



Flashback to 2021 . . . Review of GCASAFV's Year

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Upcoming Events...

Join Us! GCASAFV 2022 Guam Collaboration Project Roundtable: Human Trafficking

Wednesday, January 26, 2022

Time: 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM
ChST.

GCASAFV will be facilitating a Virtual Roundtable to inform an environmental scan on available resources, gaps, and needs to address human trafficking on Guam.

For more information and updates on upcoming January 2022 events, visit www.GuamCoalition.org or email info@guamcoalition.org.

CALL TO PARTNERS!

April Planning Committee:

The first planning meeting will be on **Wednesday, January 26, 2022, at 2:00 PM.**

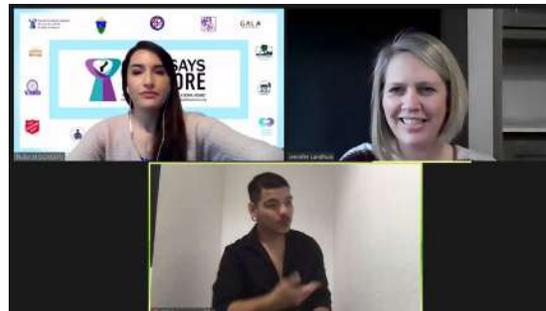
Last year, we included Sexual Assault Awareness Month, Child Abuse Prevention Month, Youth Month, and National Crime Victims' Rights Week. Join and be part of our committee as we plan for this year's April Events!

To register, visit <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/7811111111>

Although it has been nearly two years into the pandemic, the Guam Coalition with members and partners have raised awareness, promoted advocacy, training, technical assistance, and supported the work to address sexual assault, family violence, dating violence, stalking, and human trafficking. 2021 also marked GCASAFV's 15th Anniversary!

GCASAFV's core activities of 2021 included training and outreach. The Guam Coalition started 2021, joining the Office of the Attorney General of Guam, the Human Trafficking Task Force, and community members and partners to recognize National Slavery & Human Trafficking Prevention Month and National Stalking Awareness Month with a Virtual Proclamation Signing and presentation of the Legislative Resolution.

GCASAFV continued the year with training, working with both local and national partners. Also, in light of National Stalking Awareness Month in January, GCASAFV held its Stalking webinar series in collaboration with Jennifer Landhuis from Stalking, Prevention, Awareness, and Resource Center, and SPARC partners.



The year proceeded with trainings including: Identifying and Response to Human Trafficking in Multidisciplinary Settings with presenters from the National Human Trafficking Training and Technical Assistance Center; I Manaina-ta (Our Elders) - Our Communities of Strength & Addressing Elder Abuse; Economic Justice and Moving Ahead Advocate Training with the National Network to End Domestic Violence and The Allstate Foundation; Strengthening Island Families as Community

Advocates with Guam Legal Services Corporation-Disability Law Center and interpreters from Mane'lu's Micronesian Resource Center One-Stop-Shop and Guma' Mami; Addressing Confidentiality & Victim Services Across Disciplines with the National Network to End Domestic Violence; and Transforming Services Addressing Domestic and Sexual Violence



to Foster Healthy and Safe Spaces with the National Organization of Asians and Pacific Islanders Ending Sexual Violence and other partners.

Review of GCASAFV'S 2021

Awareness and outreach events included the 2021 Guam Collaboration Project to inform environmental scan on available violence prevention resources, gaps, and need in violence prevention with local stakeholders and key federal partners such as the Department of Health and Human Services Office of Trafficking in Persons.

Awareness activities continued in April, marking key events - Sexual Assault Awareness Month, Child Abuse Prevention Month, Youth Month, and National Crime Victims' Rights Week. Key partners joined April events. To stand against and raise awareness for the month of April, GCASAFV, with community members and partners, furthered efforts through the "Waves in the Villages" covering northern, central, and southern parts of the island.

