**A GROWING CRISIS**

- **28% MORE** opioid-related deaths nationwide since 2015.
- **85.6%** of people in Hawaii suffering from drug dependence or abuse go untreated.
- **8.7 MILLION CHILDREN** nationwide have a parent who suffers from a substance use disorder.

**A NEED FOR FAMILY-CENTERED POLICIES**

- **KEEPING FAMILIES TOGETHER IMPROVES OUTCOMES AND LOWERS COSTS**
- **MORE THAN HALF** of children placed in foster care go home to their families. Keeping families together from the start helps prevent further trauma and improves outcomes.
- **MEDICAID PAID 81%** OF THE $1.5 BILLION that hospitals billed for treating babies suffering from opioid withdrawal in 2012.

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**A DEVASTATING TOLL ON CHILDREN**

- **FOSTER CARE PLACEMENTS ON THE RISE**
  - 1,138 HAWAII CHILDREN were placed in foster care in 2016.
  - **20% WERE INFANTS.**
  - In 23% of these placements, parental substance use was a factor.

- **MORE BABIES BORN EXPOSED TO OPIOIDS**
  - Every 25 minutes in America, a baby is born suffering from opioid withdrawal, which can mean:
    1. LOWEST BIRTHWEIGHTS
    2. RESPIRATORY CONDITIONS
    3. FEEDING DIFFICULTIES
    4. SEIZURES
    5. LONGER HOSPITAL STAYS

- **A LIFELONG IMPACT**
  - Children dealing with traumatic experiences can face social, emotional, physical, and mental health challenges that last into adulthood.
  - Left unaddressed, early childhood adversity can lead to school failure, risky behaviors like alcohol and drug use, and increased chance of health conditions like obesity and heart disease.

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**WHAT YOU CAN DO**

**RETHINK OUR APPROACH: SUPPORT CHILDREN AND FAMILIES IN HEALING TOGETHER**

- **Create policies that prioritize prevention** and allow children to remain safely with their families during treatment.
- **Give providers tools** to recognize, treat, and support children and their parents affected by trauma to lessen the lifelong impact and promote healthy families.
- **Ensure families have real and timely access to services** through Medicaid and other prevention and treatment programs.

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