

KNOW MORE NEWS

September, 2017

Hafa Adai!

We are pleased to provide you with the September 2017 issue of our newsletter! **Please be reminded that the General Membership Meeting will be held on September 12, 2017 at 11:00AM.**

Executive Director's Note

Hafa Adai! I am reaching out to ask for your support for our sister coalition and service providers in Texas that have been impacted by hurricane Harvey. Updates from the Texas Council on Family Violence (TCFV) reports that 32 programs have been affected by the devastating hurricane and subsequent floods.

The team in Texas has been working extremely hard to ensure displaced individuals in shelter were able to be evacuated and given new placements safely. Shelters in Beaumont, Bay City, and Victoria have suffered extensive damages; with the shelter in Victoria reporting 40 permanent housing clients and all other shelter clients have been displaced. The good news is all program staff is accounted for; survivors who were evacuated are also accounted for.
– Gloria Aguilera Terry, Chief Executive Officer, TCFV

If you are interested in supporting GCASAFV with its collection for the TCFV, please contact Cynthia@guamcoalition.org. We also understand that there are other efforts underway to support Hurricane Harvey survivors. You can support Kamalen Karidat and Catholic Social Service efforts with monetary donations which can be given at each location and your local parish, National Sexual Violence Resource Center at <http://www.nsvrc.org/projects/preventing-sexual-violence-disasters/relief-fund-sexual-assault-victims> and National Network to End Domestic Violence at https://salsa3.salsalabs.com/o/51013/donate_page/disaster-fund.

GCASAFV News:

Become a Community Advocate!

GCASAFV will be holding the **2017 Community Advocate 'kNow MORE' Training (CAT)** at Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church - Social Hall in Toto on **Friday, September 15, 2017 8:30am – 3:00pm**. Participants will gain an understanding of civil and criminal laws dealing with sexual assault and family violence, and an understanding of the civil protective order process. Deadline to register is Monday, September 11, 2017. Register here: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/CAT92017>. Please email info@guamcoalition.org or call 479-2277 for more info.

Pacific Partners Project Update

As the Pacific Partners Project (PPP) heads into its second year, GCASAFV continues to work with postsecondary educational institutions on Guam, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, Federated States of Micronesia, Republic of the Marshall Islands, Republic of Palau, and American Samoa. PPP aims to develop and implement campus sexual assault policies and prevention programming. Funded by the Office on Women's Health.

GCASAFV will participate in a poster session to highlight PPP at the Institute on Violence, Abuse, and Trauma (IVAT) Summit in San Diego, CA on September 24-27, 2017 with the focus on "Building Peace by Linking Policy, Practice, Research and Advocacy to End Violence." GCASAFV's presentation focuses on strategies to building capacity and developing and sustaining core elements of campus sexual assault policies and prevention programming while maintaining cultural sensitivity and relevance in our communities.

In addition, September is National Campus Safety Awareness Month (NCSAM). This year's theme is *Moving Forward Together*, which underscores the necessity of being informed and taking the correct actions to promote safety on school campuses. As part of NCSAM, GCASAFV will feature each of the partner campuses and the activities that they have done in accordance to the project using the following hashtags: #PacificPartnersProject, #NCSAM, & #MovingForwardTogether. Keep an eye on social media!

October is Family Violence Awareness Month

Signing of Proclamations, Presentation of Resolutions & Silent Witness Ceremony



This year's Family Violence Awareness Month Proclamation and Presentation of Resolutions will take place **Thursday, October 5, 2017** followed by the Silent Witness Ceremony to honor those who have been lost to family violence. More details to come.

Family Violence Awareness Outreach

The outreach will be held on Saturday, October 7, 2017 at the Agana Shopping Center – Center Court 10am – 2pm. If your organization would like to participate in this event, please email info@guamcoalition.org or call 479-2277.

