





In celebration of 25 years of advocacy, we would like to share a new updated look for HCAN and HCAN Speaks! We are still the same organizations with the same mission to build a movement to create a better Hawai'i for our children and families, where all keiki can learn, grow, and thrive. The continuing pandemic has only exacerbated our community's inequities and disparities—and highlighted the importance of this mission. By analyzing data, training community advocates and leaders, distributing vital information about resources, and building unique community collaborations, we're working to create a brighter future for our keiki.

**HUGE wins for children! You helped to win:**

- Raising the minimum wage to \$18 by 2028, supporting over 200,000 families
- Expanding and making permanent the Earned Income Tax Credit - putting more money in the pockets of working families
- More than \$200M for preschool and childcare expansion

We couldn't do this without superhero supporters like you. **Mahalo!**



## HCAN Advocate of the Year for 2022 makes waves in the community for Epilepsy.

Brennan Yamaguchi, named Advocate of the Year at our 2022 Champions for Children Gala, has been working within his community to build awareness for Epilepsy and seizure first aid.

“I am so thankful to HCAN for recognizing my work of passing a law for seizure first aid awareness and placards in the State of Hawaii. I truly believe it will educate the community and possibly save lives. It was amazing for me to be able to share my message about Epilepsy and seizure awareness to people who care so much about children.”

After attending our Champions for Children Gala, members of the medical community even asked Brennan to be the keynote speaker at the Pediatrics Association of America Hawai'i Chapter's annual meeting. HCAN also awarded Brennan a donation to continue his incredible work.

“A huge mahalo to HCAN as I was able to use the donation I was awarded to launch my newest project called *Seize the Seeds*. My project involves obtaining seeds and packing/printing materials to make seed packets to distribute free to local schools, after school programs, community gardens, and in small businesses like Nabeya Maido. The seed packets are multi-purpose. When given to kids and families, it can be used as an educational tool. It also promotes sustainability and helps eliminate food insecurity. Lastly, the packets contain information on it about seizure first aid, so that anyone who receives the packets can learn these lifesaving steps. Thank you again HCAN for helping me continue to be a Champion for Children!”



**Hawai'i  
Children's  
Action  
Network**

**Mission:** Build a unified voice educating and advocating for Hawai'i's children.

**Vision:** All of Hawai'i's children are healthy, safe and ready to learn.

HCAN achieves its mission through three main areas: data analysis and research, collaborative advocacy, and public engagement.

Focus areas



**Health:** Children should have affordable, comprehensive, quality healthcare from birth throughout childhood.



**Safety:** Children should be free from abuse, neglect, exploitation, and violence. Economic security is also vital.



**Learning:** Children and their families should have access to affordable, high-quality early education and child care.

Public Engagement

**13k+**

advocates reachable via email, mail, or phone

**200k+**

social media impressions

**8,200K+**

followers on social media

**64**

media appearances

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## Data and Research

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High-quality data, research, and analysis are critical to children's well-being. By deeply understanding the issues, we can explore how children and families are faring, uncover disparities, and develop evidence-based public policy solutions.

Hawai'i Children's Action Network has long invested in research and analysis as a cornerstone of our work to ensure all children are healthy, safe, and ready to learn. As of January 2021, HCAN is the Hawai'i state partner for KIDS COUNT, a nationwide network organized by the Annie E. Casey Foundation.

Hawai'i KIDS COUNT is a partnership between HCAN, the University of Hawai'i Center on the Family, Hawai'i Appleseed Center for Law and Economic Justice, and the Hawai'i Budget and Policy Center.

## Publications

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### Publications this year include:

*Household Pulse Survey Dashboard: How have Hawai'i's households with children been faring during the COVID-19 pandemic? This interactive dashboard uses the latest U.S. Census Bureau data to explore these urgent challenges.*  
<https://www.hawaii-can.org/household-pulse-survey>

*Hawaii KIDS COUNT Data Dashboard: This dashboard is regularly updated to provide basic about the basic demographics of Hawai'i's children and families, at the statewide level and by county.*  
<https://www.hawaii-can.org/kids-count-dashboard>

*Tax Credits as Tools to Advance Prosperity: Tax credits can fine-tune the tax system to promote social welfare and encourage economic activity by delivering targeted tax relief.*  
<https://www.hawaii-can.org/kidscount#hawaii-kids-count-tax-credits-as-tools-to-advance-prosperity>

