CONGENITAL HEART DEFECTS ARE COMMON
• CHDs are the most common birth defects, occurring in nearly 1 in 100 births.
• This means that in Hawaii, there are on average 173 babies born with a heart defect each year.

CONGENITAL HEART DEFECTS ARE CRITICAL
• CHDs are the most common cause of birth defect related infant death.
• In Hawaii, an average of 12 deaths each year are attributed to heart defects.

CONGENITAL HEART DEFECTS ARE COSTLY
• Congenital heart defects result in life-long specialized health care utilization.
• In 2009, estimates indicate that hospital costs for stays related to CHD in children were nearly $1.5 billion. In the same year, with significantly fewer hospital stays, hospital costs for adults treated primarily for CHD were at least $280 million.
• Compared to the general population, adults with CHD have 3 – 4 times higher rates of Emergency Room visits, hospitalizations, and Intensive Care Unit stays.

Yet, what we know remains limited
• Currently, there is no surveillance information for any age beyond infancy.
• Information collected by each state varies significantly.
• Despite large pools of existing data, the ability to compare data across different sources is limited.
• Cost data remains scarce.

SCREENING FOR CCHD SAVED MY LIFE
In my first week of life I was an inpatient at three different hospitals, flew in a helicopter and had open heart surgery. My CHD could have been a death sentence... but thanks to developments in care for children with CHDs I can grow up to be President ...or at least play one on TV. ~Nick Basken

CONGENITAL HEART DEFECTS SURVEILLANCE IN HAWAII

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*Age ranges vary by state as do state specific surveillance practices