



# KNOW MORE NEWS

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## Announcements

Family Violence Awareness Month  
Planning Meeting  
Tuesday, September 1, 2020  
10:00 am via Zoom

Listening Session:  
Youth, Young Adults & Families  
Tuesday, September 15, 2020  
10:00 am via Zoom

Listening Session:  
Asian-Pacific Islanders  
Thursday, September 17, 2020  
10:00 am via Zoom

GCASAFV  
General Membership Meeting  
Tuesday, October 13, 2020  
11:00 am via Zoom

## The New Title IX Regulations: Are you in compliance?

By: Beverly Baligad, J.D.

On May 6th, 2020, the Title IX proposed regs were finalized, leaving institutions scrambling to meet the required August 14th, 2020 implementation date. However, many institutions are finding that the implementation of the new Title IX regulations is a bit of a challenge.

The publication of the unofficial version of the new regulations, along with over 2000+ pages of commentary from the US Education Department, provided both clarification and ambiguous language. However, even with the commentary and some clarifications, many institutions have found the language to be extremely confusing and some new requirements “hyper legalistic” in nature. Some of the notable changes include: definitions, general process requirements, conducting live hearings, engaging in training and record keeping. While these are just a few of the new requirements, there are many more.

Changes to processes, engaging with an institution’s governing board to adopt changes and modifications to existing policies, and finding faculty and staff who will be able to fulfill some of the new roles- all at a time when most institutions are not in session and during a deadly pandemic makes implementation much more difficult. Since many campuses are working remotely during the pandemic, and individuals are relying on communication solely through Zoom, implementation has continued to be a struggle for many.

Is your institution working towards Title IX regulation compliance?

Join the Guam Coalition and register for the “**2020 kNOw MORE Webinar: The New Title IX and Addressing Sexual Assault on Campus: Are You Ready?**” featuring Beverly Baligad, J.D, from the University of Hawaii.

This webinar will be on September 9, 10, 16, and 17 via Zoom. Virtual Seating is limited so please register at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/TitleIXweb> by September 4. For details, visit [www.guamcoalition.org](http://www.guamcoalition.org).

## #Digital Corner

“Legal Support for Young Clients of Relationship Violence Webinar Series: Strategies for Survivor-Centered Communication”

Link to register: <https://tinyurl.com/y3ty6vgg>

Hosted by: Break the Cycle

Date: September 3, 2020

Time: 3:00 am ChST

Link to learn more about fees:

<https://tinyurl.com/y3ty6vgg>

“National Sexual Assault Conference 2020”

Link to register: <https://tinyurl.com/y3ty6vgg>

Hosted by: California

Coalition Against Sexual Assault

Dates: September 3 – 5, 2020

ChST

“20th Annual International Family Justice Center Conference”

Link to register: <https://tinyurl.com/y6ds8apm>

Hosted by: Alliance for HOPE International

Date: September 10, 2020 – September 12, 2020

Time: 1:30 am – 7:00 am ChST

For more information on registration fees, please visit: <https://tinyurl.com/yydj4pa8>



For more upcoming webinars, trainings, and events, please check out our calendar at [www.GuamCoalition.org](http://www.GuamCoalition.org)

## 2020 kNOw MORE Webinar: Community Advocate Training and Creating Change through a Coordinated Response: Domestic Violence/Intimate Partner Violence Court Monitoring

Join GCASAFV for the “2020 kNOw MORE Webinar: Community Advocate Training and Creating Change through a Coordinated Response: Domestic Violence/Intimate Partner Violence Court Monitoring” on September 22 - 25, 2020 from 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM via Zoom! Learn about Guam’s SA/DV victims rights, as well as the dynamics of sexual assault and domestic violence.



In addition, Susan Meuschke, Executive Director of the Nevada Coalition to End Domestic and Sexual Violence, will present on topics such as Criminal and Civil Laws, Examining Court Monitoring as Part of a Coordinated Community Response, Introducing Different Court Monitoring Models and Goals, as well as Discussing the Stages for Developing a Court Monitoring Project.

Virtual seating is limited so register at: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/CATCCRweb>. Please register by September 15, 2020.

