



Hawaii
Children's Action Network

GRATITUDE

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CHILDREN'S POLICY AGENDA

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.





TOGETHER, WE ARE A

Movement



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



First Insurance
Company of Hawaii
A Member of the Tokio Marine Group

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



EARLY
CHILDHOOD DAY
AT THE CAPITOL

"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



COMMUNITY CHAMPION

Members ♥

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

AlohaCare	Hawaii Public Charter Schools Network
American Academy of Pediatrics, Hawaii Chapter	Hawaii Public Health Institute
Autism Society of Hawaii	Hawaii State Teachers Association
Blueprint for Change	Hawaii Youth Services Network
Easter Seals Hawaii	Imua Family Services
EPIC `Ohana, Inc.	INPEACE
Family Hui Hawaii	Kamehameha Schools
Family Programs Hawaii	The Learning Coalition/HE`E Coalition
Family Support Services of Hawaii	Parents And Children Together (PACT)
Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders (FASD) Action Group	Parents for Public Schools Hawaii
Hawaii Afterschool Alliance	PATCH Hawaii
Hawaii Alliance for Progressive Action	Seagull Schools
Hawaii Appleseed Center for Law & Economic Justice	PHOCUSED
Hawaii Association of School Psychologists	Planned Parenthood Votes Northwest and Hawaii
Hawaii Construction Alliance	Project Vision Hawaii
Hawai'i Keiki: Healthy & Ready to Learn	The Sex Abuse Treatment Center
HawaiiKidsCAN	University of Hawaii - Center on the Family
Hawaii Maternal and Infant Health Collaborative	Waianae Coast Early Childhood Services

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