



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

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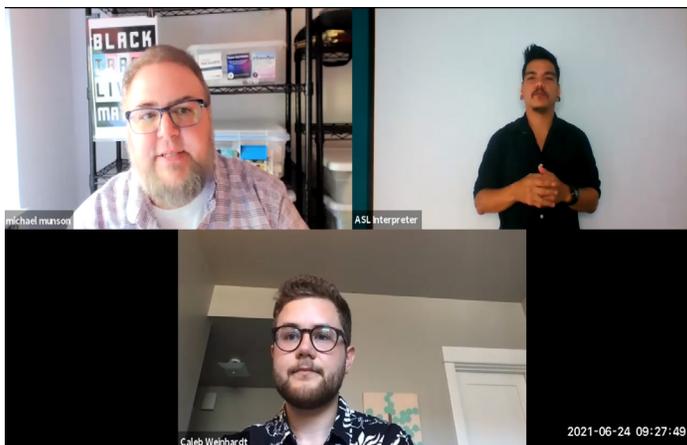
Upcoming Events...

GCASAFV's General Membership Meeting
Date: July 13, 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 Against Sexual Assault and Family Violence completed the June Webinars on Advocacy & Services - Addressing LGBTQ+ Community. Michael Munson, Executive Director of FORGE, opened the webinar series on Day 1 - June 16 with a discussion on the services FORGE provides - training and technical assistance such as publications, conferences, webinars, site visits, policy, collaborations, and

information.

FORGE also provides direct services to trans people, including online support venues, empowerment, referral, and collaborative work with other service providers.

Munson discussed the importance of understanding and respecting a person's identity, such as their sexual/romantic orientation, gender identity, gender expression, and sex assigned at birth. Munson reported that 9% of the national population identify as lesbian, gay, and bisexual (LGB); however, less than 1% identify as transgender. He also shared that recently, the youth population who identify as transgender or gender-diverse has been increasing.

This webinar shed light on issues the lesbian, gay, bisexual, trans, and queer plus (LGBTQ+) community experiences, such as higher rates of intimate partner violence, sexual violence, housing instability, hate crimes, mental health problems, substance use issues, and negative interactions when attempting to seek services.

Munson and FORGE staff, Caleb Weinhardt, facilitated a discussion on the barriers to services LGBTQ+ people encounter. Munson also expressed the importance of inclusive language when discussing issues related to sexual violence, concerns specific to the transgender community, and advocacy and intentionality in creating access to services for LGBTQ+ survivors.

Munson addressed Changing the Course of Anti-LGBTQ+ Bias and Sex-Segregated Services: Groups and Shelters for LGBTQ+ Survivors. Munson also discussed the importance of a top-down culture of respect where every individual must be respected, and respect should be modeled at the very top. He shared various types of bias, who is responsible for bias, the effects of bias, and sex-segregated services.

Munson concluded this webinar series with a discussion on the Impact on Service Providers and the LGBTQ+ Communities and Uplifting Resilience and Practical Actions. He shared the realities of the current "Triple" Pandemic - 1) COVID-19, 2) Economics, and 3) Racism; however, the reality is that LGBTQ+ Community are also undergoing legislated hate as well as sanctioned hate. Munson emphasized the importance of uplifting resilience.

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Allstate Foundation + FINE Project

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

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

The FINE Project aims to support intimate partner violence/domestic violence (DV) survivors with resources, training, and technical assistance to foster Financial INdependence and Empowerment.

GCASAFV will conduct training for advocates working with DV survivors on The Allstate Foundation's Moving Ahead Curriculum and will collaborate with the Archdiocese of Agana/St. Anthony Catholic Church, Erica's House, and Guma' Mami, Inc. to provide additional resources to support partner agencies' efforts focusing on providing lifeskills to be financially empowered.

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.



