » Breastfeeding promotion in childcare settings



Shift Awareness, Narrative, and Culture

- » Engaging with key partners to create materials and strategize approach to ensure insurance confidentiality for sensitive health care services



Navigate Landscape

- » *LATCH*\* grant initiative: Gathering community insights around ways to enhance reimbursement for lactation support

- » Conducted focus groups with diverse stakeholders
- » Launched family survey
- » Engaging with insurance partners to move work forward in SMALLIFY accelerator

\*Lactation Access Transforming Communities of Hawai'i

- » Advocating for expanded abortion access and protections for abortion care providers and patients

- » Act 2 (SB1) signed into law March 22, 2023.



Effect Policy

Improve Alignment



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# Safe & Nurturing Families



Children are safe and protected from violence in homes



Families are strengthened through a parenting support system



HI Legislation focused on opportunities to strengthen family safety

## Action Highlights April 2023

### Shift Awareness, Narrative, and Culture

- » Continuing to refine *Aloha at Home* messaging by incorporating culturally appropriate local content, and sharing content through social media

### Shift Awareness, Narrative, and Culture

- » Honolulu Grants In Aid (GIA) funding; Engaging directly with community groups through monthly events

### Increase Investment

- » Undertaking fund-development work to continue and expand implementation of *Aloha at Home* activities

### Distributing *Aloha at Home* toolkits in collaboration with partner organizations

- » Including Lili'uokalani Trust, Partners in Development (PID), Zero To Three Court/Child Welfare System, and Family Hui
- » 250 GIA toolboxes have been distributed, a second toolkit is now being distributed

### Innovate and Scale Promising Practices



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# On Track Health & Development



Children's social and emotional development is supported from birth on



Children are enrolled in a medical home

Screening/ Referral/ Utilization feedback loop



Evidence-based and culturally appropriate practices around physical activities and nutrition

## Action Highlights April 2023



Shift Awareness, Narrative, and Culture

- » Working to develop a shared understanding of the implications of telehealth for health care provision
  - » Comparisons of well-child visits conducted in-person via telehealth

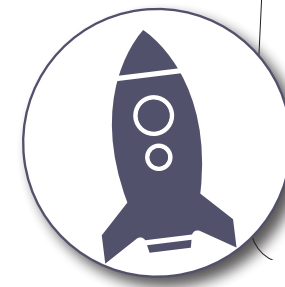
- » Working with *DOH* to draft screening process maps on developmental, hearing and vision screening



Improve Alignment

- » Implementing *Healthy Kids Healthy Future* projects on addressing the following *Spectrum of Opportunities*:

- » Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP)
- » Pre-Service and Professional Development Systems
- » Statewide Technical Assistance Networks
- » Statewide Recognition Programs
- » Statewide Access Initiatives (Farm to ECE)
- » Partnerships/Equity



Innovate and Scale Promising Practices

- » Working with *Nemours Children's Health* and other state partners to develop comprehensive benchmarks that reflect the *CDC's Spectrum of Opportunities*

- » *It is the intention that these benchmarks will be more comprehensive and reflective of the type of interventions being implemented to address physical activity and nutrition in ECE settings*

Shift Awareness, Narrative, and Culture



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# Equitable Access to Programs & Services



No program and service gaps in the early childhood system on the state-, county and island-level



Children living in unstable housing have full access to early care and education programs and services



Engaged parents

Programs support family partnerships



A virtual and mobile EC resource and referral system connecting families and providers across the islands

## Action Highlights April 2023

### Strengthen Cross-sector Leadership



» Expanding support for young children in housing insecure families. The *Department of Education Homeless Liaison Office* has hired Lisa Martinez to lead the effort to reach children B-5 in housing insecure families

» Advocating for expansion of access to early care and learning across Hawai'i through statewide and county specific efforts

### Effect Policy



» The Team is holding space for the *County Early Childhood Coordinators* to convene, develop a community of practice, and align efforts

### Shift Awareness, Narrative, and Culture



» The *Community Profile* project is nearing completion for Maui and Hawai'i Counties

- » Two *Community Profiles* to be published in May, 2023
- » Initiated early stages of development for Honolulu and Kauai County *Community Profiles*

### Shift Awareness, Narrative, and Culture



» The *Keiki Central* resource is moving toward a new level of completion and ease of use

### Improve Alignment



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# High-quality Early Learning Programs



Wide access to quality early childhood (EC) services to support children's development



A strong and stable early childhood workforce

A statewide system of workforce and professional development and retention



Alignment of professional standards and competencies across Hawai'i's early childhood professions

## Action Highlights April 2023



### Strengthen Cross-sector Leadership

- » Building a shared understanding around needs and opportunities
  - » Hosted stakeholder meeting with focus on updates, strategies and action plans
  - » Hosted stakeholder meeting with a focus on integrating the Early Intervention Early Childhood Special Education (EIECSE) Standards into higher education and programs/agencies that serve young children.
    - » A pilot at Windward Community College was identified.

### » Comprehensive System of Personnel Development (CSPD)

- » Built basic infrastructure by creating the Hawai'i CSPD website that includes the EIECSE Standards, Competencies and Recommended Practices and documents the CSPD work
- » Creating a business plan that outlines the sequencing and cost of sustaining a CSPD system in Hawai'i
- » Collaborating with partners on a potential shared registry for professionals that work with young children

### Improve Alignment



- » Identified gaps in in-service training to better align Personnel Development content to recommended practices and features of effective PD

### Improve Alignment



- » Gathered key information on current recruitment strategies in early childhood services across Hawai'i
- » Gathered key information on the scope of preservice preparation programs in Hawai'i
  - » The results of the surveys have informed the team's strategies
  - » There is potential for the creation of an EI/SPED certificate program at Chaminade University so that more graduates receive the birth to three content and skill sets



### Navigate Landscape



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# Successful Early Childhood Transitions



Effective early childhood language and literacy interventions are available statewide, particularly in communities where children are at-risk for poor learning outcomes



Children across Hawai'i transition successfully into kindergarten, with language and pre-reading skills that place them on a pathway to becoming effective readers by third grade



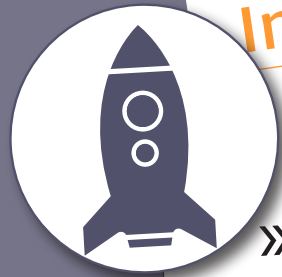
Families in Hawai'i are prepared to support their children's language and literacy development



Students successfully transition from "learning to read" to "reading to learn" by the end of third grade

## Action Highlights April 2023

### Innovate and Scale Innovative Practices



- » Comprehensive Literacy State Development Grant (CLSD)
- » LENA implementation continues statewide through the Words Matter partnership
  - » These implementation efforts will mean that some 300 young children will be served by LENA programming

- » Engaged in a series of small group and team conversations to hone an agenda for 2023
- » Focusing on early language and literacy development as a key pillar of successful early childhood transitions
- » Established a shared desire to engage in a collective project that would allow multiple agencies and service providers to align their efforts around early language and literacy development
- » The team is eager to focus on developing a coordinated statewide early literacy coordinator position and scope of work



### Strengthen Cross-sector Leadership

- » Working with early childhood and public education leaders to develop a community-based early-childhood continuum of partners working to support the health, safety, and early learning of all children in the communities of Waimanalo and Pahoa



### Innovate and Scale Innovative Practices



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