

# KNOW MORE NEWS

December 2018

## GCASAFV News & Announcements

### January Outreach Fair

In partnership with GCASAFV, the Guam Community Outreach-Federal Program Office and the Guam Police Department-Domestic Assault Response Team will hold the National Slavery & Human Trafficking Prevention Month and Stalking Awareness Outreach Fair at the Agana Shopping Center on Saturday, January 19 from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM. More details to follow.



### General Membership Meeting

Members and partners gathered at the GCASAFV conference room for this quarter's General Membership Meeting (GMM) that was held on Tuesday, November 13. GCASAFV meets with their members and partners every quarter to keep them updated with happenings.

At the GMM, the various October events to commemorate Domestic Violence (DV)/Family Violence (FV) Awareness Month were highlighted, such as Erica's House FVAM Wave, GCASAFV's FVAM Outreach Fair, GCASAFV's kNOW MORE Training, the Silent Witness Ceremony and Exhibits, and GCASAFV's Halloween Costume Drive. The 2019 events were also discussed, which includes January as Human Trafficking and Stalking Awareness Month, Strategic Planning to GCASAFV's 20th Anniversary, and Sexual Assault Awareness Month.

### Technical Assistance (TA) Training & Services

GCASAFV has posted:

- Addendum #1 for RFQ 2018-001, which requests for the services of agency(ies) or consultant(s) that have expertise on sexual assault and domestic violence in providing training and technical assistance to GCASAFV members and partners. Through Addendum #1, this RFQ has been extended to **February 28, 2019**.

- RFQ 2018-002 requests for the services of agency(ies) or consultant(s) to provide technical assistance services that will assist GCASAFV in maintaining its resources through their Information Clearinghouse library, the GuamCoalition.org website, and their PacificRegionResources.org. This RFQ will remain open until **December 31, 2018**.

Addendum and RFQs can be accessed through this link:

<http://www.guamcoalition.org/happenings/news-announcements/rfp%E2%80%99s-bids>

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

To include announcements and events in our newsletters, email us at [info@guamcoalition.org](mailto:info@guamcoalition.org)

The next General Membership Meeting Review is scheduled for January. More details will be announced. For questions, call 477-2277 or email [info@guamcoalition.org](mailto:info@guamcoalition.org)

## Salvation Army Red Kettle

Those interested in volunteering can sign up for two-hour time slots by calling 477-9818 or emailing [kettles@salvationarmyguam.org](mailto:kettles@salvationarmyguam.org) or [kettles2018@salvationarmyguam.org](mailto:kettles2018@salvationarmyguam.org).

## WEBINARS

**Implementing a Best Practice Data Solution for Record Keeping and Reporting ~ DC Coalition Against DV's Data Selection Process**

<https://ta2ta.org/webinars/registration/implementing-a-best-practice-data-solution-for-rec.html>

Provided by: Safe Housing Partnerships

Date: December 5, 2018

Time: 4:00 am ChST

# A Spotlight on IPV Resources

Intimate Partner Violence (IPV) is abuse by a current or former spouse/partner toward another partner. IPV comes in forms of abuse including physical, sexual, psychological, emotional, and economic. Perpetrators use these forms to gain power over intimate or dating partners. Nearly 23% of adult women and 14% of men in America have experienced severe physical violence from an intimate partner. Additionally, 16% of women and 7% of men experience sexual violence, and 10% of women and 2% of men have reported being stalked by an intimate partner. Perhaps the most alarming statistic is that IPV is common amongst adolescents and young adults.



IPV affects victims/survivors on societal, community, relationship, and individual levels. Therefore, IPV prevention centers are actively changing perceptions of sociocultural norms. The IPV Prevention Council aims to address IPV at a societal level in hopes of reaching the individual level. There are several ethnic/cultural communities that exist with their own unique approaches in addressing issues such as IPV. The IPV Prevention Council initiated the Prevent IPV: Tools for Change, an inventory of resources aimed to raise awareness on IPV and to share knowledge on existing practices. You can access the tools at <https://preventipv.org/materials>. Several tools are highlighted below.