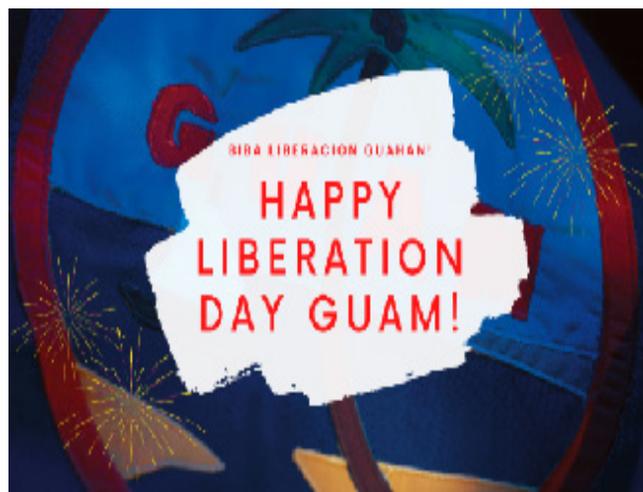
Upcoming training schedule will be posted on our calendar website at www.GuamCoalition.org and our Facebook page at facebook.com/GuamCoalition/

July: Guam's 77th Liberation Day

On July 21st, Guam celebrates its 77th Liberation Day! This Liberation Day, Governor Lou Leon Guerrero and Lt. Governor Josh Tenorio with the Mayors Council of Guam announced this year's theme, "*Kontra i Piligru, Ta Fanachu,*" or "Against All Peril, We Rise."

This year's theme emphasizes the strength and resilience of our people. This year, Liberation festivities will be held virtually; all memorial events will be limited in attendance and live streamed on Governor Lou Leon Guerrero's Facebook page: facebook.com/govlougum

Let us also take a moment to reflect on the challenges and perils that are faced by victims/survivors of domestic/family violence, sexual assault, dating violence, stalking, and human trafficking. Join us as we work together to support victims and survivors in our communities and together "*Kontra i Piligru, Ta Fanachu.*"



It's Summer Time!

Now that we are past the first anniversary of the onset of the official declaration of the COVID-19 pandemic, states and countries have opened their doors for travel. If you decide to stay in Guam or travel to another destination to spend your summer, you must think about safety before and during your travel. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention share some safer travel tips to consider.

For individuals who are not vaccinated:

- Wear a mask over your nose and mouth in public and on planes, buses, and other forms of public transportation.
- Avoid crowds and stay at least 6 feet away from individuals not traveling with you.
- Wash hands often or use hand sanitizer that contains at least 60 percent alcohol.

Before you leave to your travel destination:

- Share your travel information with a trusted individual
- Research available and reputable ground transportation
- Familiarize yourself with the destination by using tools such as Google Maps to examine the area and surrounding areas (e.g., hospitals, police stations)

In addition to safety precautions against COVID-19, people traveling should also consider safety precautions that may reduce the risk of different types of crimes, including sexual violence.

When you get there:

- Beware of "Vacation Brain"; ensure that you get to know the people you surround yourself with before trusting them
- Keep track of what you drink; keep track of how much you've had to drink and know what is in your drink
- Think about Plan B; consider a backup plan for every situation

In an emergency abroad: if you experience an emergency while abroad, contact the U.S. Department of State. They can connect you to a variety of resources to help anywhere you are.

From the U.S. & Canada: 1.888.407.4747

From Overseas: +1.202.501.4444

You may also contact the nearest U.S. embassy or consulate in the country where you are visiting. Consular officers are available for emergency assistance 24/7

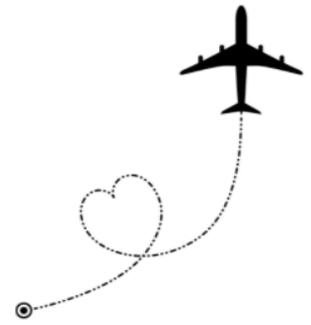
If you are a victim of a crime, you can have the support of a U.S. consular officer to help navigate the process.

To learn more about how to keep safe while you travel, visit <https://www.rainn.org/articles/safety-tips-traveling>.

Arriving to Guam following travel:

As Guam continues to be in Pandemic Condition Readiness 3, all passengers arriving in Guam with a negative PCR test taken within 72 hours of arrival are exempt from quarantine. All passengers arriving in Guam with a negative antigen test taken within the 72 hours of arrival in Guam are subject to home quarantine and monitoring as stated in the Department of Public Health and Social Services (DPHSS) Guidance. However, travelers who do not qualify for an exemption may qualify for quarantine at a rental lodging or personal residence.

