



GUAM COALITION AGAINST SEXUAL ASSAULT & FAMILY VIOLENCE (GCASAFV)

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August 2021

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

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Upcoming Events...

August 2021 Happenings!

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The Guam Coalition Against Sexual Assault and Family Violence Presents

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

Dates:

August 25 - 26, 2021

September 01 - 02, 2021

Time: 8:30 AM - 11:00 AM ChST

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The Guam Coalition Against Sexual Assault and Family Violence will hold its 2021 kNOw More Webinar Series: Addressing Confidentiality & Victim Services Across Disciplines. This webinar will address the basics of confidentiality, privilege, and trauma-informed release of information. Presenters will then discuss navigating confidentiality in interdisciplinary teams (coordinated community response, sexual assault response teams, and multi-disciplinary teams). This webinar will also discuss ethics of mandatory reporting of abuse/neglect of children, elderly, adults, and adults with disabilities. The presenters will then cover differences between HIPAA, Violence Against Women Act (VAWA), and the attorney rules of professional conduct and best practices of any confidential professional.

Following completion of this webinar series, participants will be able to compare and contrast how confidentiality ethics and legal privilege apply to VAWA funded victim services and transparency principles; learn trauma-informed practices, and discuss best practices to assist survivors in completing informed releases of information.

Presenters for this webinar series will include Alicia Aiken, JD, and Christina Simmons, LCSW-C. Alicia Aiken is the principal at the Danu Center for Strategic Advocacy, which supports the work of change-makers, helping professionals and mission-based organizations to build the tools of social justice. Aiken is also a Faculty Fellow for PLI's Interactive Learning Center, where she co-created 4 award-winning online courses and hosts the podcast "Pursuing Justice: The Pro Bono Files." Christina Simmons is a Confidentiality Institute training and technical assistance partner specializing in trauma-informed approaches to confidentiality ethics. Simmons holds a Masters in Social Work with a concentration on Clinical Mental Health. Through the course of her career, Simmons has worked in the following areas: child welfare, domestic violence, mental health, and substance abuse.

The Coalition is working with the University of Guam to offer Continuing Education Units (CEUs) and with the Guam Bar Association to offer Continuing Legal Education (CLEs) for participants. Participants must register and attend all webinar sessions to qualify for CEUs/CLEs.

Visit www.GuamCoalition.org for more updates or email info@GuamCoalition.org

To Register:

Day 1, Wed., Aug. 25: https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_wY8ahQXQQ0Stjrjsi-yDvsw

Day 2, Thurs., Aug. 26: https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_VrjUtDb4SwWfr2dmU0q0Hg

Day 3, Wed., Sept. 01: https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_Wd6Pam6xQYK-GW1BK90sMQ

Day 4, Thurs., Sept. 02: https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_Ni82_ZnxREq74TO6rRDD7A

August is Back to School - Bystander Intervention Tips & Strategies

Everyone has a role in preventing sexual harassment. According to the National Sexual Violence Resource Center, an engaged bystander is someone who takes responsibility by intervening before, during, or after a situation when they see behaviors that may threaten, harass, or encourage sexual violence. Behaviors that make up sexual violence exist on a spectrum, and behaviors can include - sexist jokes, inappropriate sexual comments, innuendos, catcalling, or vulgar gestures. These behaviors can happen anywhere, including public spaces, workplaces, communities, and especially online spaces, as many have switched to online communication amid the COVID-19 pandemic.

HOW TO BE A GOOD BYSTANDER

Although immediately intervening may not be safe in every case, there are numerous ways bystanders can be involved before, during, and after a situation. The National Sexual Violence Resource Center shares some tips and strategies:

1. Disrupt the situation

Although every situation is different, there are other ways a good bystander can respond to someone being harassed, threatened, or followed by someone. One option is to distract the harasser or insert yourself into their interaction to help the targeted person get out of the situation.

2. Don't act alone

Another option to intervene is to get support from people around you. The more people who interrupt the situation will reinforce that the behavior is not acceptable. However, in any case, where you do not feel safe, contact the police.

