HOW WE WORK

We ANALYZE
and monitor the status of children in Hawaii and ensure that children’s policies are based on sound research and data

We ENGAGE
and families and community leaders to be the voice for children

We COLLABORATE
with community partners to build and support high-impact coalitions to work on kids’ issues

We ADVOCATE
for more resources and polices to help at-risk children

Mission
Building a unified voice educating and advocating for Hawaii’s children.

Vision
All children are healthy, safe and ready to learn.

"I...learned the importance of advocacy, the inner workings of the Hawaii State Legislature, how to communicate effectively and comfortably in the community."

Maricar Daoang
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2017 HIGHLIGHTS

DATA & ANALYSIS

Early Childhood Needs Assessment & State Strategic Plan
Partnered with Executive Office on Early Learning and the University of Hawaii Center on the Family and conducted a comprehensive Early Learning Needs Assessment.
Joined the team from Hawaii to work with the National Governor’s Association to develop plans to expand early learning.

Paid Family and Medical Leave
Partnered with the University of Hawaii, Center on the Family and the Hawaii State Commission on the Status of Women to assess the data and issues regarding paid family leave.

ENGAGEMENT

Convened 44 organizations for the Hawaii Children’s Policy Agenda.
Early Childhood Day at the Capitol.
Fighting for Families Day of Action.
Hosted national speakers on early childhood issues.

ADVOCACY

Sponsored parent for Strolling Thunder in Washington, D.C.
New Coordinator of Parent Leadership Training Institute Hawaii (PLTI) a civics and democracy training course for parents.
Co-lead Paid Family Leave Coalition.
THE IMPACT

TOGETHER WITH OUR COMMUNITY CHAMPIONS & SUPPORTERS

BIG WINS FOR KIDS

$1,300,000
5 new public preschool classrooms for 100 students

$300,000
new funding for family interactive learning programs like Tutu & Me

60
preschool special ed teachers & aides

STATE EARNED INCOME TAX CREDIT
for low income families

How we did it...
$587,419 Organizational Budget
(unaudited)

1,456
Hours working with coalitions

33
Community Champions Members

4,879
E-Advocates ready to take action

12
Bills passed into law

21
Meeting with lawmakers

365
Testimonies given by HCAN and advocates

"I am even more excited about the collaboration and the potential it holds for the future than I am about this one [policy] change...which is saying a lot. So great to work with you, and looking forward to more of it."

Gavin Thornton
Co-Executive Director
Hawaii Appleseed Center for Law & Economic Justice
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