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May 2018

GCASAFV News:

GCASAFV Says NO MORE to Sexual Assault & Child Abuse This April!

GCASAFV, the Department of Public Health & Social Services – Bureau of Social Services Administration (DPHSS-BOSSA), and other government agencies and non-profit organizations continued their efforts in raising awareness about Sexual Assault Awareness Month (SAAM) and Child Abuse Prevention Month (CAPM)!



jeans, implying consent. The women in Parliament wore jeans to work in solidarity with the victim.

Guam Participates in Denim Day!

For the past 19 years, Peace Over Violence has run its Denim Day campaign on a Wednesday in April during SAAM. The campaign started because of an Italian Supreme Court ruling. A rape conviction was overturned after the justices felt that since the victim was wearing tight jeans, she must have helped her rapist remove her

On April 25, GCASAFV wore jeans as a symbol of protest against the destructive attitudes about sexual assault. GCASAFV's Cynthia Cabot joined Victim Advocates Reaching Out and Healing Hearts Crisis Center in being recognized for their efforts in ending sexual violence at the Legislative Resolution for Denim Day at the University of Guam Lecture Hall.



SAAM/CAPM Outreach

GCASAFV, DPHSS-BOSSA, and the island's various agencies and organizations closed SAAM and CAPM with an Outreach tabling on Saturday, April 28, at the Micronesia Mall Center Court. Thank you to those who participated and made this event a success! Special thanks to our entertainment To Be Honest, Guam Aikikai, Guma' Rasan Acho Latte, and Body Arts, as well as those who donated giveaways for this event!



GCASAFV at the "April Is..." Information Outreach Fair

GCASAFV's Tristi Ah Mu and Jezaiah Valencia joined other non-profit organizations and government agencies at the "April Is..." Information Outreach Fair at Andersen Air Force Base Main Exchange on April 30.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

To include announcements and events in our newsletters, email us at info@quamcoalition.org

ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM GCASAFV, MEMBERS, AND PARTNERS

STOP Violence Against Individuals with Disabilities Educational Presentation

Guma Mami', Inc.

May 12, 2018

Sinajana Mayor's Office

Annual Meeting

GCASAFV

May 15, 2018

11:00 am

GCASAFV Conference Room

Ability Fair

Guma Mami', Inc.

May 18 - 19, 2018

6:00 pm – 9:00 pm

Sinajana Gym

NAPI HIV/AIDS

Awareness Day Wave and Potluck

GCASAFV and GALA

May 19, 2018

4:30 pm – 5:30 pm

Tamuning Mayor's Park

A Word from The Honorable Arthur R. Barcinas

Buenas and Hafa Adai,

Every three years the Judges of the Superior Court rotate their Specialty Court Assignment. On January 1, 2018, the Judges rotated assignments and I ended my three-year responsibility for the Family Violence Court. Along the way, I have had a wonderful and unique opportunity to work and train alongside the hard working and dedicated members of the Guam Coalition Against Sexual Assault & Family Violence.

I have observed first-hand the work of the Coalition in providing training and accountability for the government partners. A simple review and consideration of the training opportunities in this May newsletter is a testament to all of the training the Coalition provides and coordinates.

The Coalition has been instrumental in insuring that the voice and needs of the victims have been heard and that the Court's and Government's response are appropriate and based on the best practices available today. The Coalition is currently working with the Courts and the Department of Public Health and Social Services to take an earnest approach at identifying the issues surrounding and our response to elder abuse.

As I transition to my next assignment, I am also grateful that the Coalition also provides an invaluable consistency as the natural changes both structurally and in personnel occur throughout the agencies and the courts. It has been a busy three years of very important and personally fulfilling work, and I am humbled to have served with the talented and dedicated members of the Coalition. I look forward to working with the Coalition in any way I can be of service.

Senseramente,
Judge Arthur R. Barcinas



Judge Barcinas joined the Guam Team at the recent End Violence Against Women International Training.

ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM GCASAFV, MEMBERS, AND PARTNERS

NAPI HIV/AIDS Awareness Day Outreach
GCASAFV and GALA
May 20, 2018

10:00 am – 2:00 pm
Agana Shopping Center

Sagan Mami Open House

Guma Mami' Inc.

May 28, 2018

10:00 am – 2:00 pm
Sagan Mami

Annual Aging Conference

Department of Public Health & Social Services – Division of Senior Citizens

May 31, 2018

8:00 am – 3:00 pm
Pacific Star Resort

WEBINARS

Advocacy 101 Webinar: How to Become an #ENDTHEBACKLOG Advocate in Your Community

https://zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_2Llh_uOPQ3q9_rLMxInPqdA

Joyful Heart Foundation and All in Together

May 11, 2018

2:00 pm ChST

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GCASAFV: Training and Community Planning



Training for the Trainers: Sharing Knowledge, Holding Space

GCASAFV held a Basic Training for Trainers Workshop featuring Nina Jusuf and Mira Yusef of the National Organization of Asians & Pacific Islander Ending Sexual Violence (NAPIESV) on April 24 and 25 at the Holiday Resort. Nina and Mira trained fifteen attendees who are looking to become effective trainers for their respective fields.

