



Guam Coalition Against Sexual Assault & Family Violence (GCASAFV)

# KNOW MORE NEWS

## September 2018

### GCASAFV Announcements

#### October Planning Committee Meeting

Family Violence Awareness Month is less than a month away. In preparation for this coming month, GCASAFV is inviting all those who are interested in participating in and/or coordinating the events for the month. Our last planning meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 26, 2018 at 10:00 am in the GCASAFV Conference Room. If you have any questions, please call the GCASAFV office at 479-2277.

#### Family Violence Awareness Month Outreach Fair

GCASAFV will hold this year's Family Violence Awareness Month Outreach Fair at the Micronesia Mall on Saturday, October 6, 2018 from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm. GCASAFV is looking for those interested in setting up resource/outreach tables and volunteering as an emcee or as a performer. If you or someone you know would like to participate in this event, call the GCASAFV office or email [info@guamcoalition.org](mailto:info@guamcoalition.org) by Wednesday, October 3.



#### 2018 kNOw MORE Community Advocate Training: Postponed!

Due to Typhoon Mangkhut, the 2018 kNOw MORE Community Advocate Training, originally scheduled for September 11, 2018 has been postponed, will be integrated in the October kNOw MORE Training. Please check out our website [www.guamcoalition.org](http://www.guamcoalition.org) for the latest updates. See details below.

#### 2018 kNOw MORE Training: Understanding & Assisting Trauma Victims of Sexual Assault/Domestic Violence

The 2018 kNOw MORE Training: Understanding & Assisting Trauma Victims of Sexual Assault/Domestic Violence will promote techniques and best practices when responding to incidents involving sexual assault, domestic violence, and human trafficking. Attendees will learn how to improve victim services, investigations, prosecutions, and enhance community involvement. This training's featured speaker is Dawn Jones, who has been in law enforcement for 25 years investigating cases related to domestic violence, sexual assault, child abuse, and narcotics. She has trained over 5,000 law enforcement officers, advocates, medical personnel, and community members. Please save the dates October 16 to 18, and join us for this training.

#### 2018 Training for the Trainer and Advance Training for the Trainer

The Training for the Trainer is intended to help those who facilitate training and/or conduct presentations. Attendees will receive instruction to better engage audiences, make meaningful connections, and deliver the intended message to specific audiences. The Advance Training for the Trainer is for individuals who have attended the beginning Trainer for the Trainer or have extensive experience as a trainer/presenter, and would like to enhance their skills. Please save the dates October 16 to 19. Please check out our website for the latest updates [www.guamcoalition.org](http://www.guamcoalition.org).

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

To include your announcements and events in our newsletters, email us at [info@guamcoalition.org](mailto:info@guamcoalition.org)

### ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM GCASAFV, MEMBERS, AND PARTNERS

#### Wellness & Sexual Health Workshops

GALA  
September 26, October 3, 10, and 17, 2018  
6:00 pm-- 7:30 pm ChST  
UOG College of Agriculture Life Sciences Bldg. Room 104  
For more info, call Flo Mesa at 969-5483 or email [galaguam.va@gmail.com](mailto:galaguam.va@gmail.com)

#### 2018 VARO Duck Race and 2K/5K Outreach Fun Run

Saturday, September 29, 2018  
Duck Race: 8:30 am- 9:00 am ChST  
2K/5K Fun Run: 5:30 am ChST  
Hilton Guam Resort & Spa  
For more info, call 477-5552 or email [varoguam1@yahoo.com](mailto:varoguam1@yahoo.com)

#### Sanctuary Open House & Luncheon

Friday, September 28, 2018  
10:00 am- 1:00 pm  
Sagan Na Homlo Youth Drug & Alcohol Residential Facility  
For more info, please contact Sanctuary at 475-7101

#### Family Violence Awareness Month Outreach Fair

Saturday, October 6, 2018  
10:00 am- 2:00 pm  
Micronesia Mall Center Court  
For more information, please call 479-2277 or [info@guamcoalition.org](mailto:info@guamcoalition.org)

## Red Ribbon Wave

Friday, October 26, 2018

4:30 pm-6:00 pm

Chief Kupuha Park

## Red Ribbon National Prescription Outreach

Saturday, October 27, 2018

10:00 am-2:00 pm

Agana Shopping Center

For more info, contact 647-6060 or 479-4144.