3. Confront the harasser

Another way to intervene, whether or not you know who the harasser is by telling them in a respectful, direct, and honest way that their words or actions are not okay.

4. Set the expectation to speak up and step in

Talking openly against inappropriate and unacceptable comments and behaviors will show others that these comments will not be tolerated. Speaking up and responding directly to inappropriate comments and behaviors can have a snowball effect and encourage others to respond.

5. Understand your privilege and how it positions you to speak up

Your age, race, gender, etc., may make it easier to be vocal to speak up against harassment, especially if you are not a target or a member/representative of the target group.

6. Focus on the needs of the target and ensure they receive support

- Let the targeted person/victim know that they are not at fault.
- Affirm the targeted person/victim that they did not do anything wrong.
- Express your support for the individual by stating:
 - I saw what they just did. Are you okay?
 - I heard what that person said to you. I am so sorry.

Bystander Intervention Tips & Strategies continued . . .

7. Take action online

Every person can take part in addressing an online culture that tolerates rape and sexual violence. Online comments that blame victims contribute to a broader climate that tolerates sexual violence. Individuals can combat rape and sexual violence online by:

- Supporting survivors
- Responding to victim-blaming, rape jokes, and other problematic comments on social media by stating, "Sexual assault is never a survivor's fault."
- Refocusing accountability on the individual(s) who committed sexual abuse.

8. Be proactive

Practice with friends and family what to say and how you would say it if you ever encounter a situation where you need to confront a harasser. Think of how you would like to take action and how you would like others to take action and respond. Every situation and person is different; reflect on how you may act differently in various scenarios.

To find out more information about bystander intervention tips and strategies by the National Sexual Violence Resource Center, visit <https://www.nsvrc.org/bystander-intervention-tips-and-strategies>

Campus Safety - What is stalking?



"Stalking is a pattern of repeated and unwanted attention, harassment, contact, or any other course of conduct directed at a specific person that would cause a reasonable person to fear," Office on Violence Against Women. Stalking is dangerous and can result in severe and long-lasting emotional and psychological harm to victims. According to the Office on Violence Against Women, stalking may increase over time and can lead to domestic violence, sexual assault, and even homicide. Stalking may also include frightening communications, direct or indirect threats, and harassment on the internet.

According to the University of Guam's Violence Against Women Prevention Program, stalking can be a traumatic experience and can even lead to strong emotional reactions including:

- Fear and anxiety
- Frustration, irritability, and anger
- Difficulty concentrating
- Decreased ability to perform at work or school
- Isolation and disconnection from people
- Self-blame and decreased self-esteem
- Powerlessness and helplessness
- Depression and hopelessness

If you suspect that you are being stalked, you may contact the Guam Police Department Domestic Abuse Response Team (DART) unit at **(671) 475-8620**.

For more information, visit <https://www.uog.edu/vawpp>

University of Guam's Violence Against Women Prevention Program (VAWPP)

- If you feel that you are in danger, go to a place of safety immediately, such as a well-lit public place. You may also request that campus security walks with you to your desired location.
- If it feels safe, you may make one attempt to say, "I want no further contact with you" and then end all communication.
- Remember that you do not have to go through this experience alone. You may inform your friends, family, and employers so they can assist you to assess the potential danger and provide support. You may also request that they do not disclose any information that you share about yourself.
- Professionals on campus and in the community can assist you in identifying, responding, and coping with stalking behaviors. These professionals can also assist with safety planning, protection orders, and prosecution of the case. You may also contact VAWPP if you would like to find out more information about victim services and community referrals.
- You may also change your daily routine and carry a cellphone to call for help at any time.
- To ensure your safety, avoid posting identifying information such as your address, cell phone number, work or class schedule and social plans.
- Record all incidents of stalking including the dates, times, locations, details of the stalking, and witnesses.
- If you suspect that you are a victim of stalking, report all incidents to campus security and the Guam Police Department.