**1. Preventing Intimate Partner Violence Across the Lifespan: A Technical Package of Programs, Policies, and Practices**, created in partnership between the Center for Disease Control and Prevention, National Center for Injury Prevention and Control, and the Division of Violence Prevention, compiles strategies and approaches based on best evidence on preventing and reducing the immediate and long-term harms of IPV (including teen dating violence).

## Preventing Intimate Partner Violence Across the Lifespan: A Technical Package of Programs, Policies, and Practices

Addressing prevention across the lifespan, this package highlights six main strategies with different approaches to each strategies:

- *Teach Safe and Healthy Relationship Skills*
- *Engage Influential Adults and Peers*
- *Disrupt the Developmental Pathways toward Partner Violence*
- *Creative Protective Environments*
- *Strengthen Economic Supports for Families*
- *Support Survivors to Increase Safety and Lessen Harms*

Follow this link to read more on this resource:

<https://preventipv.org/materials/preventing-intimate-partner-violence-across-lifespan>

**2. The Take a Stand FOR Healthy Relationships Youth Curriculum** was created by the National Coalition Against Domestic Violence with the intent of educating students to recognize the characteristics of healthy and safe relationships, on the behavioral factors that result in IPV, and on safely seeking and providing self-help and help for others. This curriculum was created for educating students grades 6 through 8, with self-paced modules and lesson plans that encourage communication and self-awareness.

The six modules are:

- *Developing Emotional Intelligence*
- *External Influences*
- *Love and Respect*
- *Creating Healthy Relationships*
- *Allying for Healthy and Safe Relationships*
- *Taking a Stand FOR Healthy Relationships*



Follow this link to read more on this resource: <https://preventipv.org/materials/take-stand-healthy-relationships>



**3. Talk Now Talk Often AK** is a statewide effort in Alaska that was developed by parents and caregivers to engage teens and adolescents in conversation about healthy relationships. It is important to engage adolescents in conversations and skills surrounding healthy relationships, and that they carry what they learn into adulthood. Talking to

teens is not always easy. Talk Now Talk Often AK developed conversation cards to help parents and caregivers connect with teens and adolescents through conversation cards. Topics addressed in these cards include building trust, peer and dating relationships, taking action and getting help, and technology. For more, follow this link:

<https://preventipv.org/materials/talk-now-talk-often-ak>

**4. #LIVERESPECT on Campus**

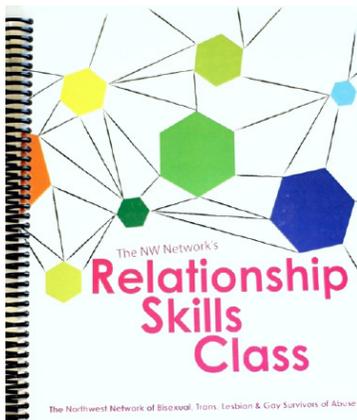
is an on-campus movement for college students who want to promote healthy and respectful manhood and prevent all forms of violence and discrimination. Through this movement, the #LIVERESPECT on Campus toolkit was created by A CALL TO MEN, an internationally recognized violence prevention organization, to help college students learn how to organize and create a culture of respect, equity and value for all on campuses; how campuses can join the #LIVERESPECT movement; and take the campus pledge.



Follow this link to learn more about this resource:

<https://preventipv.org/materials/live-respect-campus-toolkit>

**5. Relationship Skills Class Curriculum**, developed by the Northwest Network of Bisexual, Trans, Lesbian & Gay Survivors of Abuse, one of a few LGBT-specific domestic violence agencies, is a six-week curriculum for LGBTQ communities and allies. This curriculum provides guidance and tools to initiate and conduct a relationship skills class broken down into six sessions.