On April 27, GCASAFV held the Advanced Training for Trainers Workshop at the Holiday Resort. This training was meant for trainers who wish to further their training skills and strategies for their future trainings. Thank you to all who attended and participated in the trainings! Special thanks to NAPIESV, Nina, and Mira for facilitating these trainings!

GCASAFV's Sexual Assault & Domestic Violence Community Planning Meeting

On April 26, representatives from Guam's organizations and agencies attended GCASAFV's Sexual Assault & Domestic Violence Community Planning Meeting at the Holiday Resort. Nan Stoops from the Washington State Coalition Against Domestic Violence (WSCADV) facilitated the sessions to allow agencies the opportunity to discuss with each other how their agencies' purposes can be further enhanced. Thank you to all attendees for participating and to WSCADV and Nan Stoops for your assistance in our island's community efforts!



GCASAFV News and Announcements!

GCASAFV Board Elections: Ballots Out

This year's Board Election ballots are out for GCASAFV Board Vice Chair, Secretary, and 2 Directors At-Large. The nominees are as follows:

- **Vice chair**
 - Nadine Cepeda
- **Secretary**
 - Grace Donaldson
- **2 Directors At-Large:**
 - Samuel Illesugum.
 - Tricia Tenorio
 - Ansito Walter

Ballots are due on May 15. The ballots will be counted prior to GCASAFV's annual meeting, and new board officers will be announced during the meeting.

WEBINARS

"You Can't Believe a Word She Says!": Credibility Issues for Survivors of Violence with Mental Health and Substance Abuse Histories

https://events-na1.adobeconnect.com/content/connect/c1/2361243497/en/events/event/private/2359510337/2424280655/event_registration.html?scope_id=2493323627& charset=utf-8

Battered Women's Justice Project

May 11, 2018

5:00 am – 6:30 am ChST

Creating and Maintaining a Safety Net for Survivors with Disabilities

https://events-na11.adobeconnect.com/content/connect/c1/1083844668/en/events/event/share/1099426672/event_landing.html?sco_id=1760711096&utm_source=Partners+events+5%2F1%2F18&utm_campaign=Webinars+early+May+&utm_medium=email

VERA Center on Victimization & Safety
May 16, 2018

4:00 am – 5:30 am ChST

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Pacific Region Resources: Get Listed and Download Our App!

Pacific Region Resources is GCASAFV's online directory for community resources! Visit 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 to get started. For more information or further assistance, contact info@guamcoalition.org.



WEBINARS

Addressing Access to Alcohol

<http://www.preventconnect.org/2017/12/announcing-the-2018-preventconnect-web-conference-series/>
PreventConnect

May 17, 2018

4:00 am – 5:30 am ChST

Assessing Patterns of Coercive Control in Abusive Relationships, Part 3: Practice and Program Implementation

https://events-na1.adobeconnect.com/content/connect/c1/2154191300/en/events/event/shared/default_template_simple/event_registration.html?scoid=2403001073&charset=utf-8

NW Network of Bi, Trans, Lesbian and Gay Survivors of Abuse

May 23, 2018

5:00 am – 6:30 am ChST

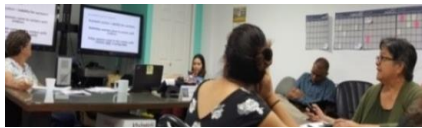
Men Supporting #MeToo: Taking Action to the Next Level Webinar Series ~ Immediate Applications, what can we do now?

<https://namen.menengage.org/COPSpring2018/>
North American MenEngage Network

May 11, 2018

5:00 am – 6:30 am ChST

Grace Donaldson Shares Training Information at GCASAFV's April General Membership Meeting

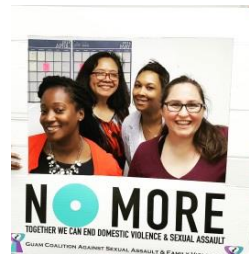


Grace Donaldson from Pacific Human Resources Services attended the National Network to End Domestic Violence's 2nd Annual Economic Justice Summit in Las Vegas, Nevada in March.

During GCASAFV's general membership meeting, Grace presented on topics such as, "Safety Planning During Natural Disasters and National Emergencies"; "Access to Housing and Housing Resources"; and, "Personal Finance Policy, Resources, and Education".

OVW on Guam

Representatives from the Department of Justice Office on Violence Against Women's (OVW), Jan Sheri Morris, Latonya Eaddy, and Suheyla Lasky conducted site visits at the Governor's Community Outreach – Federal Programs Office, the Guam Legal Services – Disability Law Center, and GCASAFV on May 3.



GCASAFV in the Community



GCASAFV at the Autism Awareness Outreach

The Autism Community Together held their 11th Annual Autism Awareness Outreach Fair at the Agana Shopping Center on April 14. GCASAFV joined other organizations and agencies from the island community in showing their support and recognition of Autism Awareness Month, as well as inform event attendees of the services offered. Thank you to those who visited us at our table!