May and June included key training events, such as Identification and Response to Human Trafficking in Multidisciplinary Settings (Part 2) and I Manaina-ta (Our Elders) - Our Communities of Strength & Addressing Elder Abuse. GCASAFV also recognized Pride Month in June with the Virtual Signing of the Proclamation and Presentation of the Legislative Resolution joined by community leaders, Coalition members, agency partners, and Guam's LGBTQ+ groups and allies. GCASAFV with agency partners and Guam's LGBTQ+ groups and allies also took part in the Pride Waves in the Villages. Special thanks to Piti Mayor and President of the Mayor's Council of Guam, Mayor Jesse Alig, who coordinated with the village mayors and their staff for the Waves in the Villages.

GCASAFV also participated in the Youth Employment Internship Program sponsored by the Guam Department of Education and the Guam Department of Youth Affairs.

GCASAFV held training in August and September, including Economic Justice and Moving Ahead Advocate Training and Addressing Confidentiality & Victim Services Across Disciplines.

In October, GCASAFV joined the Second Virtual Silent Witness Ceremony that was spearheaded by the St. Anthony Catholic Church, Proclamation Signing and Legislative Resolution, Erica's House Family Violence Awareness Month Wave, and GCASAFV's Family Violence Awareness Month Waves in the Villages with key partners, allies, and village mayors and their staff. In November, GCASAFV held its November training series: Transforming Services Addressing Domestic & Sexual Violence to Foster Healthy & Safe Spaces. This training series was offered in-person and on Zoom! GCASAFV closed the year with its Christmas Elves Project to support the clients of the Office of the Public Guardian.

GCASAFV would like to thank all of you who have participated in our 2021 events throughout the year! To stay up-to-date with the 2022 GCASAFV events, visit www.GuamCoalition.org.

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Upcoming Events...

Call for Nominations!

Info to Coalition Members eligible to vote -

GCASAFV announced its 2022 Call for Nominations for the Board of Directors positions - Chair, Treasurer, and Director - Member-At-Large.

Deadline to Submit: Friday, January 28, 2022

Completed 2022 Call for Nominations forms shall be submitted via GCASAFV email at info@GuamCoalition.org or facsimile, (671) 479-7233, or to be delivered to GCASAFV at 204 Hesler Place #1-2B, Hagatna, Guam.

Ballots will be distributed on Tuesday, March 8, 2022, and the next annual meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 12, 2022.

Save the Date!

GCASAFV will be holding a committee meeting on **Tuesday, February 1, 2022, at 9:30 AM ChST** to develop a plan for a 'Court Watch' Project, aimed to look at how stakeholders can better interact to meet the needs of survivors.

To register, visit <https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/>

GCASAFV's General Membership Meeting

Date: March 3, 2022
Time: 11:00 AM

Email info@guamcoalition.org for the zoom link.

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APRIL WAVES IN VILLAGES



Review of GCASAFV's 2021 Continued ~ June 'Pride Waves in the Villages'

Thank You



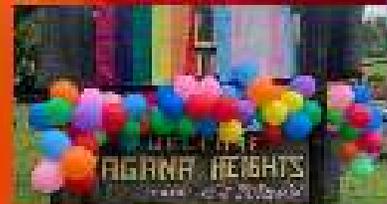
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Review of GCASAFV's 2021 Continued

GCASAFV's Family Violence Awareness Month Waves in the Villages



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GCASAFV Christmas Elves Project

GCASAFV continued the Christmas Elves Project, initiated by Attorney John Weisenberger as a Christmas Elves Project while he led the Office of the Public Guardian. The Coalition has supported this project for over ten years and has taken the lead in the past few years.

2021 marked the 20th year since the project was initiated. This past year, GCASAFV accepted donations from community partners and allies and prepared 90 gift bags for the Office of the Public Guardian, now led by Attorney Marcelene Santos, to distribute to their clients on the island. GCASAFV is greatly appreciative of the support and donations we received for our special project!

GCASAFV Amenity Bags & Self-Care Kits

GCASAFV distributed amenity kits to Coalition members and partners to distribute to the clients they serve. With the pandemic taking a toll on everyone, GCASAFV distributed self-care starter kits for agency staff to promote a focus on one's health and to ensure and promote safe work environments. With the rise in COVID-19 cases following the holidays, GCASAFV also distributed oximeters to Coalition members and partners for staff use to monitor their oxygen levels as low oxygen levels may be a symptom of COVID-19.



