



## 2021 kNOW More Webinar: I Mañaina-ta (Our Elders) - Our Communities of Strength & Addressing Elder Abuse

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### ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### Upcoming Events...

GCASAFV's General Membership Meeting  
Date: JULY 13, 2021  
Time: 11am

Email us for the Zoom link.  
[info@guamcoalition.org](mailto:info@guamcoalition.org)

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

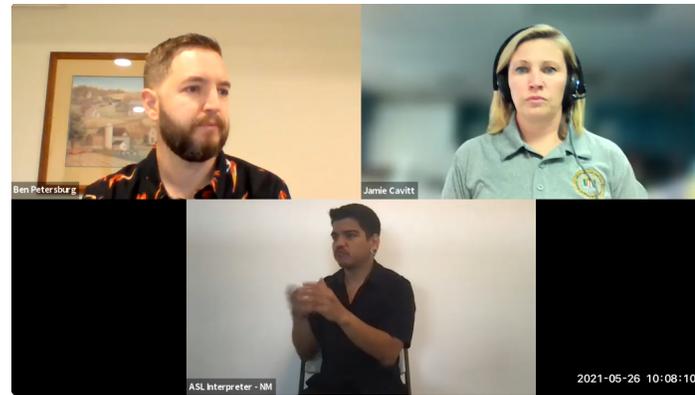
Visit <https://www.GuamCoalition.org/calendar> for more details.



The Guam Coalition Against Sexual Assault and Family Violence held its webinar series via Zoom on *I Mañaina-ta (Our Elders) - Our Communities of Strength & Addressing Elder Abuse*. The webinar series was held to coincide with the month of May being Older Americans Month and Elder Abuse Awareness Day in June (June 15).

Panelists included Ben Petersberg from the U.S. Attorney's Office for the Districts of Guam and Northern Mariana Islands, and FBI Agent Jamie Cavitt who discussed *understanding elder abuse* on Day 1 - May 26; DPR Historian Toni "Malia" Ramirez addressed *the care of elders from a cultural perspective* on Day 2 - May 27.

This webinar series continued on June 2 and June 3 with key panelists: Evelyn Manibusan from the Dept. of Public Health & Social Services' Division of Senior Citizens, Bureau of Adult Protective Services; the the Guam Public Defender Service Corporation team with Atty. Stephen Hattori, Kaitlyn Norton, and Jeanenne P. Cordero from the Elder Justice Center; and Public Guardian Marcelene Santos. We appreciate all our panelists for sharing information and resources to support *I Mañaina-ta!*



## RESOURCES FOR ELDERLY PERSONS: Department of Public Health and Social Services (DPHSS) - Division of Senior Citizens (DSC) - Adult Protective Services (APS)

The Department of Public Health & Social Services - Division of Senior Citizens' mission is to plan, coordinate, implement, and evaluate programs and services and to identify and strengthen all possible resources towards promoting, maintaining, and protecting the total well-being of older persons, 60 years and over, while ensuring their dignity, integrity, independence, values, and cultures. The primary purpose of the Division of Senior Citizens is to coordinate all activities on Guam relating to the Older Americans Act, such as serving as the primary advocate for older individuals on Guam and assisting agencies and other entities in the development of comprehensive and coordinated service delivery throughout the island.



## Department of Public Health and Social Services (DPHSS) - Division of Senior Citizens (DSC) - Adult Protective Services (APS) continued ...

The Guam Coalition Against Sexual Assault and Family Violence has worked collaboratively with DPHSS' DSC/APS to provide training to organizations, networks, and the broader island community. The Department of Public Health & Social Services' Division of Senior Citizens, Bureau of Adult Protective Services (BAPS) provides services to the elderly, 60 years and over, and individuals with disabilities, 18 years and over against abuse, neglect, and exploitation.

The Bureau of Adult Protective Services is mandated to receive and investigate all reports of suspected abuses against the elderly and adults with a disability, including reports of abuse in facilities operated by DPHSS and other public and private agencies and in private residences. The Bureau of Adult Protective Services also provides outreach, monitoring, and advocacy for vulnerable elders and individuals with disabilities.

The **Bureau of Adult Protective Services** is responsible for Elder Abuse Prevention wherein 100% of federal funding provides resources for training of staff, outreach, and educational activities, as well as cost-sharing for administrative supplies/materials.