*Refunding Hawai'i: How expanding the state Earned Income Tax Credit to make it refundable can boost the economy and provide opportunity to Hawai'i's working families.*  
<https://www.hawaii-can.org/kidscount#hawaii-kids-count-refunding-hawaii>

*Hawai'i Children's Budget (HCB): The HCB documents how Hawai'i is investing in children through ensuring resources for programs that benefit children. The HCB is intended to support discussion about the adequacy and equity of such spending.* <https://www.hawaii-can.org/kidscount#hawaii-kids-count-hawaii-childrens-budget>  
*Feed Our Keiki, Support Our Schools, Help Our Farmers: The missed \$200+ million opportunity for federal child nutrition programs in Hawai'i.*  
<https://www.hawaii-can.org/kidscount#feed-our-keiki-support-our-schools-help-our-farmers>

*2022 KIDS COUNT Data Book: The educational and economic well-being of Hawai'i's children and youth ranks in the lowest third of states.*  
<https://www.hawaii-can.org/kidscount#2022-kids-count-data-book>

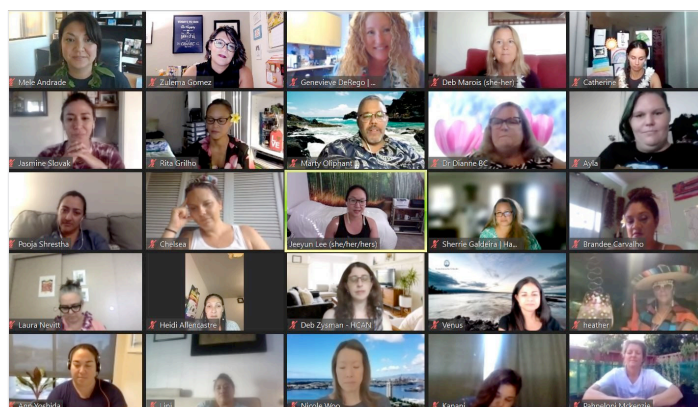
*Hawai'i Statewide Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention Framework. Every child and family deserve supports and services to ensure their needs are met. Imagine a Hawai'i where every family has what they need to create safe, stable, and nurturing families.*  
<https://www.hawaiichildrenstrustfund.org/framework>



## Advocacy trainings



Our 20-week Parent Leadership Training Program graduated **15 new community leaders** this year. PLTI now has 99 alumni actively engaging and changing their communities throughout Hawai'i.



HCAN also helped organize the annual Hawai'i Policy and Advocacy Training Series, which brought together **more than 100 attendees from all 6 major islands and 10 states.**

## Collaborative advocacy

HCAN organizes or co-organizes several community coalitions that collectively work to impact key social challenges.



The **Hawai'i Early Childhood Advocacy Alliance** raised awareness about early childhood care and education. We held a capitol day in April 2022, when coalition members visited legislators to encourage support of early childhood investments.

HECAA also mobilized members throughout the month of September 2022 for Child Care Provider Appreciation Month.



The **Hawai'i Working Families Coalition** had many legislative wins in 2022, including raising the minimum wage to \$18 by 2028, making the state Earned Income Tax Credit permanent and fully accessible to the lowest-income families, streamlining the state's Kupuna Care and Kupuna Caregiver programs, and authorizing The Department of Human Services to provide temporary housing assistance subsidies of up to \$500 per month for needy families.



HAWAII ORAL HEALTH COALITION

The **Hawai'i Oral Health Coalition** works to increase access and equity in oral health care through collaborative partnerships, advocacy, and education. The HOHC is celebrating its recent victory of passing the Adult Dental Benefits bill this past legislative session which restores preventative dental benefits for adults on Medicaid.



The **Hawai'i Children's Trust Fund** works to ensure that Hawai'i's children develop into healthy, productive, and caring individuals by advancing community family strengthening programs to prevent child abuse and neglect.



Hawai'i Children's Action Network Speaks! (HCAN Speaks!) is a nonpartisan 501(c)4 nonprofit building a powerful movement of families and working to ensure Hawai'i's keiki have a bright future.