January is National Slavery & Human Trafficking Prevention Month and National Stalking Awareness Month

Governor Lourdes Leon Guerrero and Lt. Governor Joshua Tenorio signed the Proclamation declaring January as National Slavery and Human Trafficking Prevention and National Stalking Awareness Month during a virtual ceremony on January 7, 2022. Speaker Terlaje joined by Senator Shelton, Senator Taitague, and Senator Brown, presented the Legislative Resolution recognizing January as National Slavery and Human Trafficking Prevention Month by the 36th Guam Legislature. Attorney General Leevin Camacho, leading Guam's Human Trafficking Task Force, was joined by other community leaders, agency partners, faith-based leaders, and community advocates.



January events continued on Saturday, January 22, 2022, from 11:00 AM to 2:00 PM ChST at the Micronesia Mall Awareness Outreach to call attention to National Slavery and Human Trafficking Prevention Month and National Stalking Awareness Month. The Legislative Resolution recognizing January as National Stalking Awareness Month was presented by Senator Sabina Flores Perez of the 36th Guam Legislature.

GCASAFV will also be holding its Roundtable Discussion on human trafficking on Guam on Wednesday, January 26, 2022, at 9:30 AM - 11:30 AM ChST. For more information, email info@guamcoalition.org or visit www.GuamCoalition.org.

Community Champion: Office of the Attorney General of Guam - Victim Service Center

"Victims have a right to be informed about stay away orders, about court events, and if their perpetrator is getting out of jail. VSC Advocates are here to help provide that and be there for them through the whole process,"

-Joann A. Augustine, Victim Advocate Supervisor, Victim Service Center.

The Office of the Attorney General - Victim Service Center (VSC) provides direct services to victims and their families as they navigate through the criminal justice system. Services include: in-person court accompaniment and emotional support; assistance with virtual attendance of court hearings, transportation; assistance with child care for meetings, interviews, hearings; help with preparing and submitting victim impact statements; claiming restitution; applying for the victim's criminal injuries compensation; educating and assisting victims in navigating and using the **Victim Information Notification Everyday (VINE)**.

VINE is an automated notification system that provides additional options to receive notification of court developments and prisoner movements. It is a confidential online portal that gives victims a choice on how and when they receive notifications about local criminal cases. Victims can receive notifications via teletypewriter (TTY), phone, email, and text message about court-ordered release or detention and hearings such as arraignments, bail hearings, trials, and sentencing hearings. VINE also offers notifications in multiple languages. VINE is accessible 24/7.

Victim advocates at the OAG Victim Service Center are available Monday - Friday from 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM to assist with registering and case updates. You may also contact the direct helpline at (671) 475-2587.



Location: GITC Building, 590 S. Marine Corps Drive, Suite 230, Victim Service Center, Tamuning, Guam

To learn more visit, <http://oagguam.org/victim-services/>

February is Teen Dating Violence Awareness Month

Digital Corner

Save the Date!

Webinar Title: Stalking and Older Adults: An Overview by National Clearinghouse on Abuse in Later Life (NCALL) and Stalking, Prevention, and Resource Center (SPARC)

Date: Wednesday, January 26, 2022 at 5:00 AM ChST

Description: This webinar will feature NCALL's Justice System Coordinator, Ann E. Laatsch, J.D., and SPARC's Training and Awareness Specialist, Diana Fleitman, M.A.Ed.H.D. This webinar examines stalking in the context of elder abuse - its prevalence, dynamics, implications, & resources available for survivors.

To register, visit <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/91012020000>

Teen Dating Violence Awareness Month (TDVAM) is observed throughout the month of February. Although February is designated as the month of awareness, teen dating violence is an issue that takes place throughout the year. According to LoveisRespect.org, dating violence is more common than people think as one in three teens in the United States experience physical, sexual, or emotional abuse while in a relationship before they enter adulthood. Additionally, nearly half of all college women report experiencing violence or abusive dating behaviors.

Many advocates and educators across the United States raise awareness against teen dating violence. However, according to a national survey conducted by the University of New Hampshire Crimes Against Children Research Center, teen victims of dating violence are at greater risk of being victims of other forms of violence, including sexual violence and child abuse.

