



KNOW MORE NEWS

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GCASAFV NEWS and ANNOUNCEMENTS

Community Action (CA) Teams Listening Sessions

GCASAFV is scheduling Listening Sessions which will focus on addressing key issues regarding sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence, stalking, and human trafficking in our communities. These sessions will assist us in providing training and technical assistance, developing social media campaigns, and facilitating coordinated community response to victims and survivors in our communities. The following CA Teams are:

- Youth/Young Adults/Families
- Elderly and Persons with Disabilities
- Faith-based Communities
- Asian-Pacific Islanders
- Sexual Assault/Domestic Violence in the Workplace
- LGBTQ

To sign up to participate in these CA Team listening sessions, click or copy and paste the link: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/KNOWMORECATeams>. Email info@guamcoalition.org for more information.

Sexual Assault/Domestic Violence Online Webinars:

Many off-island conferences and trainings on topics related to sexual assault and domestic violence are now offering online sessions due to the COVID-19 pandemic. GCASAFV may be able to support the cost of registration fees to attend these online training sessions.

Download and complete the **Request for Training Scholarship** form through this link: <https://guamcoalition.org/request-training-scholarship-form> and email to info@guamcoalition.org. Please submit the information no less than 30 days prior to the conference/webinar start date.

GCASAFV has compiled various webinar workshops, virtual conferences, and trainings. These webinar opportunities can be found at www.GuamCoalition.org/calendar.

To include announcements & events in our newsletter, email us at info@guamcoalition.org

Announcements

GCASAFV
General Membership Meeting
Tuesday, August 11, 2020
11:00 am via (Zoom)

#Digital Corner

“Training: Resilience in the Face of COVID19”

Link to register: <https://tinyurl.com/ybsppeh8>

Hosted by: Hollaback!
Date: July 11, 2020
Time: 2:30 am – 3:30 am ChST

“Enhancing Victim Safety and Facilitation Skills in Abusive Partner Intervention: Fathering After Violence (Webinar 2/3)”

Link to register: <https://tinyurl.com/ycwzotve>

Hosted by: Center for Court Innovation
When: July 21, 2020
Time: 5:00 am – 6:30 am ChST

“Talking Stalking: Resources for Awareness Educators”

Link to register: <https://tinyurl.com/ya642ggt>

Hosted by: AEquitas: Th Prosecutors' Resource on Violence Against Women
Date: July 15, 2020
Time: 4:00 am - 5:30 am ChST

#Digital Corner

"Navigating Mainstream: Reflections from Cultural Leaders"

Link to register: <https://tinyurl.com/y8us5x8h>

Hosted by: National Resource Center for Reaching Victims

Date: July 17, 2020

Time: 4:00 am - 5:30 am ChST

"The Way Forward: Shaping the Future of Organizing"

Link to register: <https://tinyurl.com/ycmfway4>

Hosted by: Vera Institute of Justice

Date: July 22, 2020

Time: 4:00 am - 5:30 am ChST

"Dispelling Rape Myths"

Link to register: <https://tinyurl.com/yaeyjibub>

Hosted by: Illinois Coalition Against Sexual Assault

Date: July 30, 2020

Time: 4:00 am - 5:00 am ChST

"National Conference on Safe Housing"

Link to register: <https://tinyurl.com/yddkj49z>

Hosted by: National Network to End Domestic Violence

Date: October 29 - 30, 2020

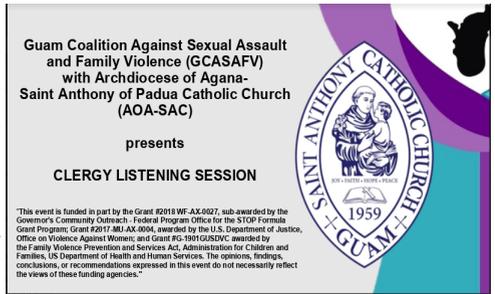
Time: 11:00 pm - 7:00 am ChST



Please visit our website at www.GuamCoalition.org for more information on how to register for these webinars.