The **Emergency Receiving Home Program** is a contracted service that includes the Emergency Receiving Home with a Crisis Intervention Hotline that provides protective services 24/7 for the elderly and adults with disability.

The **Long-Term Care Ombudsman Services Program** comprises one social worker under Adult Protective Services who is designated as Guam's State Long-Term Care Ombudsman. The Ombudsman advocates for resident's rights, quality of care to facility policies. The Ombudsman listens and resolves concerns, as appropriate.

Contact 735-7421/7415 or email [Biba.SeniorCitizens@dphss.guam.gov](mailto:Biba.SeniorCitizens@dphss.guam.gov) for more information or to access the Bureau of Adult Protective Services.

## JUNE is Pride Month

Every year during the month of June, Pride Month is celebrated! Pride month was initially recognized a year after the Stonewall Riots that took place on June 28, 1969. Police raided the Stonewall Inn, a gay club in Greenwich Village that was proceeded with rioting by bar patrons, staff, and neighborhood residents. The Stonewall Uprising was a critical point for the Gay Liberation Movement. The Stonewall Uprising was a demonstration against centuries of abuse and discrimination. Studies have shown that sexual violence can be part of hate or bias-motivated crime.

Dunbar (2006) found that gays and lesbians are more likely to experience sexual assault, sexual harassment, physical assault, and stalking compared to other groups. According to a research brief from the National Sexual Violence Resource Center and Pennsylvania Coalition Against Rape (2012), studies over the past two decades have shown that members of the LGBTQ+ community suffer disproportionate rates of sexual victimization compared to the general population. Every year, June is recognized as Pride Month and is part of a global initiative to decriminalize homosexuality and to recognize the contributions of those who identify as LGBTQ+.



To learn more about the history of Pride Month, visit <https://www.loc.gov/lgbt-pride-month/about/>

# 2021 kNOW More Webinar Series: Advocacy & Services - Addressing LGBTQ+ Community

The Guam Coalition Against Sexual Assault and Family Violence will hold its 2021 kNOW More Webinar Series Advocacy & Services - Addressing LGBTQ+ Community. **Part 1** of this webinar series will begin on **Wednesday, June 16** to **Thursday, June 17** and co-founder and Executive Director of FORGE, Michael Munson will discuss LGBTQ+ Core Concepts and Barriers, Advocacy, and Creating Access to Services for LGBTQ and Survivors. **Part 2** of this webinar series will continue on **Wednesday, June 23** and **Thursday, June 24** with Michael Munson discussing Anti-Bias and Sex-Segregated Services, and Uplifting Resilience and Practical Actions.

## JOIN US!

The Guam Coalition Against Sexual Assault  
and Family Violence Presents

### 2021 kNOW More Webinar Series Advocacy & Services - Addressing LGBTQ+ Community

#### Dates

June 16-17, 2021

June 23-24, 2021

For updates, visit our website at  
[www.GuamCoalition.org](http://www.GuamCoalition.org)



**To register for Day 1, Wednesday, June 16, visit:**

[https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_hI6X2AysTnCAIaoURaLtoQ](https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_hI6X2AysTnCAIaoURaLtoQ)

**To register for Day 2, Thursday, June 17, visit:**

[https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_Ffm84YNFSg2v-bXF4mx2kQ](https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_Ffm84YNFSg2v-bXF4mx2kQ)

**To register for Day 3, Wednesday, June 23, visit:**

[https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_IRHSGvU3S2u9uclEIJNirw](https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_IRHSGvU3S2u9uclEIJNirw)

**To register for Day 4, Thursday, June 24, visit:**

[https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_5vRavGc-SLKCuXD3thCwrw](https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_5vRavGc-SLKCuXD3thCwrw)

## Featured Partner: FORGE

FORGE reduces the impact of trauma among trans/non-binary survivors and communities by empowering service providers, advocating for systems reform, and connecting survivors to healing possibilities. Since 1994, FORGE has strived to create a world where all people are valued, and every individual feels safe, respected, supported, and empowered. FORGE focuses on four central beliefs wherein:



1. *Trans people and loved ones are resilient.*
2. *Service providers have the profession-specific skills needed to serve trans people with specific knowledge and confidence.*
3. *Every person is valuable and has a great deal to contribute to society.*
4. *Binary systems and thinking create arbitrary lines between people and communities, which damage spirits and resilience.*

The work of FORGE is trauma-informed, research-based, and empowerment-focused.