The six class sessions are:

- Anti-Oppression & Values
- Expectations & Negotiation
- Accountability
- Boundaries
- Conflict
- Community Connections

Follow this link to read more on this resource:

<https://preventipv.org/materials/relationship-skills-class-curriculum>

**WEBINARS**

**Supporting Safety Together: Reviewing Child Protective Services Policies, Forms and Case Records**

<https://ta2ta.org/webinars/registration/institutional-analysis.html>

Provided by: Praxis International

Date: December 5, 2018

Time: 6:00 am ChST

**Financial Education Webinar Series ~**

**Retirement Planning for Survivors and Advocates (part 6 of 6)**

<https://ncadv.org/financial-education>

Provided by: National Coalition Against Domestic Violence and National Endowment for Financial Education

Date: December 6, 2018

Time: 4:00 am – 5:30 am ChST

**Improving Question Frameworks in Child Interviews**

[https://ncjtc.fvtc.edu/training/details/TR00007942/TRI0007943/improving-question-frameworks-in-child-interviews?utm\\_source=CC&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_campaign=2018-10-31%20-%20October%20Webinar%20%233](https://ncjtc.fvtc.edu/training/details/TR00007942/TRI0007943/improving-question-frameworks-in-child-interviews?utm_source=CC&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=2018-10-31%20-%20October%20Webinar%20%233)

Provided by: National Criminal Justice Training Center

Date: December 6, 2018

Time: 5:00 am – 6:30 am ChST

**6. Connecting the Dots: An Overview of the Links among Multiple Forms of Violence** is a report that provides findings from research conducted by the Center for Disease Control's Division of Violence Prevention and the Prevention Institute on "the connections between different forms of violence and describe how these connections affect communities". The report highlights the various risk factors that increases a person's chance of experiencing violence and protective factors that decreases a person's chance of experiencing violence or increases the resiliency of a person when faced with risk factors. By "understanding the shared risk and protective factors of violence can help [communities] plan how to prevent multiple forms of violence at once". Integrated responses to violence can be provided through recognizing the shared risk and protective factors between the multiple forms of violence.

Follow this link to read more on this resource: <https://preventipv.org/materials/connecting-dots-overview-links-among-multiple-forms-violence>

For more resources and toolkits like these, you can visit the Prevent IPV website at <https://preventipv.org/materials>

## **GCASAFV News**

### **Pacific Partners Project (PPP) Update**

The Pacific Partners Project (PPP) is composed of ten higher education institutions throughout the Pacific region: American Samoa Community College (ASCC), College of the Marshall Islands (CMI), College of Micronesia-FSM (COM-FSM), GCA Trades Academy (GCATA), Guam Community College (GCC), Northern Marianas College (NMC), Northern Marianas Trades Institute (NMTI), Pacific Islands University (PIU), Palau Community College (PCC), and University of Guam (UOG). The main goal of PPP is to keep campuses safe and violence-free.

In the past quarter, some of our campus highlights include:

- ASCC partnered with the American Samoa Alliance Against Domestic & Sexual Violence together with GCASAFV and hosted a grant writing workshop, listening session, and community workshop.
- COM-FSM held a student orientation, which included a Title IX component, in which students are now informed of Title IX and the meaning of consent.
- CMI held a new student orientation that encompassed family violence, sexual assault, bullying, and different types of harassment.
- NMC held student employee, new, and returning student orientation about consent, reducing sexual assault, domestic and dating violence, stalking on campus, and showcased the "Cup of Tea" video, which educates viewers about consent in a situational basis with assistance from the Northern Marianas Coalition Against Domestic & Sexual Violence.
- NMTI showcased the "In Her Shoes" toolkit, which allows individuals to have a survivor's point of view and make choices through situations presented as part of their professional development for faculty and staff.
- PCC held bystander intervention presentations with the "Cup of Tea" video to educate students about consent, and steps to take if there is an incident.
- PIU participated in a listening session facilitated by GCASAFV to obtain students' perspectives on sexual assault.

In addition to campus highlights, PPP has facilitated a Technical Assistance Group meeting for campus partners to address any issues they may encounter and share their campus activities and progress; participated in monthly one to one calls with Office on Women's Health to report on recent updates; and completed data collection of ARC3 surveys with the help of campus partners.