## WEBINARS

### Gathering Technology Abuse Evidence in Protection Order Cases

National Center on Protection Orders & Full Faith and Credit  
Thursday, September 27, 2018

3:00 am – 4:30 am ChST

[https://events-na1.adobeconnect.com/content/connect/c1/2361243497/en/events/event/shared/2408931183/event\\_registration.html?sco-id=2671005560& charset =utf-8](https://events-na1.adobeconnect.com/content/connect/c1/2361243497/en/events/event/shared/2408931183/event_registration.html?sco-id=2671005560& charset =utf-8)

### Reading Between the Lines: Case File Review for SARTs

End Violence Against Women International

Friday, September 28, 2018

2:00 am-- 3:30 am ChST

<https://www.evawintl.org/WebinarRegistration.aspx?webinarid=1058>

### Language Access Planning, Part II

Cultural Responsiveness to Improve Domestic Violence Services

Friday, September 28, 2018

3:00 am-- 4:00 am ChST

[www.surveymonkey.com/ MYLARespanol-eng](http://www.surveymonkey.com/MYLARespanol-eng)

For more upcoming webinars, please check out our calendar at

# GCASAFV News

## General Membership Meeting

Members and partners gathered at the GCASAFV conference room for this month's General Membership Meeting (GMM) that was held on August 14, 2018. GCASAFV meets with their members and partners every quarter to keep them updated with happenings as well as to make announcements and promote their events.



This also gave an opportunity for off-island conference and workshop attendees to share information they learned. Officer Justin Edquilane with the Guam Police Department-Domestic Assault Response Team attended the 6th Annual Technology Summit and shared the various ways perpetrators can harass victims online. He also shared the need to increase technology literacy among marginalized communities. As an attendee at the Asian Pacific Institute on Gender Based Violence Summit, GCASAFV Board member Sam Ilesugam shared the discussions from the Summit on the cultural aspects of gender-based violence and the different obstacles Asian Pacific Islanders on Guam

face compared to those in the mainland.

The next GMM will be on Tuesday, November 13, 2018 at 11:00 am. To obtain more information, contact [info@quamcoalition.org](mailto:info@quamcoalition.org).

## GCASAFV at the Grant Writing Workshop and Financial Management Training

Knowing what skills and knowledge make an agency or organization successful--accuracy, accountability, and transparency-- is important for all agencies and organizations. It is also equally important for them to understand their organization's sustainability. That is, how to maintain the proper functioning of an organization when a grant ends. GCASAFV and other non-governmental organizations were given the opportunity to partake in this year's Grant Writing and Financial Management Training on August 20 and 21. Sponsored by Office of Minority Health Resource Center (OMHRC), Guam Office of Minority Health, and the Payuta Foundation, this two-day workshop was presented by Healthcare and Organizational Management Consultant Myra Archer (*pictured above at the center*). This training also encompassed topics including financial planning, fiscal and budget management, agency and program budget, cash management, and cash flow. For more information on OMHRC, follow the link:



<https://www.minorityhealth.hhs.gov/omh/browse.aspx?lvl=1&lvlid=3>

## Pacific Region Resources: Get Listed and Download Our App!

Pacific Region Resources is GCASAFV's online directory for community resources! Visit [www.PacificRegionResource.org](http://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](http://www.PacificRegionResources.org) to get started. For more information or further assistance, contact [info@quamcoalition.org](mailto:info@quamcoalition.org)

## 2018 National Institute on the Prosecution of Elder Abuse

According to the World Health Organization, 1 in 6 individuals who are 60 years and older have experienced some form of abuse in community settings within the last year. Elder abuse is an emerging issue across the United States. Nowhere is this more of a novel topic of discussion than in the island community of Guam. Because of the strong cultural focus on family ties and values, elder abuse is often times underreported and difficult to legally untangle on Guam.

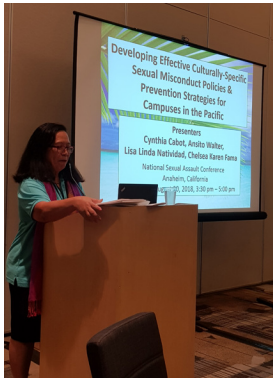
At the National Institute on the Prosecution of Elder Abuse (NIPEA), the Guam team, funded through the Training & Advocacy Services Initiative Project, gained more insight and essential tools when facing the complex issues in the prosecution of elder abuse, such as addressing embedded cultural implications, recognizing stressed caregivers, and strengthening relationships between prosecutors and Adult Protective Services. The 2018 NIPEA was held in Philadelphia, PA from August 7 to 10. To read more, follow this link:

<http://www.ncall.us/blog/2018/2018-national-institute-on-the-prosecution-of-elder-abuse>

## 2018 National Sexual Assault Conference (NSAC)

### Bold Moves: Ending Sexual Violence in One Generation

GCASAFV staff attended the NSAC in Anaheim from August 29 to 31. The staff joined 1,900 attendees, representing various organizations, agencies, and campuses nationwide who stood in solidarity and spoke out on behalf of the marginalized and oppressed. This diverse group of people showcased the efforts of their organizations in making bold moves in their communities to end sexual violence.