kNOw MORE Listening Session for Clergy

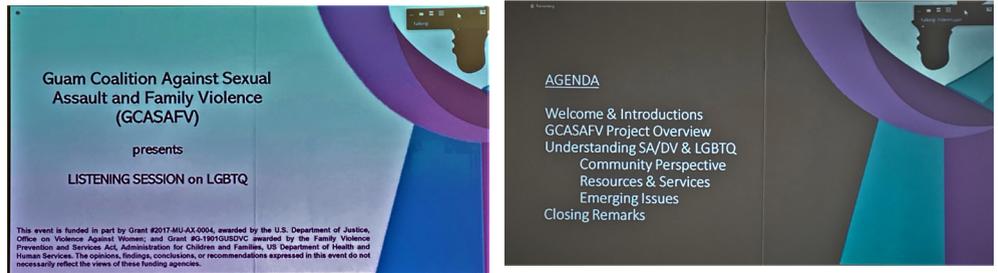
Part of the Guam Coalition's mission is to support safe, healthy, and violence-free communities. On June 19th, GCASAFV collaborated with the Archdiocese of Agana and St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church and held the kNOw MORE Listening Session for Clergy via Zoom.



Facilitators, Deacon Ron Pangan, Cynthia Cabot, and Pale' Mike Crisostomo led the listening session in addressing the key issues regarding sexual assault (SA) and domestic violence (DV), while Roxanne Aguon and Tricia Tenorio presented on the various services the Archdiocese provides.

The session's key discussions were how to **recognize** the warning signs of SA/DV, **respond** efficiently, and **refer** victims/survivors to appropriate organizations. The Listening Session will assist GCASAFV in planning future training and technical assistance for our Coalition members and partners as well as our community awareness and outreach events. Many thanks to all who participated in this listening session.

kNOw MORE Listening Session for LGBTQ



As we continue to strengthen Guam's capacity to respond to victims and survivors of abuse and violence, GCASAFV held the kNOw MORE Listening Session for LGBTQ on June 30, 2020. Facilitated by Cynthia Cabot and F. Glenn Lujan, the session gauged the community's perception on key issues relating to sexual assault, domestic/family violence, dating violence, stalking, and human trafficking, particularly how it impacts the LGBTQ community on Guam. The Listening Session will assist GCASAFV in planning future training and technical assistance for our Coalition members and partners as well as our community awareness and outreach events.



GCASAFV Celebrates Pride Month

GCASAFV recognized June as pride month in support of the (Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, and Queer) LGBTQ community. LGBTQ Pride Month is currently celebrated each year in the month of June to commemorate the 1969 Stonewall Uprising in Manhattan. The Stonewall Uprising was a tipping point for the Gay Liberation Movement in the United States.

Fact: 26% of LGBTQ youth say their biggest problems are not feeling accepted by their family, trouble at school/bullying, and a fear to be out/open. The aim for spreading awareness and supporting our LGBTQ community is to recognize that we all have a part in creating a safe and peaceful community for our LGBTQ sisters and brothers.

Here are some of the things you can do to support the LGBTQ people in your life:

- Take the time to listen and learn from the LGBTQ community.
- Be a role model for kindness and inclusion.
- Educate yourself. Maybe there's an issue you don't understand, and that's okay!
- Let them be who they are. Many LGBTQ individuals are fearful of being rejected.
- Be an advocate.

To learn more on how we can support our LGBTQ community, visit www.glaad.org. GLAAD, formerly known as Gay and Lesbian Alliance Against Defamatory, is an organization devoted to countering discrimination against LGBTQ individuals in the media and promoting understanding, acceptance, and equality.



Led by the Sisters of the Moonlight and House of Diosa, GCASAFV is grateful to be a part of and to support the Biba Pride Motorcade on June 30, 2020 to celebrate the last day of June as Pride Month. Let's continue to raise awareness and support our LGBTQ community on our island.



