



2021 kNOW More Webinar Series: Economic Justice and Moving Ahead Advocate Training

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Upcoming Events...

GCASAFV's General Membership Meeting
Date: September 14, 2021
Time: 11:00 AM

Email us for the Zoom link.
info@guamcoalition.org

GCASAFV webinars are updated every month on our website's calendar.

Visit <https://www.GuamCoalition.org/calendar> for more details.



The Guam Coalition held its Day 1 of the 2021 kNOW More Webinar Series: Economic Justice and Moving Ahead Advocate Training with the National Network to End Domestic Violence (NNEDV) on August 27. Kim Pentico, Director of the NNEDV Economic Justice Program, shared some of the challenges survivors of domestic violence experience, such as access to limited resources, increased vulnerability as their abuser gains more control, and prolonged abuse

with more severe injuries. Kim shared tactics that abusers often use resulting in a survivor going into poverty, and these include: harassing at the workplace; ID theft/ruining credit; causing an eviction; forcing illegal activity - decreasing chances for jobs, housing; sabotaging success at getting more education or looking professional for work or interviews. Often, we think that leaving an abusive relationship will lead to victim safety, but as Kim shared, leaving an abusive relationship can result in the survivor being in an impossible financial situation.

Following Kim's presentation, a roundtable discussion was held to discuss locally available resources

for victims/survivors, what is currently being done in Guam, and what efforts need to be made to better support victims of domestic violence through financial empowerment. The moderator for the roundtable discussion was Grace Donaldson, GCASAFV Board Member. Panelists included Pale' Mike Crisostomo of the Archdiocese of Agana/St. Anthony's Catholic Church and Samuel Ilesugam, Executive Director of Guma' Mami, Inc. Through The Allstate Foundation's grant, GCASAFV, in collaboration with the Archdiocese of Agana/St. Anthony's Catholic Church and Guma' Mami Inc., will conduct training for advocates working with domestic violence survivors on The Allstate Foundation's Moving Ahead Curriculum. The Archdiocese of Agana/St. Anthony's Catholic Church will provide additional resources to help support agency efforts to provide life skills for survivors to be financially empowered; Guma' Mami Inc. will be offering one on one support to address personal goals to financial empowerment.



Days 2 and 3 of this webinar series continued on September 8 and 9 with The Allstate Foundation Moving Ahead Curriculum, which has been designed to help domestic violence survivors achieve financial independence and rebuild their lives. The curriculum covers important financial topics such as budgeting, managing debt, and improving credit; it has been proven to help survivors move from short-term to long-term security.

It's not too late to register for Day 4: September 10, 2021, 8:30 AM - 11:00 AM ChST
The Allstate Foundation Moving Ahead through Financial Empowerment Trainer of Trainers
https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_nYLnD_xiQtKHiN4TxHq4DQ

Note: Refer to page 2 for The Allstate Foundation information on how couples can negotiate their wants and needs.

The Allstate Foundation + FINE Project

Tips for Couples to Negotiate Their Wants and Needs:

The Allstate Foundation Moving Ahead Curriculum provides ways for couples to negotiate their wants and needs with finances as family finance is often a topic many couples argue about.

Here are ways couples can negotiate their wants and needs:

- One partner might manage the day-to-day finances and bill paying, but both partners have access to financial information.
- Couples may have different values around money, but they are able to negotiate to form joint financial goals.
- Couples set plans to meet joint goals and support each other in the process.
- One partner may earn more income, but both partners understand and respect that decision-making is equal.
- Both partners have access to money, and neither have to ask permission nor have to hide day-to-day spending.
- Large or long-term financial decisions are made jointly between partners.
- Both partners are honest, and know how money is spent.



To learn more, visit <https://allstatefoundation.org/what-we-do/end-domestic-violence/resources/>

Community Champion - Guam Community College

As September is National Campus Safety Awareness Month, the Guam Coalition would like to recognize the Guam Community College (GCC). The Guam Community College serves to meet the educational goals and aspirations of Guam and the surrounding region. GCC provides top-notch education and offers workforce development courses. To further support its vision of being a premier provider of education and workforce development, the college is dedicated to ensuring that students of all walks of life have the opportunity to develop further and learn new skills that are essential to themselves and the community. GCC has had a long history of partnerships with the community, locally and globally.

To demonstrate its support for community and regional activities, GCC is dedicated to ensuring that there is no discrimination or harassment on campus or at any college-sponsored activities. GCC is committed to ensuring its education and community environment are safe for students and that it complies with Title IX of the Education Amendments Act. GCC also has a Sexual Assault Response Team to further ensure campus safety.