For more information, <https://ghs.guam.gov/jic-release-no-713-governor-lou-leon-guerrero-signs-executive-order-no-2021-15>



Strengthening Island Families as Community Advocates (SIFCA)

The Guam Coalition would like to thank Attorney Daniel Somerfleck of Guam Legal Services Corporation-Disability Law Center and interpreters from Mane'lu's Micronesia Resource Center One-Stop-Shop (MRCOSS) and Guma' Mami for helping us launch the Strengthening Island Families as Community Advocates Project.

The purpose of the SIFCA Project is to provide Community Advocate Training (CAT): a review of civil and criminal laws in domestic violence, sexual assault, and stalking; the intersection of sexual assault and domestic violence; victim rights; and a review of resources. With the support of interpreters from Manelu MRCOSS, we were able to conduct the initial community training in Chuukese. More training conducted in different languages are being planned.

This SIFCA Project 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.

Pride Waves in the Villages

According to the CDC, individuals who identify as lesbian, gay, and bisexual experience sexual violence at similar or higher rates than heterosexual individuals. However, the LGBTQ+ community may experience additional challenges in accessing services.

Approximately 9 percent of the U.S. population identify as LGB, and less than 1 percent of the population identify as transgender.

Although approximately 9 percent identify as LGB and less than 1 percent of the population identify as transgender, individuals who identify as LGBTQ+ remain victims to poly victimization including sexual violence, intimate partner violence, hate-motivated victimization, stalking, dating violence, adult sexual assault, and child sexual assault (FORGE, 2011).

Over 100 wavers took part in the Pride Waves in the Villages with GCASAFV, community partners and allies to raise awareness, show support, and stand in solidarity with the LGBTQ+ community!

The Guam Coalition Against Sexual Assault and Family Violence would like to thank all the community leaders, Coalition members, agency partners, and Guam's LGBTQ+ groups and allies who took part in the Pride Waves in the Villages held on June 30 in Yigo, Dededo, Tamuning, Mangilao, Agana Heights, Santa Rita, Asan, and Piti.

Special thanks to Piti Mayor Jesse L.G. Alig for his coordination with the village mayors and their staff - Yigo Mayor Anthony P. Sanchez, Dededo Mayor Melissa B. Savares, Tamuning Mayor Louise C. Rivera, Mangilao Mayor Allan R.G. Ungacta, Agana Heights Mayor Paul M. McDonald, Santa Rita Mayor Dale E. Alvarez, and Asan-Maina Mayor Frankie A. Salas.



Thank You



Yigo

Dededo



Tamuning

Mangilao



Thank You

Thank You



Agana Heights

Asan



Piti



Santa Rita



Thank You

Community Champions: Erica's House

Erica's House

The mission of Erica's House is to provide a safe and fair venue; a center of hope, support, prevention, and family visitation services necessary to create positive change in the lives of all families affected by the absence of a parent or violence and contribute to the advancement and awareness of these issues in our island community.



Erica's House, established in 2000, has since provided support services for parents and children in need of visitation and exchange services and is Guam's only family visitation center. When exchanges or on-site visitations are conducted at the facility, these prevent any conflicts or violence between parents and guardians in which children become witnesses. These supervised visitations foster a sense of security among families.

The services provided include:

- A safe place to pick up and drop off children for exchange from parents/guardians;
- On-site partially supervised visitation for families with periodic checks made by staff;
- On-site supervised visitation for families with a visitation monitor present at all times;
- Informational Reports generated upon request.

Erica's House's services are free of charge, and services are available by obtaining a Court Order or through Erica's House Voluntary Referral Program (VRP). Under the VRP, the custodial and non-custodial parents must agree to use Erica's House, agree to the type of service, agree to a schedule, and agree on who will participate.

In addition to the services mentioned, Erica's House staff also refer clients to other agencies for services they may need; these include Victim Advocates Reaching Out (VARO), Alee Shelter, Child Protective Services, Inafa Maolek, and the Child Support Office.

Erica's House was initially developed as a joint project of the Soroptimist International of the Marianas and the Soroptimist International of Guam. Erica's House received its non-profit status in October 2015 and continues to receive support from the Soroptimist groups and the Crisostomo Family.

WWW.PacificRegionsResources.org



The Pacific Region's Community Resource Directory...Online.

Presented by  Guam Coalition Against Sexual Assault & Family Violence



Get listed on GCASAFV's Pacific Region Resources.org.