If you are a student or faculty at the University of Guam, you may contact the University's Campus Security Escort Service as they provide free walking accompaniment from one on-campus location to another for all University of Guam students, employees, and visitors who feel unsafe walking alone on campus.

For more information, visit <https://www.uog.edu/vawpp>

Newest Coalition Member - UOG Violence Against Women Prevention Program

Through a federally funded grant awarded to the University of Guam by the U.S. Department of Justice, Office on Violence Against Women in 2007, the University of Guam's Violence Against Women Prevention Program (VAWPP) was established. Currently, VAWPP operates as the Violence Against Women Prevention Program Victim Services (VAWPP-VS) and is funded by Grant No. STOP 2019-WF-AX-0026 provided by the Governor's Community Outreach-Federal Programs Office (GCO-FPO).

The mission of VAWPP-VS is to address the prevention of sexual assault on campus and in the greater island community and provide free services and resources. VAWPP-VS provides victim services, including crisis intervention, victim advocacy/counseling, education and training, risk assessment and safety planning, advisement on legal options, referrals to resources and other services, and community outreach.

The Goals of VAWPP-VS include:

- Develop, enlarge, and strengthen a comprehensive victim services program addressing sexual assault for adults and youth in Guam
- Develop and improve the delivery of victim services for underserved populations
- Develop and disseminate outreach materials designed to increase awareness about the victim services available
- Directly provide victim services, including:
 - Individual counseling
 - Group counseling
 - Crisis intervention
 - Emotional support
 - Safety planning
 - And referrals to other services
- Ensure that all victim services are victim/survivor-centered, trauma-informed, and culturally responsive

For more information on VAWPP-VS or to inquire about services for you or someone you know, please contact Beverly at alaveb@triton.uog.edu or call 735-2890.



2021 Youth Employment Internship Program

Guam Department of Education 2021 Employment Internship Program

After six weeks of the summer employment internship program to help address the learning loss following the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic, the Guam Coalition's seven interns have been able to obtain career and technical experience, career-oriented opportunities, plan their education and career path, and become responsible, productive, and contributing members of society.



During their internship experience, GCASAFV's interns have been able to:

- Learn about topics related to sexual assault and domestic violence
- Assist with the coordination of the Pride "Waves in the Villages"
- Create posters on topics related to sexual assault and domestic violence
- Attend Coalition meetings and webinars
- Develop work ethic skills
- Attend training conducted on life skills such as building their resume and preparing for an interview by Board Member Grace Donaldson
- Present a final project/presentation

After their six-week internship, interns shared their experiences. Intern "JJ" expressed that during his time working at the Guam Coalition, *"I've managed to learn and become aware of elderly abuse, especially in their homes. I have also become aware of the occurrence and prevalence of stalking and human trafficking. I have also managed to improve my social skills."* Intern "AB" shared, *"I am so grateful for having the chance to work here. I learned about community, empathy, and how prevalent the issues of assault and violence are on Guam."* Intern "TL" shared that she is appreciative of the friendly Coalition environment, *"My time here at the Coalition has been one of the best experiences, not only because the people here are the sweetest, but they are also understanding. They taught me that we are all equal."* Intern "MB" stated that she has been able to *"learn more about sexual assault and domestic violence, and how it can happen to anyone anywhere."* Intern "RB" shared, *"I was able to go into depth with what I've been watching through the webinars and researching online. These experiences have allowed me to learn a lot more."*

Lastly, the interns shared that their experiences have been both educational and inspirational. Intern "GS" stated, *"I learned many things that I could use for my careers that I would love to pursue in the future. It made me realize what it is like to be in a working space such as an office and what you can do to make it a better place and time. Besides all these things that I learned here, I also learned how to help others and how to be there when someone needs you during the most difficult times."*

The Guam Coalition would like to thank the interns for their hard work and dedication during this summer's employment internship program. We look forward to seeing you all next year!



GCASAFV'S 15th Anniversary

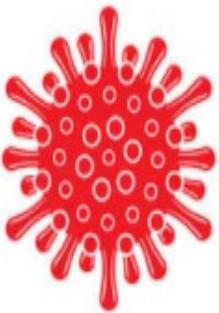
September 2021 marks the 15th Anniversary of the Guam Coalition.