For assistance on campus, you may contact the following:
Ronald Gary Hartz, Title IX Coordinator: (671) 735-5573
Title IX Coordinator & Office of Accommodative Services:
(671) 735-5597
Student Support Services: (671) 735-5555/56/58
Student Health Center: (671) 735-8889



September is National Campus Safety Awareness Month

As September is National Campus Safety Awareness Month, it is important for the media, parents, students, and higher education professionals to foster healthy campus environments for their campus communities. National Campus Safety Awareness Month is an opportunity to raise awareness about safety on campus and encourage conversations about violence prevention on campuses. Additionally, it is also an opportunity for campuses to share resources and information about their safety programs.

Each year, college students become victims of sexual assault, stalking, and other crimes. College campuses may provide a sense of security, resulting in perpetrators taking advantage of this feeling of safety and security. Moreover, efforts to maintain a safe campus environment are through collaborative efforts of students, faculty, and staff.

For more information, visit <https://www.campusdrugprevention.gov/news/september-national-campus-safety-awareness-month>.

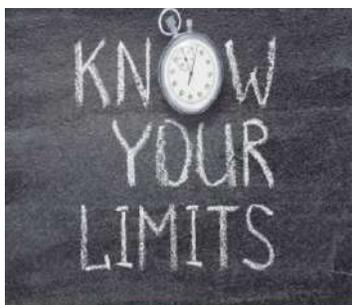
RAINN Tips for Increasing On-Campus Safety

The Rape, Abuse, and Incest National Network (RAINN) provides tips for increasing on-campus safety and staying safe with friends in social settings. Victims of sexual assault on campus can experience long-term detrimental effects resulting in trauma, depression, anxiety, and post-traumatic stress disorder.



- Know your resources. - Who should you connect with if you or a friend needs help? Locate on campus resources.
- Stay alert. - When moving around on campus, ensure that you are aware of your surroundings. If you are alone, invite a friend or campus security to escort you.
- Be careful about posting your location. - Social media sites such as Facebook use geolocation to publicly share your location.
- Make others earn your trust. - College campuses can foster a false sense of security. Make sure to earn people's trust before relying on them.
- Think about a Plan B. - Ensure that you have a back-up plan for potentially sticky situations. For example, if your phone dies, do you have numbers memorized if you need to call for help?
- Be secure. - Lock the doors of your car and dorm.

RAINN Tips to Consider For Staying Safe with Friends in Social Settings



- Make a plan. - If you go to a party, go with trusted friends. Agree to watch out for one another and ensure that you leave together.
- Protect your drink. - Don't leave your drink unattended, and watch out for your friends' drinks if you can.
- Be a good friend. - Trust your instincts. If you notice something that doesn't feel right, it probably isn't.

For more information, visit <https://www.rainn.org/articles/staying-safe-campus>

September 2021 Marks the 15th Anniversary of the Guam Coalition Against Sexual Assault & Family Violence

2006 Pacific Territories Summit
in American Samoa



2009 Liberation Day Parade



2010 SAAM Wave



2011 FVAM Wave



2011 Critical Intersections of
Sexual & Domestic Violence
and HIV Conference



2015 kNOW More Training



2014 HT Prevention Month
Proclamation Signing



2015 Liberation Day Parade



2016 FVAM Outreach



2017 Pacific Partners Project
in Saipan



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2017 FVAM Wave



2018 Training in Pohnpei



2019 SAAM Proclamation



2019 Pacific Region Summit



2020 Biba Pride! Motorcade



2021 SAAM, CAPM, NCVRW, Youth Month



2021 kNOW More Webinar Series: Addressing Confidentiality & Victim Services Across Disciplines

The Guam Coalition completed its webinar series: Addressing Confidentiality & Victim Services Across Disciplines in partnership with the National Network to End Domestic Violence (NNEDV). Presenters for this webinar series included Alicia Aiken and Christina Simmons. Alicia Aiken has been an attorney for over 15 years representing survivors of violence and people in poverty. In addition to her years of experience as an attorney, she is a national expert on privacy for violence survivors and an experienced consultant on strategic issues for mission-based organizations. Christina Simmons, LCSW-C, is a clinical social worker with experience in trauma treatment and confidentiality. She is also the owner and founder of Revitalizing Inner Self Essence, LLC (RISE). This webinar series discussed confidentiality rules, exceptions, and trauma-informed approaches, especially when working with survivors.



Alicia Aiken addressed confidentiality in interdisciplinary teams, including laws, ethics, and confidentiality norms across various disciplines. Additionally, this webinar series discussed when professionals may have to breach confidentiality and practices when communicating with survivors while being trauma-informed. This webinar series closed with discussions

on HIPAA, VAWA, and how to address data breaches, especially to survivors. As we continue the plight of this COVID-19 pandemic and increased virtual communication, this webinar emphasized the importance of technology safety and providing options for methods of communications to contact clients and maintaining confidential spaces.