GCASAFV works with agency partners to strengthen services and address sexual assault and family violence through education, outreach, training, and resources. As GCASAFV's online community directory, Pacific Region Resources (PRR) provides access to community resources such as faith-based organizations, non-profit service providers, and other government and private agencies in Pacific Islands' communities.

Visit <https://pacificregionresources.org/> or download the app on the iTunes App Store or Google play to see what it has to offer!

Visit <https://www.pacificregionresources.org/index.php?code=register> to get started!

For more information or inquiries, please contact us at info@guamcoalition.org.

We Need Your Input: Communications Strategic Plan

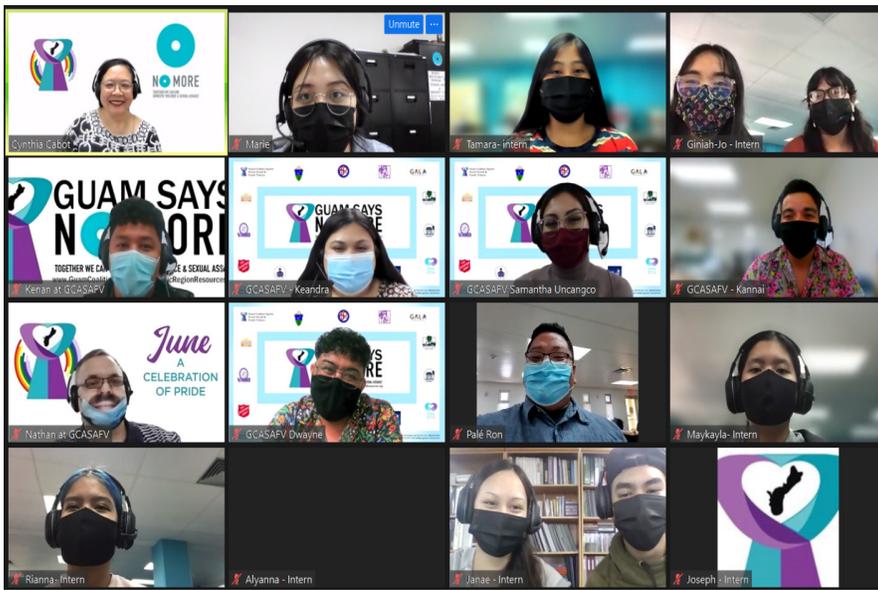


GreenLight Media Productions (GLMP) is conducting a survey to obtain insights aimed at strengthening meaningful stakeholder engagements for collective impact, especially in how the values of the Guam Coalition and its members/partners as a whole are effectively communicated to the community.

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>

Guam Department of Education 2021 Youth Employment Internship Program



GCASAFV is taking part in the Guam Department of Education (GDOE), in collaboration with the Guam Department of Youth Affairs (DYA) six week summer employment internship program to help address the learning loss following the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic.

The 2021 Youth Employment Internship Program will provide students with exposure to financial literacy, civic engagement, and life enrichment experience. Additionally, the 2021 Youth Employment Internship Program will provide students with career and technical experience, career-oriented opportunities, plan their education and career path, and become responsible, productive, and contributing members of society.

GCASAFV is one of over 45 agencies participating in this summer program. Welcome to our seven student interns!



WEBINAR	DATE, TIME, REGISTRATION LINK
Progress Reporting: Transitional Housing Program Hosted by the University of Southern Maine	Wednesday, July 21, 2021, at 3:30 AM ChST Click here to register: https://www.vawamei.org/training/webinar-transitional-housing-program/
Crafting Narratives Webinar: Telling the Stories Behind Your Data Hosted by the University of Southern Maine	Thursday, July 23, 2021, at 3:30 AM - 5:00 AM ChST Click here to register: https://www.vawamei.org/training/crafting-narratives-webinar-telling-the-story-behind-your-data-january/
Being Victim/ Survivor-Centered: Working with Sexual Abusers Hosted by National Criminal Justice Training Center of Fox Valley Technical College	Wednesday, July 28, 2021 at 4:00 AM - 5:30 AM ChST Click here to register: https://register.gotowebinar.com/register/5011684363801402383
Ask the Expert Session: Preventing Vicarious Trauma Hosted by the National Criminal Justice Training Center of Fox Valley Technical College	Wednesday, August 18, 2021, at 4:00 AM - 5:00 AM ChST Click here to register: https://register.gotowebinar.com/register/7344017906663120143



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