Halloween Costume Drive

GCASAFV and Pacific Daily News are collecting children's costumes (new and gently used). Costumes collected will be donated to Alee Women and Children's Shelter, Erica's House and Kamalen Karidat. Donations will be collected at the Family Violence Awareness Outreach from 10am – 2pm on October 7, 2017. The Harmon and Hagatna Pacific Daily News offices and the GCASAFV office will accept donations until Friday, October 20, 2017. For more information please email info@guamcoalition.org or call 479-2277.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

To include announcements and events in our newsletters, email us at

info@guamcoalition.org

Victim Advocate Training

Victim Advocates Reaching Out

September 9 & 16, 2017

8:00 am – 5:00 pm

Tamuning Senior Center

Call for more info:477-5552

Community Advocate Training

GCASAFV

September 15, 2017

8:30 am – 3:00 pm

Immaculate Heart of Mary

Catholic Church – Social Hall

Toto, Guam

Call for more info:479-2277

Film Screening:

The Hunting Ground

Guam Community College

September 27 & 28, 2017

Starts at 2:00 pm

GCC Multipurpose Auditorium

Call for more info: 735-5597

22nd International Summit

Institute on Violence, Abuse, & Trauma

September 24 – 27, 2017

San Diego, CA

<http://www.ivatcenters.org/san-diego-summit/>



GCASAFV in the Community

GCASAFV at the GTA Project Rise Presentation



GCASAFV attended GTA's Project Rise Presentation was held on August 16, 2017. Project Rise began in 2015 in an effort to assist victims/survivors of sexual assault and family violence. At this presentation event, GTA donated two laptops with free high speed internet to Alee Shelter and \$1,000 to VARO to purchase personal hygiene products. In addition, Ambros has partnered with GTA Project Rise and will donate cases of Huggies diapers,

baby wipes, and infant formula to Alee Shelter and VARO to assist family with infants.

Training and Advocacy Services Initiative (TASI) Project Listening Session



The Department of Public Health & Social Services, Division of Senior Citizens and GCASAFV held a TASI Project listening session at the Cabinet Conference room in the Governor's Complex on August 24, 2017. The purpose of the session was to determine what services and trainings need to be improved or started to address the needs of survivors in later life. Currently surveys and need assessments are being conducted to help prioritize services needed by survivors in later life. Mark your calendars! The TASI Project will have a kick-off event **October 26, 2017**. More information to come regarding this event.

WEBINARS

National Campus Safety Awareness Month Webinar Series ~ First Step: Understanding the Basics (part 2 of 4)

http://ncsam.clerycenter.org/event/understanding-the-basics/?event_date=2017-09-12&utm_content=4e40abfe5264f17924c20b3e5d5413b2&utm_campaign=Clery%20Center%20August%202017%20Newsletter&utm_source=Robly.com&utm_medium=email

Clery Center

September 13, 2017

2:00 am – 3:30 am ChST

Trauma Informed Care and Historical Trauma Informed Care for All Staff Who are in a Supervisory Role (part 1 of 3 repeat)

http://www.ncdsv.org/IHS_Trauma-Informed-Care-webinar-series_2017.pdf

Indian Health Service

September 13, 2017

2:30 am – 3:30 am ChST

From Margins to Center: Listening Sessions for Racial & Economic Equity ~ Advocates of color who also identify as survivors

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/BYFWJRP>

September 14, 2017

1:00 am – 2:30 am ChST or 4:30 am – 6:00 am ChST

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GCASAFV at 2017 Pacific Islands Chief of Police Conference

This year Guam Police Department hosted the 2017 Pacific Islands Chief of Police Conference (PICP) at the Nikko Hotel Tasi ballroom from August 26 through August 31, 2017. At the PICP conference, GCASAFV's Executive Director Cynthia Cabot was invited to speak to the 21 delegates, attendees, and esteemed guests about GCASAFV's partnership with GPD.



The NCMEC Safeguard Program: A Model for Developing Your Resiliency Program

National Criminal Justice Training Center

<https://register.gotowebinar.com/register/6046731596036964353>

September 14, 2017

4:00 am – 5:15 am ChST

Staying Employed: Sick and Safe Leave Protections for Survivors

<https://cc.readytalk.com/registration/#/?meeting=ja9hs39htsc5&campaign=x8du4nt6ah2t>

Institute for Women's Policy Research

September 15, 2017

4:00 am – 5:30 am ChST

September is...

Campus Safety Month

GCASAFV recognizes Campus Safety Month. It is important for students to be safe on campus. Be proactive in ensuring your safety by learning the policies and procedures related to campus sexual assault. Learn more here: <http://www.pcar.org/campus-sexual-assault>



National Campus Safety Awareness Month. 2017.

September 11 is National Day of Service and Remembrance

GCASAFV would like to take a moment to remember those who have lost their lives, recognize those who survived, and honor the men and women who gave their lives and served the country.



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