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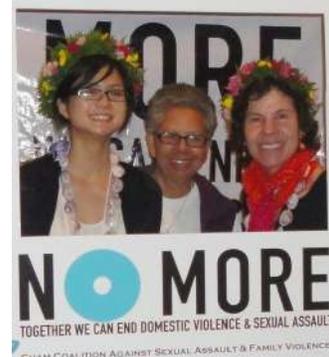


Sister Trinie Pangelinan celebrated her 50th Golden Jubilee as a Sister of Mercy this year. She has dedicated her life to serving the island community as an educator, social worker, and a leader. Sister Trinie held numerous leadership roles. She chaired the Social Justice Committee and Communications Team of the Sisters of Mercy on Guam; she served as Co-Spiritual Director for the Couples for Christ movement, which she also helped found in 1995 at the Archdiocese of Agana, and she served as the President for Mercy Action Marianas Ltd.

While employed at the Guam Coalition from 2014 to 2015, Sister Trinie was instrumental in establishing the Coalition's Community Advocate Interpreter/Translator (CAIT) Project, which aimed to improve the ability of

Guam's domestic and sexual violence service providers to provide services in other languages, and managed 20 interpreters and translators for the Coalition to support members and partners.

Sister Trinie also worked with youth and helped abused and neglected children with Rainbows for All God's Children. Today, Sister Trinie serves as the Assistant Archivist for the Sisters of Mercy of the Americas in Guam and also sings with the Emmaus! Choir at the Dulce Nombre de Maria Cathedral-Basilica and other choirs. The Guam Coalition extends our CONGRATULATIONS to Sister Trinie and recognizes her for her continued dedication to serving the island community.



September is National Suicide Prevention Month

September is also National Suicide Prevention Month, which is a time to raise awareness on such a stigmatized topic. Depression and post-traumatic stress disorder are common diagnoses among survivors of sexual assault. According to the National Sexual Violence Resource Center (NSVRC), research has shown that over a third of female survivors of rape have contemplated suicide at some point after their assault.

For survivors of sexual violence, the NSVRC identifies warning signs to be aware of, and these include:

- Feelings of hopelessness, isolation, and loneliness.
- Experiencing difficulty eating and sleeping.
- Having suicidal thoughts/ideation.

The NSVRC also identifies warning signs among friends and family, and these can include:

- The individual expresses that they are “going to hurt” themselves or that they “can’t do this anymore.”
- The individual expresses that they have attempted suicide in the past or have had previous thoughts of suicide.
- You have not seen the individual for some time; they’re quiet; they don’t eat; they’re less social, and they don’t seem like themselves.

Take Action!

- **Familiarize yourself with community resources such as counseling services in your area.**
- **Communicate with your loved ones and care for them.**
- **Speak with a trained professional.**
- Call 911 if the individual explicitly states that they have a plan and are going to act on it.

For more information, visit <https://www.nsvrc.org/blogs/what-puts-survivors-increased-risk->

September 11 (9/11) is National Day of Service and Remembrance

This September 11th marks the 20th Anniversary of the National Day of Service and Remembrance (9/11), which is a chance to pay tribute to the numerous lives lost and injured in the September 11, 2001, terrorist attacks, including first responders and many others who defended the nation’s freedom. We can continue to pay tribute to military personnel, first responders, and all the individuals who protect our nation.

9/11 Day is a non-profit aimed to transform the anniversary of 9/11 into a worldwide day of unity and doing good. This year, 9/11 Day's goal is to inspire individuals to perform good deeds in remembrance of 9/11. Additionally, they are paying tribute to the many individuals in the United States and around the world who have died of COVID-19 and the healthcare personnel, first responders, and other front-line workers who continue to risk their lives to fight this pandemic.

For more information, visit <https://www.911day.org/our-story>



October is Family Violence Awareness Month



October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month, also recognized locally as Family Violence Awareness Month (FVAM). FVAM is a time to raise awareness, support, and lift up the voices of victims and survivors. Domestic violence is a serious violent crime that includes physical and emotional abuse, but it is an issue that is often hidden from the public.

In light of this COVID-19 pandemic, victims of domestic violence/family violence may not be able to find the help they need. Therefore, we kindly ask that you complete the Coalition's survey today. The Coalition wants to hear from you on what you see as gaps in services, especially to the victims/survivors that you serve. Your responses may be about resources that your agency may need to support your team or from the perspective of clients that need your services. To take this survey, visit <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/SvcNeeds-GU-21>, and for updates on upcoming FVAM month events, visit the Guam Coalition website at www.GuamCoalition.org.