Victims of teen dating violence may also experience victimization online. Cyberbullying has been associated with teen dating violence. According to research conducted by the Cyberbullying Research Center, teen perpetrators may cause harm to victims online. A perpetrator may violate a victim's privacy online by monitoring or even stalking their partner. The Cyberbullying Research Center also shared that there have been incidents where perpetrators utilize textual, audio, picture, or video content stored on their cellphones to blackmail or manipulate their partner into saying or doing something against their will.

According to Futures Without Violence, a national survey conducted by the University of New Hampshire Crimes Against Children Research Center, teens of dating violence are more likely to have been victims of sexual violence and child abuse. The survey showed that more than half of the victims reported a history of some form of child abuse, wherein 40 percent of victims were physically abused by a caregiver, and 70 percent have witnessed violence in their families.

TDVAM is recognized every February to increase advocacy, education, and spread awareness. This year, LoveisRespect.org's theme is 'Talk About It.' The theme is a call to action to young people to encourage and engage in meaningful conversations about healthy relationships and to navigate and understand what may be unhealthy and even abusive.



To learn more about February being Teen Dating Violence Awareness Month, visit <https://www.futureswithoutviolence.org/february-is-teen-dating-violence-prevention-awareness-month/> and <https://www.loveisrespect.org/get-involved/tdvam/>.

How to Talk to Teens about Dating Violence

Teenagers learn and acquire habits that affect their relationships throughout their life. Unfortunately, teens may also be victims of dating violence. In the United States, one in three teens experience physical, sexual, or emotional abuse by someone they're in a relationship with. We all have a role in raising awareness about teen dating violence, including with teen clients. TeenDatingViolence.org provides these tips on how to approach teens and talk with them about teen dating violence.

1. Establish Open Communication & Set Positive Examples

Encourage positive relationship habits and point out unhealthy and negative behaviors among teens. Teenagers may be exposed to violent relationships in the home, on television, and on various media platforms. You can help teens recognize unhealthy, violent, and negative relationship behaviors. By helping teens understand and differentiate between healthy and unhealthy relationships, they can develop and practice healthy relationships themselves.

2. Acknowledge that Relationships are Difficult

Relationships are hard work and require a lot of effort to be successful. It is important to relate to the difficulties teens experience in their relationships. Help teens to understand that challenges and difficulties in relationships are common and normal; however, ensure that they do not resort to unhealthy and violent behaviors.

3. Don't Be Afraid to Get Uncomfortable

Teens may be hesitant to talk about their intimate relationships, which may increase if they are in an unhealthy relationship. Do not avoid having conversations because it is uncomfortable. Talking with teens about healthy and unhealthy relationships will increase their understanding of relationships.

4. Understand A Teen's Relationship



Engage in conversations with teens about their relationships and their partners. By establishing rapport and trust through open communication, you will be better able to evaluate if the teen's relationship is healthy or unhealthy.

To learn more about teen dating violence, visit <https://www.teendvmonth.org/talk-teen-dating-violence/>

GCASAFV Upcoming Training

GCASAFV will be holding its **2022 kNOw MORE Training Series: Stalking Awareness** on **Tuesday, February 15 - Friday, February 18, 2022.**

- To register for **Day 1, Tuesday, February 15, 2022**, 8:30 AM - 11:00 AM ChST
https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_-neOI3d6Tf6VdhRIn2QEIq
- To register for **Day 2, Wednesday, February 16, 2022**, 8:30 AM - 11:00 AM ChST.
https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_gk6qiplaQ6OjU8xvOEAdSg
- To register for **Day 3, Thursday, February 17, 2022**, 8:30 AM - 11:00 AM ChST.
https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_j9frC8Q0SUa_7Mt5XGc6tw
- To register for **Day 4, Friday, February 18, 2022**, 8:30 AM - 11:00 AM ChST.
https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_Nhv-SnjDQ3qkEBGATIfDvA

This webinar series will feature topics on: Understanding Prevalence and Behaviors; Examining Cell Phone Technologies; Location Tracking Uses; Stalkerware, Data Brokers/Privacy; Public Awareness; Adolescent Stalking; Prosecution; Intersection of Stalking & Human Trafficking; Risk Assessment; Investigation Strategies; Law Enforcement Protocols for Stalking, and Safety Planning with Victims.

