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# **Mapping Child Care Food Program Participation in Hawai'i**

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# Presentation Overview



HEALTHY KEIKI  
HEALTHY FUTURE

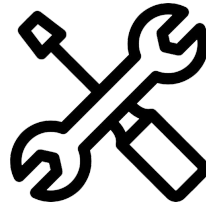


**HKHF  
Initiative**



HAWAII CACFP  
ADVISORY GROUP

**CACFP  
in Hawai'i**



**Tools and  
Resources**



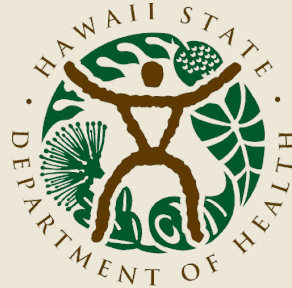
**Looking  
Ahead**

# Healthy Keiki, Healthy Future: A Public-Private Partnership

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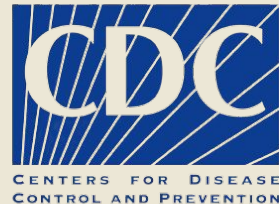
CONTENT EXPERTISE



PROJECT COORDINATION



FUNDER & TECHNICAL  
ASSISTANCE





PROMOTE ACTIVE  
PLAY



PROVIDE NUTRITIOUS, CULTURALLY  
APPROPRIATE MEALS AND SNACKS



PROMOTE HEALTHY  
HYDRATION



SUPPORT  
BREASTFEEDING



PROMOTE HEALTHY  
SCREEN TIME



## Spectrum of Opportunities

for Obesity Prevention in the Early Care and Education Setting



# Hawai'i's Opportunities



Child Care  
Food Program  
(CACFP)



Statewide  
Recognition &  
Intervention  
Programs



Statewide  
Technical  
Assistance  
Networks



Statewide  
Access  
Initiatives  
(Farm2ECE)



Partnerships  
& Equity



Pre-  
service &  
Professional  
Development  
Systems

# Early Childhood Food Insecurity

- **48%** of Hawai'i families with children reported being food insecure
  - Keiki 0-17
- **44%** of Hawai'i families with young children reported they can always afford enough to eat but not always the kinds of food they should eat for a healthy life
  - Keiki 0-5

Source:

[UH Manoa, 2021](#)

[Department of Health, 2022](#)





# What is CACFP?

- Federal child nutrition program established in 1968
- Provides:
  - Nutritious meals and snacks to children in child care programs
  - Reimbursements for each qualifying meal served per child per day



**Federal  
Administrator**



**Hawaii  
Child  
Nutrition  
Programs**

**State Administrator**



**Sponsor Organization  
(Facility Level  
Administrator)**



**Leinani's  
Family Child Care**

**Participating  
Organization  
(Program Operator)**

# Barriers to CACFP Participation in Hawai'i

01

Inadequate  
Reimbursement

02

Burdensome Paperwork

03

Lack of Understanding of  
Program

04

Cost of Food and  
Availability in My Area

05

Retain and Train Staff to  
Administer CACFP

06

Lack of Low-Income/Eligible  
Children

*Data from May 2022 DOH survey to DHS licensed /registered ECE programs  
25% response rate, representative (all islands)*

# Hawai'i CACFP Advisory Group



Supporting Hawaii's Child Care Needs



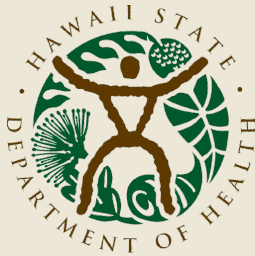
**HCAN**  
Hawai'i Children's Action Network



HAWAI'I  
PUBLIC  
HEALTH  
INSTITUTE



**Hawai'i  
Child  
Nutrition  
Programs**



Executive  
Office on  
Early  
Learning  
STATE OF HAWAII



Seagull School



CENTER  
ON THE  
FAMILY



Hawaii Data  
Collaborative

earlychildhood  
ACTION STRATEGY

TAKING ACTION FOR HAWAII'S CHILDREN



POLICYMAP  
►DIG DEEPER

# Mapping CACFP

- Visualize CACFP participation
- Combine maps and text to help users interpret what they see
- Layer information about child care provider location, participation in CACFP, food access and family poverty



CACFP Participation in Hawai'i

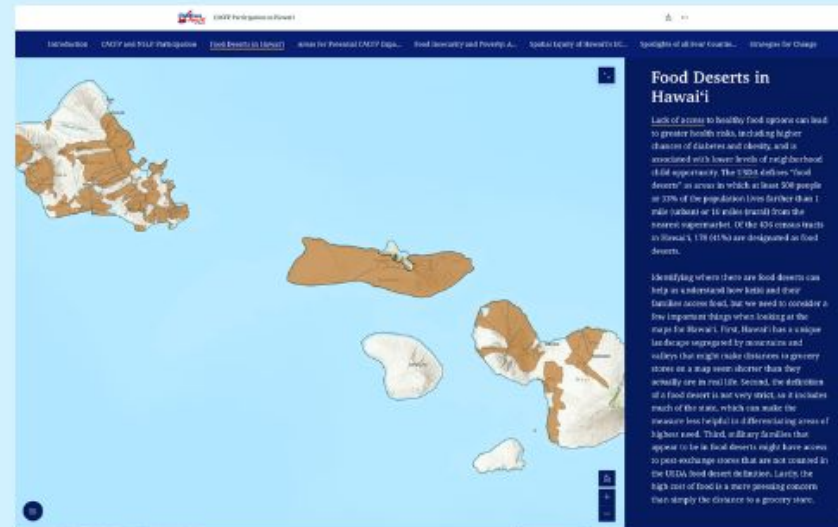
## CACFP Participation in Hawai'i

Scroll down to learn more about Hawai'i's Child Care Programs' Participation in CACFP in 2023





The CACFP Participation Dashboard



The Hawai'i CACFP Story Map

# Strategies for Change



BOOST  
AWARENESS



STRENGTHEN SYSTEMS  
OF SUPPORT



SHIFT STATE AND  
FEDERAL POLICY

**Promote Equity**

**Incentivize Participation**

**Reduce Administrative Burden**

Ready  
Keiki 

P D G • B • S

 **HRSA**  
Maternal & Child Health



HAWAII ADMINISTRATIVE RULES AND DHS POLICIES

PRESCHOOL OPEN DOORS (POD)



**Ka 'Upena**

*Hawaii's Shared Services for Child Care Providers*





**1. Share these mapping tools with your networks**

**2. Use these tools in your planning and decision making**

**3. Reach out if you have questions or want to learn more**

## Healthy Keiki, Healthy Future



About  
Projects  
Reach and Impact  
CACFP  
Stakeholder Convening  
Resources  
Contact

## Healthy Keiki, Healthy Future Web Page

Learn more about the initiative and access all documents and tools  
via the HKHF resource library

<https://hawaiiactionstrategy.org/hkhf>



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# THANKS

## DO YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS?

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