The Pacific Partners Project is in its last and final year, where the focus is on sustainability. GCASAFV encourages campus partners to continue to maintain the four key elements of PPP: a task force, sexual assault policy and procedures, a sexual assault response team, and awareness through prevention programming.

# A Word from AIMFT

by Nadine Cepeda

The Guam Association of Individual Marriage and Family Therapists (AIMFT) is a professional association for members in the field of marriage and family therapy, psychology, social work, and school and mental health counselling. The AIMFT promotes the well-being of individuals and families through education, special projects, policy, wellness, healing and counselling interventions. Through their work with individuals, therapists are aware of the changing societal pressures and the impact on families. The AIMFT is committed to helping increase the quality of life for individuals and families. As one of the members of the Guam Coalition Against Sexual Assault and Family Violence, AIMFT joins the fight to decrease sexual assault and family violence within our island community and endeavour to promote healthy relationships and family dynamics.



*Nadine Cepeda is a member of the Guam Association of Individual, Marriage & Family Therapists and is the Vice Chair of GCASAFV's Board*

One of the many ways AIMFT follows through with their goal of helping families on Guam is through their yearly fundraising event. This year, the Ann Hardin Charity Foundation Dinner Fundraiser Event was held at the Katre Restaurant on October 26. The Ann Hardin Charity Foundation was established in May 2015 by the AIMFT, with the proceeds going to children and families in need. Ann Hardin was one of the founding members of the AIMFT. This charity was inspired by Ann's work with children, women and families, where her contribution to the support of women and children in domestic situations was extensive. She established the first therapeutic group for women survivors of violence. Ann's contribution to the literature and our field of therapy is indicated in her publication with Dr. Kelly Sukola entitled "Empowering Abused Women: Multi-Cultural Counseling Techniques".

For more information on AIMFT, you can call 475-3101 or email [aimftog@gmail.com](mailto:aimftog@gmail.com).

## GCASAFV News

### Super Typhoon Yutu Relief Efforts

In late October of this year, a category-5 Super Typhoon Yutu severely devastated the Northern Mariana Islands. Yutu carried sustained winds of 180 mph that destroyed homes and buildings and downed trees and power lines. Many CNMI residents were left homeless and without power and water. Since the Super Typhoon, many Guam organizations and businesses have contributed by initiating relief efforts in hopes of helping with the recovery process. The following are some organizations that have and are still collecting monetary and/or item donations:

- Ayuda Foundation
- Mayor's Council of Guam
- Guam Fire Department and the Guam Homeland Security/Office of Civil Defense
- Bank of Guam

For more info on groups/organizations that continue to accept donations, follow the link below:

<https://www.guampdn.com/story/money/2018/11/12/what-you-can-do-help-saipan-recover-typhoon->

### Pacific Region Resources: Get Listed and Download Our App!

Pacific Region Resources is GCASAFV's online directory for community resources! Visit [www.PacificRegionResource.org](http://www.PacificRegionResource.org) or download the app on the iTunes App store or Google Play to see what it has to offer!

Are you ready to let others know of your organization's services? Get listed today!

Visit [www.PacificRegionResources.org](http://www.PacificRegionResources.org) to get started. For more information or further assistance, contact [info@guamcoalition.org](mailto:info@guamcoalition.org)



## GTA Donates Desktops, Flash Drives to Sanctuary Incorporated

On November 8, 2018 GTA provided Sanctuary Incorporated with the technology to empower our youth who are seeking help through counseling and outreach programs. The local telecom company announced today that it is donating three desktops and 30 flash drives to assist our youth so they have access to educational resources while in transition.

The donation is part of GTA's Project Rise initiative created to assist victims and survivors of sexual assault and family violence. Sanctuary Incorporated is one of several non-profit groups on Guam falling under the umbrella of the Guam Coalition Against Sexual Assault and Family Violence. Sanctuary offers 24 hour crisis intervention services and temporary safe refuge for our youth during family conflicts and abuse. The donation comes shortly after Domestic Violence Awareness Month in October and in time for Sanctuary Month in November.