## September is...

### National Campus Safety Awareness Month

National Campus Safety Awareness Month has been a back-to-school conversation since it was approved by Congress in 2008. Whether students and educators are interacting face-to-face or virtually, maintaining a safe and secure environment must continue to be a top priority year round. Let us keep the conversation going on preventing sexual assault for the virtual and face-to-face college campus experience. Learn more here: <https://pcar.org/campus-sexual-assault>

### National Suicide Prevention Month

Not all wounds and scars of sexual assault, domestic violence, and dating violence are visible. Victims of abuse are at a high risk for depression and anxiety. One-third of those victims contemplate suicide at some point after their assault, and 13% have attempted suicide.

September 6 - 12 is recognized as National Suicide Prevention week and September 10 as World Suicide Prevention Day. These events have been dedicated to the unity of mental health advocates, prevention organizations, survivors, allies, and community members in promoting awareness for suicide prevention.



## Family Violence Awareness Month Planning Meeting

Family Violence/Domestic Violence Awareness Month, recognized in October, is quickly approaching! In preparation for the events in October, GCASAFV is inviting all who are interested in participating in and/or helping to coordinate the events for the month. Our first planning meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 1, 2020 at 10:00 am via Zoom.

For more information on these upcoming events, visit our website [www.GuamCoalition.org](http://www.GuamCoalition.org) or email us at [info@guamcoalition.org](mailto:info@guamcoalition.org).

## Community Action Teams Listening Sessions

GCASAFV continues to invite you to participate in our Community Action (CA) Teams which continue to focus on issues regarding sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence, stalking, and human trafficking in our communities. The CA Teams are: **Youth/Young Adults/Families; Elderly and Persons with Disabilities; Faith-based; Asian-Pacific Islanders; Sexual Assault/Domestic Violence in the Workplace; LGBTQ**

To sign up to participate in these CA Teams, click or copy and paste the link: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/kNOwMORECATeams>. Email [info@guamcoalition.org](mailto:info@guamcoalition.org) for more information.

# Recent Events

## Virtual Technology Summit 2020

Throughout the course of this pandemic, everyone is resorting to communicating through virtual means as opposed to the traditional means of conducting meetings. This means that online abuse and harassment will continue to increase, as well as survivors of domestic violence and partner violence seeking the help they need through virtual means. With this fact, it has become more crucial than ever for everyone, including advocates and allies, to improve our knowledge for online safety.



The National Network to End Domestic Violence Safety Net Project's 8th Annual Technology Summit was held virtually for the first time from August 3 – 7, 2020. The summit focused on how technology has evolved and is still evolving, the dramatic increase of digital services in the work to support survivors, growing concerns around online privacy, and increasing detections of stalker ware through the course of this pandemic. The summit also addressed online hate and gaming, how technology abuse affects teen survivors, the lack of internet access and resources for the Native American communities, privacy and confidentiality during a public health

crisis, and much more. Thank you to the National Network to End Domestic Violence for this training opportunity!

# 2020 kNOW MORE Webinar: Supporting Incarcerated Survivors of Sexual Abuse Advocate Training

Every person has a right to safety, and this includes incarcerated survivors of sexual assault. Sexual assault and harassment in detention is preventable. Detention facilities must work to ensure that incarcerated survivors are safe in their facilities through committed leaders, good policies, and best practices to ensure safety.

The Just Detention International's Linda McFarlane, Tonjie Reese, and Jessica Seipel joined GCASAFV to present "2020 kNOW MORE Webinar: Supporting Incarcerated Survivors of Sexual Abuse Advocate Training" on August 5, 6, 12, and 13. This 4-part webinar discussed the Prison Rape Elimination Act, resources available for incarcerated survivors, the roles of corrections personnel, and how advocates can support incarcerated survivors. It also afforded staff from Guam's Department of Corrections and the Department of Youth Affairs the opportunity to share their thoughts and experiences at these sites.



# 2020 kNOW MORE Webinar: Safeguarding the Young Ones



Parents, grandparents, educators, caregivers, etc. all play a role on ensuring that the youth are safe and cared for while in their care. It is the role of these adults to teach them about setting healthy boundaries vs. unhealthy boundaries, what to do when those boundaries are crossed, and that no one can touch them without their consent.

New Mexico Coalition of Sexual Assault Programs Inc.'s Stella Gallegos, our featured trainer, engaged attendees in advocating for young ones at the "2020 kNOW MORE Webinar: Safeguarding the Young Ones", held by GCASAFV and St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church on August 14. Attendees learned about child sexual abuse, various types of sex offenders, and learned about internet crimes against children.



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