To learn more, visit <https://forge-forward.org/>

## National Gun Violence Day is June 4!

The Guam Coalition Against Sexual Assault and Family Violence team donned orange masks on June 4! Orange is the color that has been associated with the gun violence prevention movement. Orange is also the color that Hadiya Pendleton's friends wore in honor of her death due to gun violence.

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violence**

According to the Educational Fund to Stop Gun Violence, around 4.5 million women in the United States have been threatened with a gun. Nearly 1 million women have been shot or shot at by an intimate partner. Moreover, over half of all intimate partner homicides involve gun violence.

[wearorange.org](http://wearorange.org)

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To learn more about Hadiya Pendleton and wearing orange, visit <https://wearorange.org/about> and <https://efsgv.org/learn/type-of-gun-violence/domestic-violence-and-firearms>.

## June 15 is Elder Abuse Awareness Day

The elderly are the strength of our community. However, elder abuse is a global issue that also affects the island. Data shows that nearly 4 to 6 percent of the elderly experience some form of abuse. If you suspect that someone may be experiencing abuse, take action. Elder abuse can occur in the home, and perpetrators are often known to the victim. Many cases of elder abuse often go unreported. Our elders deserve our respect and attention. This June 15 let's recognize World Elder Abuse Awareness Day!

**NATIONAL  
TODAY**

For more information visit, <https://nationaltoday.com/world-elder-abuse-awareness-day>.

**WORLD ELDER ABUSE AWARENESS DAY – JUNE 15, 2021**

## June 27 is National PTSD Awareness Day

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According to the National Sexual Violence Resource Center, in the United States, one in five women have experienced attempted or completed rape in their lifetime. Additionally, nearly one in four male victims have experienced attempted or completed rape between the ages of 11 and 17. Victims and survivors of sexual assault are susceptible to high levels of distress including experiences of nightmares, flashbacks, and other unpleasant memories. These experiences following trauma are normal reactions. It is important to stop victim-blaming, understand the effects of trauma and post-traumatic stress disorder, and raise awareness against sexual violence. This June 27 recognize National PTSD Awareness Day!

For more information, visit <https://nationaltoday.com/national-ptsd-awareness-day> and <https://www.helpguide.org/articles/ptsd-trauma/recovering-from-rape-and-sexual-trauma.htm>.

**NATIONAL PTSD AWARENESS DAY – JUNE 27, 2021**

## Pride Month Proclamation Signing and Legislative Resolution



June is Pride Month! This month's Pride events began with the Virtual Signing of the Proclamation and Presentation of Legislative Resolution on June 1, 2021, at 11:00 AM ChST. The Virtual Signing of the Proclamation and Presentation of Legislative Resolution was held via Zoom and livestreamed on Facebook.



To view the Pride Month Proclamation Signing and Presentation of Legislative Resolution, visit <https://www.facebook.com/govlougum/videos/304288361411614>.

For more information, email [info@GuamCoalition.org](mailto:info@GuamCoalition.org).

## **Guam Pride Museum Lighting**

In light of Pride Month, Guam Pride with Mike Kilayko from QMS Event Lighting will light up the Guam Museum in rainbow colors for the entire month.



## **Guam Pride Wave**

Guam Pride hosted a Pride Month Wave on Friday, June 4, 2021! The wave took place at the corner of the ITC Building, San Vitores Street, and Marine Drive.

For more information email [joe@guampride.org](mailto:joe@guampride.org) or call (671)787-6748.



GCASAFV Photo: 2020 Biba Pride Motorcade

## Guma' Gela' Zoom Talks

As part of Pride Month in June, Guma' Gela' will be hosting Zoom talks. The Zoom talks will be held on June 6, 13, and 20 discussing Coming Out & Coming To, Queer Cultures, Heroes, & Aspirations, and Queer Family & Parenting beginning at 11:00 AM ChST.