**HCAN Speaks! gives Hawai'i residents the tools they need to make informed voting decisions, hold leaders accountable, and change systems and policies.**

#### 2022 Children's Policy Agenda

**38**

Community Champion members contributed to the agenda

**79**

calls and emails sent to legislators from grassroots advocates

**23**

priorities for the 2022 legislative session

**11**

bills passed

#### Policy wins this year included:

- Increase the minimum wage and give workers a bigger tax refund. (HB 2510)
- Make public schools safer for students with asthma. (SB 2822)
- Designate Child Care Provider Appreciation Month. (HCR 69 / HR 62, SR 48)
- Support the children and families of incarcerated individuals. (HB 1741)
- Collect data on the state's child care workforce. (SB 2700)
- Coordinate summer learning programs to better address learning loss. (SB 2818)
- Fix teacher salary compression. (SB 2819)
- Restore adult Medicaid dental benefits. (HB 1600)
- Extend Medicaid postpartum coverage to 12 months. (HB 1600)
- Fund differentials for hard-to-fill positions in public schools. (HB 1600)
- Provide free period products in public schools. (SB 2821)
- Expand access to pre-K through the School Facilities Authority. (HB 2000)

#### Endorsements

During the 2022 election, the Board of Directors of HCAN Speaks! chose to endorse **twenty-two state house and senate candidates**. They decided on this select group after a thorough vetting process to identify the candidates who would be the strongest champions for keiki. Seven candidates were ultimately elected in November 2022: **Sen. Angus McKelvey, Sen. Sharon Moriwaki, Sen. Karl Rhoads, Sen. Chris Lee, Rep. Jeanné Kapela, Rep. Nicole Lowen, Rep. David Tarnas, Rep. Elle Cochran, Rep. Nadine Nakamura, Rep. Adrian Tam, Rep. Lauren Cheape Matsumoto, Rep. Amy Perruso, Rep. Lisa Kitagawa, and Rep. Natalia Hussey-Burdick.**

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# Superhero supporters

We couldn't do this work without the dedicated partnership of our donors and funders, who are committed to creating a Hawai'i where all keiki can thrive. **Mahalo!**

332

individual donors to HCAN and HCAN Speaks!

20%

more individual donors than any previous year

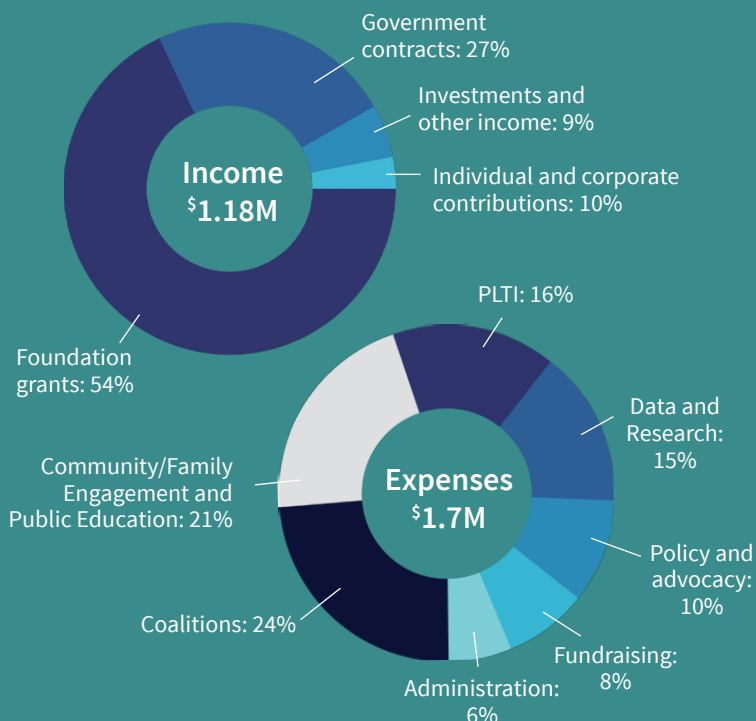
## Champions for Children

This year, HCAN's Champions for Children fundraiser was held in-person, with **over 200 attendees from across the state.**

The awards **honored 19 community members** who went above and beyond to support Hawai'i's keiki.

The festivities were held at the Royal Hawaiian Hotel and included a cocktail hour featuring musician Melaniie, a dinner, the Champions for Children awards, a photo booth, online auction, and live auction/paddle raise.

## HCAN financial overview



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