Engaging The Media to Minimize Harm

By Jayne Flores, Administrator of the Governor's Community Outreach Federal Programs Office and Director of Bureau of Women's Affairs

In today's fast-paced digital world, reporters often copy and paste the details of a crime from the magistrate's report into their stories to save time. Few seem to ever consider how these details might affect the victim or the victim's family - especially in the case of a sexual assault or a murder. So it's time to ask them: Is revealing the penetration details of a sex crime going to help solve it? Or are you including this information purely because it is salacious or because it's just easier to copy and paste? If a murder case has gone cold, is there anything new that warrants dredging up the horrific details of the crime?

If the answer to any of these questions is "no," then reporters need to realize that a victim is at the other end of their story. And that hearing those graphic details again is like scraping raw an old wound - it causes pain, embarrassment, or worse.

Of course, the public has a right to know about a vicious crime - or any crime, for that matter - for safety reasons. But what also needs to be considered is that every time a news organization publishes or re-publishes the details of a crime - especially if those details are particularly graphic - the victim (or the family if the victim is deceased) is forced to relive the trauma. There is an unwritten rule in news reporting: never identify the victim in a sexual assault crime (exceptions are when the victim wants to be identified, which is rare), especially if the victim is a minor. Referring to the victim as "known to" the alleged perpetrator is often not helpful. If the victim is the son or daughter of the perpetrator, and the media report states the victim's age and publishes the perpetrator's name, age, village, etc., then, for the most part, you have identified the victim.

The Society of Professional Journalists has a code of ethics that it recommends all journalists follow. The "Minimize Harm" section says journalists should:

- Balance the public's need for information against potential harm or discomfort. Pursuit of the news is not a license for arrogance or undue intrusiveness; and
- Show compassion for those who may be affected by news coverage. Use heightened sensitivity when dealing with juveniles, victims of sex crimes, and sources or subjects who are inexperienced or unable to give consent. Consider cultural differences in approach and treatment.

Much of the time, reporters under rushed deadlines don't think about minimizing harm when writing their stories. One way to remind them is to let them know if a story has caused a victim or a family pain. Email the reporter, or the news director, or post a comment to the story on a news organization's social media page. If you are a victim, you can have a friend or relative do it for you. Someone should do it. We need to remind those in the media of the harm that particular words or details can cause. Because minimizing harm is part of their job, too.

WEBINAR

Wellbeing Webinar Series: What Advocates Need to Know - Financial Wellbeing Data Review, hosted by The Allstate Foundation in partnership with the National Network to End Domestic Violence
Wednesday, September 15, 2021 at 4:00 AM ChST

Description: This session will unveil The Allstate Foundation's Measurement Tool, used to provide advocates and local programs a meaningful assessment of the Moving Ahead Curriculum impact on survivors' lives. Additionally, this webinar series will provide an overview of current research, data, and evaluations available to the field that can assist in telling the story of survivors' needs and resiliency.

Click Here To Register:

<https://nnev.zoom.us/j/92211111111>

Houston Coalition Against Hate/OCA-Greater Houston training - Bystander Intervention To Stop Hate-Based Harassment, hosted by Hollaback
Sunday, September 19, 2021 at 3:00 AM ChST

Description: Hate-based harassment has been on the rise in the United States and the world. This virtual workshop hosted on Zoom will include training on how to intervene effectively as a bystander without having to compromise your safety. Hollaback! is a global, people-powered movement to end harassment in all forms. This training will also teach Hollaback!'s 5D's of bystander intervention methodology as well as the types of disrespect many individuals across various identities are experiencing.

Click Here To Register:

<https://zoom.us/join/92211111111>

Guam's Second Annual Conference on Substance Use Disorders Among Pacific Islanders, hosted by Guam Behavioral Health & Wellness Center, UCLA: Integrated Substance Abuse Programs, Pacific Southwest ATTC
Tuesday, September 21 to Wednesday, September 22, 2021 at 8:00 AM to 2:30 PM ChST

Description: Day 1 of this webinar series will include concurrent workshops on topics including: family level prevention interventions; addressing trauma beneath addiction, and other related topics. Day 2 of this webinar series will include concurrent workshops on topics including: youth and youth adult services; medical/behavioral interventions for bi-polar disorder, and other related topics.

Click Here To Register:

<https://registration.allintheLOOP.net/register/event/2021-guam-virtual-conference-qqu2>

Save the Date: GCASAFV's Family Violence Awareness Conference/Webinar
Date: Week of October 25, 2021

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