Presenters for the webinar series include:

- **Jennifer Landhuis (M.S.)** is the Director of the the Stalking Prevention, Awareness, and Resource Center (SPARC), an AEquitas initiative. As Director of SPARC, she oversees the multi-faceted programming on stalking, including the development of resources and publications as well as training and technical assistance. Jennifer has over 22 years of experience as an educator and advocate on the issues of stalking, domestic violence, and sexual assault.
- **Dana Fleitman (M.A.Ed.H.D.)** has been with the Stalking, Prevention, Awareness, and Resource Center (SPARC) since 2018. She provides in-person workshops, online trainings, and technical assistance to multidisciplinary professionals across the country on recognizing and responding to stalking. Dana also develops resources, curriculum, and publications on stalking and leads SPARC's National Stalking Awareness Month efforts each January.
- **Jane Andersen** who brings her expertise in prosecuting domestic violence, stalking, sexual violence, and human trafficking to her role as an Attorney Advisor with AEquitas.
- **Mark Kurkowski** is a retired law enforcement officer of the St. Louis Metropolitan Police Department. Mr. Kurkowski provides trainings on a local, statewide, and national level. He is currently an independent consultant to the Stalking, Prevention, Awareness, and Resource Center, through Aequitas and previously with the Stalking Resource Center as well as the Federal Law Enforcement Training Center. He is a certified instructor with BK Forensics, a consultant for the US Department of Justice Office for Victims of Crime-Training and Technical Assistance Center, and an instructor with the National Sheriffs Association.

CEUs have been approved for this training. GCASAFV is coordinating with the Guam Bar Association to offer CLEs. For more information on the agenda and updates, visit www.GuamCoalition.org.

GCASAFV Upcoming Training Continued

TRAINING



GCASAFV's Addressing Sexual/Domestic Violence & Engaging Communities to Action Training will be held at the Westin Hotel from **Wednesday, February 23 - Friday, February 25, 2022 at 8:30 AM - 3:30 PM ChST.**

The Guam Coalition will hold its training in collaboration with Just Detention International and National Organization of Asians and Pacific Islanders Ending Sexual Violence. Topics will include Addressing SA/DV Across the Lifespan;

Setting Expectations & Overview of Incarceration; My Body Matters; Sexual Abuse in Confinement; An Overview - The Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) & the Audit; Our Bodies Matter; Stories from the Field; Support for Children and Elders; Safety and Services for Incarcerated At-Risk Populations; Trauma Informed Approach to Care; Normalized Harming Culture & Accountability; Logistics of Providing Support to Incarcerated Survivors; My Body Matters; Strengthening Victim Service Partnerships, and more.

Registration and updates will be posted on www.GuamCoalition.org.

GCASAFV Community Advocate Training (CAT) for Interpreters

The Guam Coalition Against Sexual Assault and Family Violence (GCASAFV) is recruiting up to 30 individuals to participate in the Community Advocate Training (CAT) for Interpreters. The training will be held at the Westin Hotel from Monday, February 28 to Friday, March 4, 2022, at 8:30 AM - 3:30 PM ChST. This training will be conducted by the Asian Pacific Islanders on Gender Based Violence and will focus on skill building related to interpretation services to support victims/survivors of domestic violence/intimate partner violence with limited English proficiency, or are Deaf, or hard of hearing.

Upon applying, applicants must agree to fully attend and participate in all five-day training sessions. Attendees must commit to providing at least 10 contact hours of interpretation services for GCASAFV to support Coalition members and partners who work with victims and survivors of domestic violence or intimate partner violence.

The application deadline is Friday, February 4, 2022. GCASAFV will review applications as they are completed and received. Applicants will be notified regarding the status of their application by Wednesday, February 9, 2022.

To apply, you may scan the QR code or visit, <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/AppFeb22-CATI>.