JULY CELEBRATIONS

July 21: Guam's Liberation Day



On July 2, 2020, Governor Lou Leon Guerrero proclaimed July as "Month of Reflection, Recognition, and Remembrance of Guam's 76th Liberation Day." As we celebrate, GCASAFV reminds you to stay safe, wear face masks in public, practice good hygiene, and follow social distancing rules. Biba Guahan, Happy Liberation Day!

Summer Time

Traditionally, summer is the perfect time for social events, vacations, and traveling. However, due to the COVID-19 pandemic, even though being outdoors is good for your mental and physical health, it is important to keep in mind how the virus is transmitted. People may think everything is okay because shops, restaurants, and beaches are slowly re-opening but we should continue taking precautions. GCASAFV strongly encourages all to practice social distancing. In order to protect yourself and others, here are few tips for everyone to remember:



- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds
- If soap and water are not available, use alcohol-based hand sanitizer
- Maintain physical distancing
- Use a face cloth covering when others are around
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands

To read more on how to protect yourself and others, visit <http://dphss.guam.gov/covid-19-educational-resources/>

Stalking: Know It. Name It. Stop It.

Technology is a powerful tool for networking, collaborating, and keeping in touch with family and friends especially in our current situation because of the COVID-19 pandemic. Anyone can be a victim of stalking. Stalking is a pattern of behavior directed at a specific person that causes fear. Many stalking victims experience being followed, approached, and/or threatened. We all have a role to play in identifying and supporting victims and survivors. Here are some general tips to prevent stalking:

- Trust your instincts. Victims of stalking often feel pressured by friends or family to downplay the stalker's behavior, but stalking poses a real threat of harm.
- Call the police if you feel you are in any immediate danger.
- Keep a record or log of each contact with the stalker.
- Save evidence when possible. Stalkers often use technology to contact their victims.
- Get connected with a local victim service providers who can assist you.

To learn more about stalking and how you can help stop it, visit www.stalkingawareness.org.

Become an Active Bystander

GCASAFV is encouraging everyone to become active bystanders. Everyone can take an active role in preventing harmful and uncomfortable situations. It's OK to get involved, and sometimes just one action or comment can make the difference.



Before stepping in, try the ABC approach.

- **A**ssess for safety: If you see someone in trouble, ask yourself if you can help safely in any way. Remember, your personal safety is a priority – never put yourself at risk.
- **B**e in a group: It's safer to call out behavior or intervene in a group. If this is not an option, report it to others who can act.
- **C**are for the victim. Talk to the person who you think may need help. Ask them if they are OK.

How You Can Intervene Safely:

When it comes to intervening safely, remember the four Ds – direct, distract, delegate, delay.

Direct action: Call out negative behavior, tell the person to stop or ask the victim if they are OK. Do this as a group if you can. Be polite. Don't aggravate the situation - remain calm and state why something has offended you. Stick to exactly what has happened, don't exaggerate.

Distract: Interrupt, start a conversation with the perpetrator to allow their potential target to move away or have friends intervene. Or come up with an idea to get the victim out of the situation – tell them they need to take a call, or you need to speak to them; any excuse to get them away to safety. Alternatively, try distracting, or redirecting the situation.

Delegate: If you are too embarrassed or shy to speak out, or you don't feel safe to do so, get someone else to step in. Any decent venue has a zero tolerance policy on harassment, so the staff there will act.

Delay: If the situation is too dangerous to challenge then and there (such as there is the threat of violence or you are outnumbered) just walk away. Wait for the situation to pass then ask the victim later if they are OK. Or report it when it's safe to do so – it's never too late to act.

In an emergency, call the police (911) or other authorities.

For more information on how to become an active bystander, follow this link: <https://www.nsvrc.org/bystander-intervention-resources>



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