GTA's commitment to prevent sexual assault and family violence began in 2015 when the company launched its Project Rise Campaign in partnership with the Guam Coalition Against Sexual Assault and Family Violence by providing mobile phones and safe wireless lines of communication for victims to stay connected to vital resources in times of need.



Kamia Dierking, GTA Director of Marketing and Communications, says, "As corporate citizens, our hope is that we can use technology to empower and change lives. Family violence is a national problem that impacts our community, neighbors, coworkers, friends, and family members. By creating awareness through Project Rise, we feel that our technology and network can be part of the solution by making it easier for victims and survivors to get the help and support they need to move forward."

Since launching the Project Rise Initiative, GTA has made additional contributions to organizations such as Alee Shelter and Victims Advocates Reaching Out (VARO) to assist victims in need. For more information about Project Rise, visit <https://www.gta.net/about-gta/partnerships#family-violence>.

Thank you GTA for your continued support and initiative through Project Rise to help end Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault!

## WEBINARS

### Rural SADI Lessons: Part 1

<http://www.resourcesharingproject.org/content/rural-sadi-lessons-part-1?eType=EmailBlastContent&id=4605e996-4751-4525-ac74-2dc76d9095b5>

Provided by: Resource Sharing Project  
Date: December 6, 2018  
Time: 6:00 am ChST

### Understanding the Complex Trauma of a Trafficking Survivor

<http://endingsvtogether.pcar.org/site/Calendar/1911720801?view=RSVP&id=100442>

Provided by: Pennsylvania Coalition Against Rape  
Date: December 8, 2018  
Time: 2:30 am ChST

### PREA Power Hour: Chat with an Expert on PREA Standard 115.71

<https://zoom.us/webinar/register/8215410205583/WNfaV8DrIJQv6SNCnu8BI4LQ>

Provided by: National PREA Resource Center  
Date: December 14, 2018  
Time: 5:00 am ChST

### Trauma-Informed Victim Interview (TIVI) for the Justice System, Part 2

[https://www.bwjp.org/training/webinar-trauma-informed-victim-interview-part2.html?utm\\_source=All+Subscribers&utm\\_campaign=](https://www.bwjp.org/training/webinar-trauma-informed-victim-interview-part2.html?utm_source=All+Subscribers&utm_campaign=)

Provided by: Battered Women's Justice Project.  
Date: January 12, 2019  
Time: 6:00 am – 7:15 am ChST

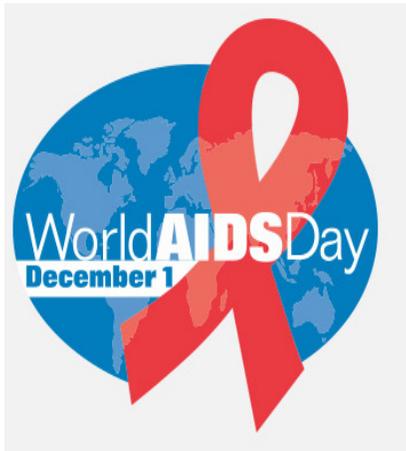
For more information on these webinars, visit [GuamCoalition.org](http://GuamCoalition.org)

# December is...

## Identity Theft Prevention and Awareness Month

Identity theft is not only a serious and rapidly growing crime, and it can happen to anyone. Victims of Domestic Violence and Intimate Partner Violence can also be victims of identity theft if their partner has access to their credit cards, bank accounts, passwords, and other sensitive information. Victims of IPV deserve to keep their identities safe. Learn more here:

<https://www.thehotline.org/2015/03/02/identity-theft-in-abusive-relationships/>



## World Aids Day: Saving Lives through Leadership and Partnerships!

December 1, 2018 marks 30 years of awareness and efforts in removing stigma around HIV/AIDS, as well as reducing the risk of HIV/AIDS by encouraging and promoting testing. This year's federal theme is "Saving Lives through Leadership and Partnerships".