Please note that due to current executive orders and safety protocols, our training venue requires all attendees to provide proof of vaccination in order to participate. For more information, email info@GuamCoalition.org or visit www.GuamCoalition.org.

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Save the Date!

Webinar Title:

International Conference on Sexual Assault, Domestic Violence, and Reimagining Justice by End Violence Against Women International

Date: April 19 - 21, 2022

Description: This conference focuses on sexual assault, intimate partner violence, stalking, human trafficking, and elder abuse to highlight promising practices and emerging issues to effectively respond to these crimes in all our communities.

To register, visit <https://web.cvent.com/event/e49c7e07-0275-4051-986d-aa39127f11c8/>

WestCare Pacific Islands Awarded 5-Year Grant to Provide Mental Health Services for Guam's Youth Population



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WestCare Pacific Islands Awarded 5-Year Grant to Provide Mental Health Services for Guam's Youth Population

WHO: WestCare Pacific Islands Ma'lak Na Ha'ani or Bright Futures
WHAT: National Child Traumatic Stress Initiative-Category III
WHEN: Monday-Friday, 8:30AM-5:30PM
WHERE: Hagåtña, Guam
CONTACT: 671-472-0218 ext.102 or 671-929-4547



Ma'lak Na Ha'ani presenting to Okkodo High School students about breaking the stigma of mental health.



Ma'lak Na Ha'ani Clinician, Jean Macalinao, discusses helpful coping skills with students at Okkodo High School.

WestCare Pacific Islands (WPI) is committed to serving our island as we progress forward during this global pandemic. WPI continues to explore innovative ways to expand our program capacity to help our island community and further the WPI mission.

WPI's youth behavioral health program, Ma'lak Na Ha'ani-Bright Futures (MNH), has expanded its valuable work from school-based mental health services to community-based mental health services. MNH previously provided school-based services for Guam youth ages 11-17 affected by 2018's Typhoon Mangkhut for SY 2020 and SY 2021. Situated at 3 school sites, MNH gained firsthand insight into how COVID-19 deeply affected youth and began to look at ways the program's scope of services could be expanded to the community. Mental health struggles amongst youth existed in our community long before the pandemic, and with the Surgeon General's recent advisory on this issue and calling for a swift response to this crisis, it has now been brought to the forefront. Our program aims to answer this call and deliver evidence-based, developmentally appropriate mental health services including crisis counseling, direct mental health treatment services, coordinated referrals to community services, and follow-up to these youth and their families. As one of only few non-profit agencies offering youth mental health services on island, WPI looks forward to extending our reach in directly addressing youth mental wellness while also expanding community relationships to better serve the families of those experiencing mental health challenges.

To access any of our services or for inquiries, please call 671-472-0218 from Monday – Friday, 8:30AM-5:30PM. For more information on this press release, please e-mail malaknahaani@westcare.com.

WPI's Ma'lak Na Ha'ani program is funded by the Department of Health and Human Services-Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration. Grant #1H79SM084864-01.

GCASAFV Request for Goods & Services

The Guam Coalition is issuing this Request for Goods & Services to consolidate the procurement of goods and services and maximize resources and cost benefits with bulk purchases. GCASAFV will utilize its funding grant resources through the American Rescue Plan (ARP).

GCASAFV will review applications in response to this Request for Goods & Services as they are received. This project aims to PREVENT, PREPARE, and RESPOND to the impact of this pandemic in our communities while providing support to Coalition members and agency partners who serve victims/survivors of domestic violence and intimate partner violence dealing with this pandemic.

The Request for Goods and Services is available on www.GuamCoalition.org. Please submit your application packet by **Wednesday, February 2, 2022, at 5:00 PM** to the Guam Coalition Against Sexual Assault & Family Violence via electronic mail (email) to info@guamcoalition.org. Updates will be posted on www.GuamCoalition.org.

#Training CORNER: Save the Date!

