GRATITUDE REPORT 2017-2018
Because of you, big wins for keiki

HEALTH & WELLNESS

$2.7 million for early intervention services for infants and toddlers with developmental delays.  
Led by Early Intervention Network

A ban on chlorpyrifos, a dangerous neurotoxin shown to cause brain damage in children, and buffer zones around schools during normal hours.  
Led by Hawaii Alliance for Progressive Action

Codification of protections of the Affordable Care Act, including coverage of pre-existing conditions, children up to age 26, and banning the use of gender to determine premiums.  
Led by Planned Parenthood Votes Northwest & Hawaii

CHILD SAFETY & WELFARE

Foster Youth Bill of Rights giving all children in foster care certain explicit rights and protections.  
Led by EPIC `Ohana, Inc.

Coordinated care for keiki and youth by making the Hawaii Inter-agency State Youth Network of care permanent.  
Led by Hawaii Youth Services Network

EDUCATION

Enshrining the federal Patsy T. Mink Equal Opportunity in Education Act (Title IX) at the state level, to ban gender-based discrimination in state-funded educational programs.  
Led by Hawaii State Commission on the Status of Women

A constitutional amendment on the November ballot to allow the state to tax investment properties to fund public education (including pre-k).  
Led by Hawaii State Teachers Association

Increased funding for the Department of Education Community Engagement Office.  
Led by HE`E Coalition

Increased funding to support the Executive Office on Early Learning, Early Learning Board and online training for educators.  
Led by Executive Office on Early Learning & HCAN

Funds for teacher incentive pay for charter schools.  
Led by Hawaii Public Charter Schools Network

HCAN is proud to convene the Hawaii Children's Policy Agenda. The Agenda reflects the input of HCAN Community Champion Members who are committed to improving the lives of Hawaii's children by promoting public policy changes that benefit their health, safety, education and economic security. Under each initiative listed, there is a lead organization that serves as the primary point of contact for advocacy.
Hawaii Children’s Action Network (HCAN) is a movement fighting for keiki and their families. We advocate for laws and policies that keep our children safe, healthy and ready to learn so they can thrive.

This movement for children relies on the generosity of donors, funders, members and supporters like you who continue to answer the call for heroes for Hawaii’s children. Mahalo!

**Education**
All children should have access to affordable, high-quality early education, and childcare.

**Safety & Security**
All children should be free from abuse, neglect, exploitation, and violence and families have economic security.

**Health**
All children should have access to affordable, comprehensive, quality healthcare from birth throughout childhood.

**Initiatives**

**Early Care & Education**
HCAN and University of Hawaii Center on the Family Released the findings of the state-wide Early Learning Needs Assessment.

The assessment looked at a multitude of facets including slots available for children across the state, financing, workforce issues and quality metrics.

**Paid Family Leave**
HCAN coordinates the Working Families Coalition, committed to advancing a fair and equitable paid family leave policy that supports both employers and families.

The legislature passed a bill requiring a study of the feasibility of an expanded temporary disability program by September 2019.

**Keiki Oral Health**
A child’s oral health affects their ability to eat, smile, show emotions, their self-esteem, school performance and attendance.

HCAN coordinated a state-wide oral health screening project of Early Head Start and Head Start children.
ACTIVITIES

Community Engagement

Volunteer Spotlight

18 FICOH employees volunteered their lunch breaks to assemble 3,000 keiki oral health kits for the Head Start screening project

"When I volunteer with HCAN, I am making a long term impact on the lives of Hawaii’s kids and families.”
- Connie Soto, Volunteer

Impact

47 members collaborated on the Children's Policy Agenda

96% of the bills & resolutions in policy agenda introduced by lawmakers

324 online testimonies submitted to lawmakers

2 community rallies in support of paid family leave & early childhood legislation

2,960 oral health screenings & education of keiki in Early Head Start & Head Start

1 candidate survey, to determine which candidates are superheroes for keiki

8 Parent Leadership Training Institute graduates

4 new coalitions formed:
- Working Families
- Early Intervention
- Early Care & Education
- Oral Health
Our members are the top experts on child and family issues in Hawaii. HCAN brings them together to work on policy change for children.

ORGANIZATIONS

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American Academy of Pediatrics, Hawaii Chapter
Autism Society of Hawaii
Blueprint for Change
Easter Seals Hawaii
EPIC `Ohana, Inc.
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Hawaii Construction Alliance
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The Sex Abuse Treatment Center
University of Hawaii - Center on the Family
Waianae Coast Early Childhood Services

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