- Topic: **Guma' Gela' PRIDE: Coming Out & Coming To**  
When: June 6, 2021 11:00 AM Guam, Port Moresby

Register in advance for this webinar:

[https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_349s\\_jKZSPOVLhHJG2oI0g](https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_349s_jKZSPOVLhHJG2oI0g)

- Topic: **Guma' Gela' PRIDE: Queer Cultures, Heroes & Aspirations**  
When: June 13, 2021 11:00 AM Guam, Port Moresby

Register in advance for this webinar:

[https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_jtTJ9i5XQraLvBZ09kF3Xg](https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_jtTJ9i5XQraLvBZ09kF3Xg)

- Topic: **Guma' Gela' PRIDE: Queer Family & Parenting**  
When: June 20, 2021 11:00 AM Guam, Port Moresby

Register in advance for this webinar:

[https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_ND5QfiFTTgGX9H2KkB2zfA](https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_ND5QfiFTTgGX9H2KkB2zfA)

From **June 25 to June 27**, Guma' Gela' will present "Ginen Inagofli'e", an art exhibit designated as a safe space to voice, listen, care, honor, respect, and celebrate the love, legacy, experiences, and dreams of the CHamoru Queer Community. The art exhibit will be held at Sagan Kotturan CHamoru from 11:00 AM to 6:00 PM ChST. On June 25, a special public reception will be held from 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM ChST.

To stay updated and to catch all the Gela' joy, follow **Guma\_Gela** on Instagram.

## Pride Motorcade and Waves in the Villages

The House of Diosa and the Sisters of the Moonlight with the Guam Coalition and community partners will be closing out the month of June as Pride Month! House of Diosa and the Sisters of the Moonlight with GCASAFV and community partners will increase efforts about Pride month with its "Pride Motorcade and Waves in Villages" on June 30, 2020.



GCASAFV Photo: 2020 Biba Pride Motorcade

Showtime will be at 5:00 PM ChST and go time will be at 5:30 PM ChST. The Pride Motorcade route will begin in Dededo and will proceed southbound to Adelup Point, Hagatna. The "Waves in Villages" will take place at the Micronesian Mall intersection, ITC intersection, Tamuning, and Chief Quipuha Statue, Hagatna.

For more updates, visit <http://www.GuamCoalition.org> or email [info@GuamCoalition.org](mailto:info@GuamCoalition.org).

## Public Defender Service Corporation (PDSC)



The **Public Defender Service Corporation** exists to provide effective legal assistance to individuals who are unable to afford private counsel, thereby ensuring equal protection of their lawful rights. Every client is viewed through the lens as someone's father, mother, brother, sister, son, or daughter, and each individual deserves equal protection whether they can afford it or not.

PDSC provides free legal services for qualified individuals in criminal and juvenile matters and limited civil matters, including legal guardianships, civil protective orders, civil restraining orders, the release of a loved one's body from the morgue, and even war claim survivors.

PDSC's sister firm, the **Alternate Public Defender**, provides free legal aid to defendants in criminal and juvenile matters. The Alternate Public Defender specializes in criminal defense.

**STOP Victim Services Program** under PDSC focuses on protecting victims from abuse and is administered through the Governor's Community Outreach Federal Programs Office.

This program is focused on providing civil protection and restraining orders to those who are victims of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking. This program offers help to those who do not need to qualify financially. Services are client-centered, which include accompaniment, safety planning, and outreach activities working with the Coalition and other service providers. The process includes screening for conflict of interest, and referrals may also be made to the Guam Legal Services Corporation-Disability Law Center and Victim Advocates Reaching Out (VARO).

Following screening, intake will be conducted. At intake, the chronology of events for a restraining order is discussed, and other needs such as shelter and counseling. Additional referrals are made if the individual has other needs to be addressed. Safety planning is conducted throughout the process. Advocates under the STOP Victim Services Program maintain communication with clients, keep them updated with the process, and accompany them to hearings. Police reports are not required to receive services through the STOP Victim Services Program.

**Guam's Elder Justice Center**, in partnership with the DPHSS Division of Senior Citizens and Guam Legal Services Corporation-Disability Law Center, offers legal services to Manamko' 60 years and over who cannot afford an attorney. Additionally, services are centered on preventing elderly abuse and providing legal assistance.

Office hours are currently 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM Monday through Friday.

Clients are required to go through a quick check of their temperature and sanitize their hands before entering the building. All paperwork will be completed telephonically and electronically. Individuals seeking services can call in, and all screening, safety planning, and intake will be conducted over the phone.

PDSC strives to reduce the occurrence of crime and serve indignant individuals.