Guam Coalition recognizes the founding partners: Archdiocese of Agana, Ayuda Foundation/Island Girl Power, Catholic Social Service - Alee Shelter, Erica's House, Guam Legal Services Corporation-Disability Law Center, Healing Hearts Crisis Center, Inafa'Maolek Conciliation, Oasis Empowerment Center, Salvation Army, Sanctuary Incorporated, Victim Advocates Reaching Out, Community Services & Resources, GUAHAN Project, Guam Police Department, Department of Public Health & Social Services, and the Office of the Attorney General of Guam.



Dangkulu na Si Yu'os Ma'ase' to all Coalition members and partners for supporting the work to address sexual assault, family violence, dating violence, stalking, and human trafficking through community outreach, awareness, training, and technical assistance.

COVID-19 Updates



COVID-19 CORONAVIRUS

On July 30, 2021, Guam reached the Operation Liberate Guam goal of 80% of its adult population. As stated in Executive Order No. 2021-16, limitations on social gatherings, reduced occupancy of establishments, social distancing requirements, and the requirement of operations on appointment-only basis will be lifted at 12:01 AM on the day the island has reached its vaccination goal of 80% of its adult population.

Although all businesses and services are allowed to operate at their full occupancy, face masks must be worn at all times for all businesses and services where the setting is indoors or outdoors.

For more information, [visit https://ghs.guam.gov/jic-release-no-737-dphss-issues-guidance-memo-2021-18](https://ghs.guam.gov/jic-release-no-737-dphss-issues-guidance-memo-2021-18)

Allstate Foundation + FINE Project

The Allstate Foundation has awarded the Guam Coalition Against Sexual Assault and Family Violence (GCASAFV) the Moving Ahead Grant that was awarded only to states in previous years.

Through this grant, the Coalition will support survivors of intimate partner violence/domestic violence with resources, training, and technical assistance that will translate into **Financial INdependence and Empowerment (FINE)**. The goal of the FINE Project is to support survivors of domestic violence to attain long-term economic stability to be independent of abuse, acquire security, and be self-sufficient.



In partnership with the National Network to End Domestic Violence, GCASAFV will conduct training for advocates working with DV survivors on The Allstate Foundation's Moving Ahead Curriculum. GCASAFV will also collaborate with Guma' Mami, Inc. and Archdiocese of Agana/St. Anthony Catholic Church to provide additional resources to support partner agencies' efforts focusing on providing life skills and assistance to be financially empowered.

The Coalition will be holding its 2021 kNOw More Series: Knowledge and Resources for Economic Justice and Financial Empowerment on August 27 and September 08, 09, and 10 from 8:30 AM to 11:00 AM ChST.

- **Day 1, Friday, August 27, 2021, 8:30 AM - 11:00 AM ChST**

Making The Case for Economic Justice Work

Launch of GCASAFV's Financial and INdependence Empowerment (FINE) Project

https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_6xy-qbR2T-i6iEvTuV6n_w

- **Day 2-4: September 8 - 10, 2021, 8:30 AM - 11:00 AM ChST**

The Allstate Foundation Moving Ahead through Financial Empowerment Training of Trainers

https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_nYLnD_xiQtKHiN4TxHq4DQ

The Allstate Foundation's Moving Ahead Curriculum provides strategies to address financial and safety challenges, especially for individuals who may be in an abusive situation; resources to help quality-of-life changes; ways to address challenges if an abusive partner or former partner misuses personal information; methods to manage your finances, and steps to ensure safety.

Thank you to The Allstate Foundation for the \$25,000 grant to help GCASAFV and partners create safety and security for domestic violence survivors through financial empowerment. The Allstate Foundation supports programs like the Guam Coalition Against Sexual Assault and Family Violence to help provide critical services that help survivors break free and stay free from abuse.