According to the Center for Disease Control, Women and men who report a history of Intimate Partner Violence victimization are more likely to report behaviors known to increase the risk for HIV, including injection drug use, treatment for a sexually transmitted infection, giving or receiving money or drugs for sex, and anal sex without a condom in the past year. We acknowledge the victims/survivors who fall under this statistic as World Aids Day approaches.

Learn more about how to stay informed about HIV/AIDS here: <https://www.hiv.gov/hiv-basics/>

## International Day of Persons with Disabilities

Established in 1992, the United Nations International Day of Persons with Disabilities (IDPD) has been acknowledged every year on December 3 globally. The theme for this year's IDPD is "Empowering persons with disabilities and ensuring inclusiveness and equality". In terms of issues regarding sexual assault and domestic violence, individuals with disabilities are vulnerable to difficulties maneuvering through legal, judicial, and direct service procedures. Translators, interpreters, ramps, and other ADA accommodations provide individuals with disabilities the inclusivity and equality that they deserve. To learn more about IDPD, follow the link:

<https://www.un.org/development/desa/disabilities/news/dspd/idpd.html>



## VOLUNTEERS BUILD RESILIENT COMMUNITIES



## International Volunteer Day

December 5 is known as International Volunteer Day (IVD) and is observed every year. Initiated by the United Nations, this day is in tribute to recognize the efforts of volunteers within communities, non-profit, government agencies, and private sectors, share their values and experiences to inspire others to continue the act of volunteerism, and continue to promote their efforts. The theme for this year is "Volunteers build resilient communities". GCASAFV would like to acknowledge and thank its dedicated volunteers. The volunteers for the various island organizations that help to fight sexual assault/domestic violence help to create and fortify a resilient island community. For more information, follow the link

<http://www.un.org/en/events/volunteerday/>

## December 8: We Remember

On December 8, 1941, Santa Marian Kamalen feast day festivities came to a halt in the wake of the first bombings on island. These bombings marked the start of a three-year Japanese occupation. December 8, 2018 marks the 77th anniversary of the beginning of the Japanese invasion on Guam during World War II. On this day, we remember those who lost their lives to war, and we recognize those who lived to pass on their stories. Follow the link to learn more: <https://www.guampedia.com/wwii-from-occupation-to-liberation/>



## Orange the World: #HearMeToo

GCASAFV recognizes 16 Days of Activism Against Gender-Based Violence. These two weeks are part of a global effort that starts with the International Day of Elimination of Violence Against Women on November 25, 2018 and ends with Human Rights Day on December 10, 2018. Learn more at

<http://www.unwomen.org/en/what-we-do/ending-violence-against-women/take-action/16-days-of-activism>



## International Human Rights Day

December 10, 2018 marks 70 years of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, a major achievement of the United Nations and the first enunciation of human rights internationally. It celebrates the document adopted by the United Nations that proclaimed the rights of each and every human being. This declaration is why it is important to celebrate our inalienable rights to education, a decent living, health care, and a life free of discrimination.

Unfortunately, negativity and hostility towards human rights continues to rise. Therefore, it is important to acknowledge that human rights are a foundation of sustainable development and peaceful societies, to advocate for those rights, as well as to be among those who join the fight to stand up for the civil, economic, political, and cultural rights of human beings. Learn more here:

<http://www.un.org/en/events/humanrightsday/>

## International Human Solidarity Day

Solidarity has been defined as among the fundamental values of cross-cultural relations in the 21st century, emphasizing on the need to assist those who benefit the least or are socioeconomically disadvantaged. Initiated by the United Nations, one of the main goals of the International Human Solidarity Day is to establish unity and harmony among the various nations and cultures of the world. In the context of sexual assault/domestic violence, an understanding on the cultural aspects of victims and survivors is crucial in this field. On December 20, let us stand in solidarity against the cruel injustices of sexual assault and domestic violence. For more information, follow this link

<http://www.un.org/en/events/humansolidarityday/background.shtml>



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