Training Opportunities

Relationship Health and Safety for Military and Veteran Families, hosted by Veterans Health Administration Programs and Services on **Friday, January 28, 2022, at 4:00 AM - 6:00 AM ChST**

Description: This presentation will provide community attendees with basic information about the VA Healthcare System, programs and services that serve and/or support transition Military members, Veterans and their families. Two key programs serving Veteran partners and caregivers will be highlighted in detail. These include the Caregiver Support Program (CSP) and the Intimate Partner Violence Assistance Program (IPVAP). Learning objectives include: recognize Veteran/Military family stressors, risks, and red flags related to intimate partner violence; describe programs and resources related to intimate partner violence and caregiver needs through the Department of Veteran Affairs and Department of Defense, and build clinical tools to proactively support couples in developing healthy relationships.

To register, visit

<https://events.r20.constantcontact.com/register/eventReg?oeidk=a07eioivp5s56e96b80&oseq=&c=&ch=>

Pacific Southwest: Mental Health Technology Transfer Center Network -**Trauma Informed Expressive Arts Therapy Tools for Youth & Young Adults Community of Practice 3 Part Series** on **Feb 8, 2022 at 9:00 AM ChST; March 2, 2022 at 9:00 AM ChST; March 23, 2022 at 8:00 AM ChST**

Description: Using a trauma-informed lens, this series offers tools from Expressive Arts Therapy (EXA) for working with youth and young adults. Presenter Suraya Keating, MFT, REAT, RDT, will share a variety of multimodal arts practices that can be used to soothe the nervous system; promote self-awareness; and support the agency, empowerment, and well-being of youth and young adults. Simple interventions using visual arts, visualization, movement, creative writing, music, and theater will be introduced as embodied alternatives to talk therapy that are rooted in attuning to the unique needs and diverse background of each youth or young adult client. Each of the three trainings will focus on specialized forms of therapy and allow for in depth exercises, discussion and practice.

To register, visit

<https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZcrcemsqjwjHtMNm42yvUrAQtma0bKpz8qJ>

Training Opportunities

Why Should We Care About the Science? Understanding the Impact of Sexual Assault on Victim Responses, Behaviors, and Memories hosted by End Violence Against Women International on **Friday, February 11, 2022, at 4:00 AM ChST**

Description: By applying a scientific understanding of trauma and trauma-informed interviewing principles, investigators can help victims to recall and share details about their sexual assault. These details will then guide the resulting investigation, including interviews with respondents and witnesses, other types of evidence, and corroborative information. Decision makers can piece these details together to compile a more comprehensive and evidence-based account of the sexual assault, and enhance case determinations.

To register, visit <https://evawintl.org/webinars/>

The Mask of Bondage: Post-Pandemic Challenges Prosecuting Human Trafficking: Tips and Trends by End Violence Against Women International on **Friday, February 25, 2022, at 6:00 AM ChST.**

Description: This program will cover post-pandemic trends and developments regarding detection, documentation, and relational dynamics involved in human trafficking cases. The presenter will cover the unique and sensitive issues involved in working with human trafficking survivors who face a host of challenges during the pandemic, and often do not identify as "victims." This program will include a discussion of modern-day victim-law enforcement interactions, pandemic trauma-bonding and other challenges faced by prosecutors currently handling such cases. In discussing the "invisible chains" that bind human trafficking victims, this program will include an in-depth examination of relational dynamics between human traffickers and their victims, which often masquerade as consensual relationships of love and affection. It will discuss the red flags that often fly under the radar, especially when everyone is masked and socially distanced, to be better able to recognize the signs of exploitation associated with this insidious crime.

To register, visit <https://evawintl.org/courses/the-mask-of-bondage-post-pandemic-challenges-prosecuting-human-trafficking-tips-and-trends/>

19th Annual Hawaii International Summit on Preventing, Assessing, & Treating Trauma Across the Lifespan, hosted by Institute on Violence, Abuse & Trauma (IVAT) on **March 18, 2022 - April 1, 2022**

Description: The summit goals include building multidisciplinary solutions to prevent family violence, child maltreatment, sexual violence, trauma and compassion fatigue; disseminating promising and best practices in prevention and intervention; linking research, practice, advocacy and policy; providing opportunities/techniques to re-fuel, reenergize, and apply self-care; and disseminating practical application techniques.

To register, visit <https://www.ivatcenters.org/hawaii-summit>



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