Funded by the Office on Women's Health through the Pacific Partners Project (PPP), GCASAFV's Cynthia Cabot (*pictured on the left*), PPP evaluator Dr. Lisa Linda Natividad, GCASAFV Board member Dr. Anselmo Walter, and student intern Chelsea Fama presented "Effective Culturally-specific Sexual Misconduct Policies & Prevention Strategies for Campuses." They discussed the evaluative data of student listening sessions, campus climate survey results, a review of the Pacific island perspectives, and adaptations to conventional approaches to prevention in respect to GCASAFV's PPP.

Another NSAC presenter was plenary speaker Anabella Aguirre (*pictured second from the left*). She is a founding member of the *iYa basta!* ("Enough is Enough") campaign under the Service Employees International Union-United Service Workers West (SEIU-USWW), which is an organization that stands to represent and improve the lives of the thousands of janitors and other property service workers and their families across California. In her native Spanish language, Aguirre presented her story as an immigrant in the U.S. and the obstacles she encountered as a service worker.



Many people from around the world come to America, most often to provide a better opportunity for their family. However, apart from separating from family and children, immigrants face the risk of sexual violence. Female immigrants and refugees suffer from similar issues as other abused women. They also face unique barriers, such as threats of deportation or losing custody of their children. For Aguirre, these were very much a reality she experienced. Aguirre came to America from Guatemala, leaving her children behind. She eventually began working in the cleaning industry. While there, her fear of losing her children was exploited, which led to her being sexually assaulted twice. On the verge of quitting her job, her colleague told her of their workers' union. This began her involvement with the SEIU-USWW. Today, she continues to make bold moves by speaking out against the injustices many immigrant service workers face in America. To read more on Aguirre and other speakers, follow the link: <http://www.calcasa.org/events/nsac/nsac2018/plenary-speakers/>

## 23rd International Summit on Violence, Abuse & Trauma Across the Lifespan

### Voices Against Violence: Breaking through the Silence

A team from Guam attended the Institute on Violence, Abuse and Trauma (IVAT) International Summit in San Diego, CA from September 6 to 9. One of the main goals of IVAT is to bring together individuals from various professions and philosophies in compiling knowledge regarding violence, abuse, prevention, and intervention. The Plenary Roundtable was an ideal session for meeting that goal, where panelists discussed the steps that should be taken beyond the #MeToo movement to shift social norms and mold safer communities. Among these panelists was Dr. Sujata Warriar, the Director of Training and Technical Assistance at the Battered Women's Justice Project. Dr. Warriar provides trainings and technical assistance to professionals in healthcare, law enforcement, criminal and civil justice, and social services. For more info, visit <http://www.ivatcenters.org/san-diego-summit/>.





### Technical Assistance (TA) Training & Services

GCASAFV has posted the following Request for Qualifications on its website:

- RFQ 2018-001 requests for the services of agency(ies) or consultant(s) that have expertise on sexual assault and domestic violence in providing training and technical assistance to GCASAFV members and partners. This RFQ will remain open until November 30, 2018.
- RFQ 2018-002 requests for the services of agency(ies) or consultant(s) to provide technical assistance services that will assist GCASAFV in maintaining its resources through their Information Clearinghouse library, the GuamCoalition.org website, and their PacificRegionResources.org. This RFQ will remain open until December 31, 2018.

RFQs can be accessed through this link:

<http://www.guamcoalition.org/happenings/news-announcements/rfp%E2%80%99s-bids>

## September is...



### National Day of Service and Remembrance

GCASAFV recognizes September 11 as the National Day of Service and Remembrance. Anniversary of the terrorist attacks at the World Trade Center, the Pentagon, and Pennsylvania. GCASAFV takes this moment to remember the men and women who lost their lives, the men and women in uniform who risked their lives to save them, and recognize those who have survived.

### National Suicide Prevention Month

September is National Suicide Prevention Month. This month has been dedicated to the unity of mental health advocates, prevention organizations, survivors, allies, and community members in promoting awareness for suicide prevention. This year, the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline’s message for National Suicide Prevention Month and beyond, #BeThe1To, helps to spread the word about what we can do to prevent suicide. The Lifeline Network and its partners are working to change the conversation around suicide, suicide prevention, as well as the actions we can take to promote hope and healing. If you or someone you know is contemplating suicide, contact the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline at 1-800-273-8255.



### National Campus Safety Awareness Month

National Campus Safety Awareness Month, promoted by the Clery Center and approved by Congress, has been a public back-to-school conversation in colleges and universities for 10 years, and it continues to be a priority every day of the school year. Learn more about how to keep safe from sexual assault on campus:

<https://www.rainn.org/news/cultivating-safety-campus-fall>



**National Campus Safety Awareness Month**

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