GCO-FPO STOP Implementation Plan

The next STOP Implementation Planning Meeting will be held on **Wednesday, August 18, 2021 at 2:00 PM ChST.**

The Governor's Community Outreach-Federal Programs Office (GCO-FPO) is gathering information to address and identify the needs and gaps in services of victims/survivors of sexual assault. Victims/survivors may also privately email GCO-FPO Jayne Flores regarding needs and gaps in services.

For more information or to contact GCO-FPO, email jayne.flores@guam.gov or call 475-9162/9178/9179.



We Need Your Input: Communications Strategic Plan Survey

GreenLight Media Productions (GLMP) is conducting a survey to obtain insights aimed at strengthening meaningful stakeholder engagements for collective impact, especially in how the values of the Guam Coalition and its members/partners as a whole are effectively communicated to the community.

The Coalition values your opinion and input in helping create compelling messages and stories, and most especially - reaching out to the very people who need your services.



To access this survey, visit <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/GCASAFV2021>

We Want to Hear from You! Impact of COVID-19 To Victim Services - Survey



The Guam Coalition wants to know what you see as gaps in services or inadequate services to victims/survivors that you serve.

As we slowly adapt to our new normal spaces following the COVID-19 pandemic, we kindly ask that you complete the Coalition's survey. Your responses could be about resources that your agency may need to support your team to be able to open your doors to business as usual or from the perspective of the clients/survivors that need your services, addressing the resources that your agency does not provide. This survey is to gather information to support you in addressing and identifying the needs of victims/

survivors of sexual assault, domestic violence, family violence, dating violence, and stalking.

To take this survey, visit <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/SvcNeeds-GU-21>

For more information or to comment on the survey, email info@GuamCoalition.org

OVW Conferral Series: Gathering Public Input to Meet the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) Needs

The Office on Violence Against Women will be holding this year's biennial conferral webinar series focusing on the following topics: unmet needs; emerging trends; administration of grants, and promising practices in the field. The conferral process emphasizes feedback from state and tribal coalitions and TA providers, as well as stakeholders. These sessions are also held to shape future decisions about VAWA programs and to inform Congress about what is happening in the field.

Registration is not necessary.

For more information or to join a webinar, visit <https://www.ovw2021conferral.org/joinawebinar>

WEBINAR	DATE, TIME, REGISTRATION LINK
<p>Context is Key: Recognizing and Responding to Stalking</p> <p>Hosted by SPARC - Stalking, Prevention, Awareness, and Resource Center</p>	<p>Friday, August 06, 2021 at 4:00 AM ChST</p> <p>Click here to register: https://zoom.us/meeting/register/tJcrcOmhqjgJH9OwOaLzxG8ISVyow9xvS618</p>
<p>Beyond Intimate Partner Stalking: Acquaintance, Stranger, and Family Offenders</p> <p>Hosted by SPARC - Stalking, Prevention, Awareness, and Resource Center</p>	<p>Wednesday, August 11, 2021 at 4:00 AM ChST</p> <p>Click here to register: https://zoom.us/meeting/register/tJMqcOivqTItG9K0WsJduv7VKv0y_JUboX1s</p>
<p>Ask the Expert Session: Preventing Vicarious Trauma</p> <p>Hosted by National Crime Justice Training Center Fox Valley Technical College</p>	<p>Wednesday, August 18, 2021 at 4:00 AM - 5:00 AM ChST</p> <p>Click here to register: https://register.gotowebinar.com/register/7344017906663120143</p>
<p>MEGA Risk Assessment Training: Assessing Sexually Abusive Youth, Ages 4-19</p> <p>Hosted by IVAT - Institute on Violence, Abuse and Trauma</p>	<p>Saturday, August 28, 2021 at 1:30 AM ChST</p> <p>Click here to register: https://events.r20.constantcontact.com/register/</p>
<p>Trafficking in Tribal Communities 101</p> <p>Hosted by International Association of Forensic Nurses</p>	<p>Friday, September 17, 2021 at 4:00 AM - 5:30 AM ChST</p> <p>Click here to register: https://ta2ta.org/webinars/registration/third-thursdays-webinar-series.html</p>



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