GCASAFV and Hawaii Say No More To Sexual Assault

GCASAFV's Cynthia Cabot joined the Hawaii Coalition Against Sexual Assault at Hawaii's 2018 Sexual Assault Awareness Month Proclamation Signing. Cynthia joined the Hawaii Coalition, the Sex Abuse Treatment Center, and other groups and organizations in April to create awareness and to motivate residents to take action to create a safe, sexual violence free Hawaii.



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Guam in Maui

The Guam Team attended the 1st Annual Pacific Island Region Symposium on Responding to Sexual Assault and Domestic Violence Across the Life Span, Bridging the Gap in Services in Maui! Pictured are the Guam team with Monica Rowsey from Federal Bureau of Investigation and Ana Malafu from Maui County's Department of the Prosecuting Attorney.



Join Us: National Asian & Pacific Islander HIV/AIDS Awareness Day and Asian & Pacific American Heritage Month

May 19 is National Asian and Pacific Islander HIV/AIDS Awareness Day! GCASAFV and GALA aim to dedicate this day to raising awareness about HIV/AIDS among the Asian and Pacific Islanders in the Pacific region, and in the United States. This year's theme is, "Love and Solidarity: Together PrEP, Testing and Treatment can end HIV". GCASAFV and GALA spread this awareness on Guam, and encourage island residents to get tested, and take care of their health. GCASAFV's Maya Wiglesworth and GALA Inc.'s Adam Eustaquio joined KUAM News' Carmen Terlaje to discuss and invite the public to this month's upcoming events:



National Asian & Pacific Islander (NAPI) HIV/AIDS Awareness Day Wave and Potluck



GCASAFV, GALA, and other island agencies and organizations will gather to raise awareness about HIV/AIDS among Asian-Pacific Islanders at the Tamuning Mayor's Park on May 19 from 4:30 pm – 5:30 pm. GALA will also take this opportunity to offer free and confidential HIV/AIDS testing. The event will end with fellowship and networking opportunities at the potluck gathering. Show your support and join us!

NAPI HIV/AIDS Awareness Day Outreach Tabling

GCASAFV and GALA will continue raising support, recognition, and awareness about HIV/AIDS among Asians and Pacific Islanders at their Awareness Outreach at the Agana Shopping Center on May 20 from 10:00 am – 2:00 pm. At this event, GCASAFV, GALA, and other representatives from the island's organizations and agencies will gather to share information and resources that their respective organizations or agencies have to offer. Different cultural groups joined the event and performed in recognition and celebration of National Asian/Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander Heritage Month (referred to as Asian and Pacific American Heritage Month). Come and show your support during this event!

WEBINARS

Assessing Risk and Lethality for Parents and Children in Domestic Violence Cases

https://events-na1.adobeconnect.com/content/connect/c1/2361243497/en/events/event/shared/2408931183/event_registration.html?scoid=2503584946& charset=utf-8

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May 10, 2018
3:00 am – 4:30 am ChST

Celebrating 2018 World Elder Abuse Awareness Day Webinar

<https://ta2ta.org/webinars/registration/celebrating-2018-world-elder-abuse-awareness-day.html>

National Clearinghouse on Abuse in Later Life

June 8, 2018
4:00 am ChST

Protection Orders that Matter

https://events-na1.adobeconnect.com/content/connect/c1/2361243497/en/events/event/private/2359510337/2424280655/event_registration.html?scoid=2493336799& charset=utf-8

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May is also...



May 18 is HIV Vaccine Awareness Day

GCASAFV is spending the days leading up to NAPI HIV/AIDS Awareness Day by encouraging the community to get tested! This HIV Vaccine Awareness Day, get caught up with your vaccinations, and take control of your health! Talk to your doctor to find out how you can get tested.

Follow the link for more information about HIV Vaccine Awareness Day: <https://aidsinfo.nih.gov/understanding-hiv-aids/hiv-aids-awareness-days/158/hiv-vaccine-awareness-day>

Senior Citizens Month/Older Americans Month

May is Senior Citizens Month/Older Americans Month. This year's theme, "Engage At Every Age," encourages everyone to enrich their physical, mental, and emotional well-being regardless of age. It is also important to remember that not all senior citizens get celebrated, and that they and their loved ones get all the information and assistance they need to stay safe.



Learn more about how you can help here: <http://www.ncall.us/>



Mental Health Month

Millions of people in the US suffer of some form of mental illness, and that includes victims of domestic violence. GCASAFV joins the US in raising awareness about mental health, fighting stigma, educate the public, and push for equal care for those suffering from mental illness.

Learn more about how you can get involved here: <https://www.nami.org/mentalhealthmonth>

Random Acts of Kindness

We would like to thank the following organizations for their random act of kindness:



GCASAFV received a generous donation from Lawrence Alcairo, Jermaine Alerta and members of the Young Democrats of Guam from their Dollars for Denim fundraiser! Their donation will help our efforts towards sexual assault prevention and education!

Thank you to Naval Base Guam Chapel for your generous contributions to our efforts towards sexual assault prevention and education!

GCASAFV encourages everyone to practice random acts of kindness in the community. What is YOUR random act of kindness?



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