To contact a victim advocate, call 300-7843.



WEBINAR	DATE, TIME, REGISTRATION LINK
<p><b>Domestic Violence in the LGBTQ+ Community</b></p> <p>Hosted by Women’s Advocates</p>	<p>Thursday, June 10, 2021 at 4:00 AM - 5:30 AM ChST</p> <p>Click here to register: <a href="https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_Iea0ZnBKQsO8rrhCINVS-A">https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_Iea0ZnBKQsO8rrhCINVS-A</a></p>
<p><b>Supporting Victims and Survivors of Faith: Supporting LGBTQ Survivors of Faith</b></p> <p>Hosted by Safe Havens Interfaith Partnership Against Domestic Violence</p>	<p>Thursday, June 10, 2021 at 4:00 AM ChST</p> <p>Click here to register: <a href="https://ta2ta.org/webinars/registration/supporting-victims-and-survivors-of-faith.html">https://ta2ta.org/webinars/registration/supporting-victims-and-survivors-of-faith.html</a></p>
<p><b>Pride Month Equali-Tea Panel Discussion (Equality &amp; Inclusivity in the Workplace &amp; in the Community)</b></p> <p>Hosted by United States Federal District Court of Guam and the Guam Bar Association</p> <p>The event will include Public Auditor, Benjamin Joseph “BJ” Franquez Cruz with panelists Lt. Governor Joshua F. Tenorio; Assistant Federal Public Defender Ms. Leilani Lujan; Attorney Julian Aguon; Teacher/Speech Therapist Mr. F. Glenn Lujan; Miss Queen of the Pacific Ms. Trinity-Naima D. Hufana; and mother and professional athlete Ms. Dana Benavente.</p> <p>Moderators for the panel discussion are the Honorable Frances Tydingco-Gatewood, Chief Judge, District Court of Guam and Ms. Tanya Muna, Judicial Security Inspector and Supervisory Deputy U.S. Marshal for Guam and the Northern Mariana Islands.</p>	<p>Tuesday, June 29, 2021 at 11:00 AM-1:00 PM ChST</p> <p>For those interested, registration will be open to the public and Guam Bar Association members on Monday, June 7, 2021, on the Guam Bar Association website at: <a href="http://www.guambar.org">www.guambar.org</a></p> <p>Guam Bar Association members will earn two (2) Continuing Legal Education (CLE) credits for attending.</p> <p>For more information, contact Ms. Haley Gibbons at: <a href="mailto:Haley_Gibbons@gud.uscourts.gov">Haley_Gibbons@gud.uscourts.gov</a> or 969-4503, if attending in-person.</p>

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Coalition is offering the opportunity to participate in the Introduction to the Forensic Experiential Trauma Interview (FETI). Certified FETI is a science and practice-based interviewing methodology guided by the latest research on the neurobiology of trauma and memory. FETI provides interviewers with a science-informed interviewing framework that maximizes opportunities to gather information and accurately document a participant's experiences in a fair manner. This training will be conducted via an online platform. To register visit, <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/2021INTROFETI>. Registration will close on June 15, 2021.

The Practical Application of FETI involves both individual and group work. If you are interested in attending the Practical Application of FETI, you must complete the Introduction to FETI by the end of June to be considered for one of the 28 seats for the next cohort scheduled from August 9 to August 18. For more information, email [info@GuamCoalition.org](mailto:info@GuamCoalition.org).

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## Strengthening Island Families as Community Advocates (SIFCA) Project

In partnership with the Guam Legal Services Corporation - Disability Law Center, Guma' Mami, and Mañe'lu, the Guam Coalition Against Sexual Assault and Family Violence is conducting Community Advocacy Training for Interpreters as Facilitators. Through the SIFCA Project, GCASAFV partners will be coordinating community presentations in Chuukese on understanding related SA/DV laws, the legal process in Guam and available resources. For more information, email [info@GuamCoalition.org](mailto:info@GuamCoalition.org).

This event is funded in part by Grant #STOP 2017-WF-AX-0041 and Grant #STOP 2019-WF-AX-0026 provided by the Governor's Community Outreach - Federal Programs Office, Office of the Governor of Guam, awarded by the USDOJ/OVW. The opinions, findings, conclusions, or recommendations expressed in this event do not necessarily reflect the views of these funding agencies.



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