



# HAWAI'I STATE COALITION AGAINST DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

## FALL 2022 NEWSLETTER

### MESSAGE FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

In the months since our annual conference, we have committed to Lōkahi: United in Purpose by focusing on strengthening collaborations with our existing partners and creating new ones throughout the state and nationally. In this newsletter, we share the fruits of those collaborations to increase the awareness of domestic violence and make resources available to the non-English speaking community in Hawai'i, while also raising Hawai'i's profile with our national partners and funders. As we prepare for the 2023 state legislative session in January, stay tuned for our Policy Agenda and Policy Platform.

Yours in service,



### HAWAI'I ABORTION GUIDE



We participated in the Hawai'i Abortion Collective which partnered with healthcare providers and organizations statewide to provide the first-ever [Hawai'i Abortion Guide](#) following the U.S.

Supreme Court decision to overturn *Roe v. Wade*. The guide includes information on access to abortion services, including resources for youth, the LGBTQ+ community, and domestic violence and sexual assault survivors. The guide is also available in a state public libraries.

### HONOLULU POLICE DEPARTMENT PROPOSED AMENDMENTS PUBLIC HEARING

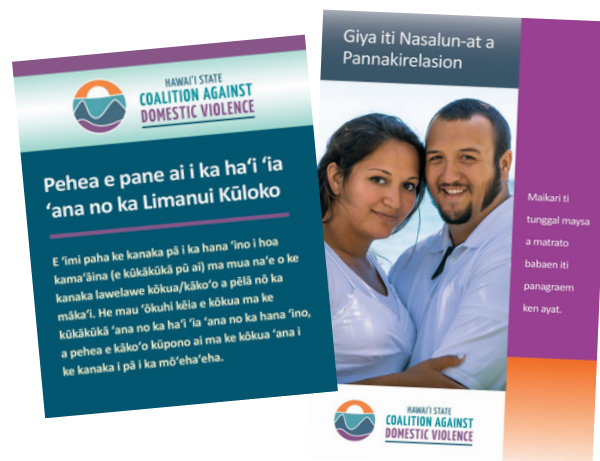
On **October 4**, HSCADV's Executive Director, Angelina Mercado, and Program Director, Vanessa Corwin, provided testimony in support of the Honolulu Police Department's proposed amendments to Chapter 15 of the Rules of the Chief of Police, "Firearms Permits and Licenses". We also recommended the addition of training that makes it known that people who have a domestic violence protection order against them or have been convicted of a domestic violence offense are prohibited from having firearms and/or ammunition; making them a "prohibited person". Further, it is a misdemeanor crime to receive firearms and/or ammunition from those prohibited persons.



Pictured: HSCADV Program Director, Vanessa Corwin

## LANGUAGE ACCESS

HSCADV has translated [A Guide to Healthy Relationships](#) and [How to Respond to Disclosures of Domestic Violence](#) into Chuukese, 'Ōlelo Hawai'i, Ilokano, Japanese, Korean, Samoan, Spanish, and Tagalog. A Guide to Healthy Relationships is also available in American Sign Language (ASL). All in-language materials are available on our website ([hscadv.org](https://hscadv.org)) and in state public libraries. Contact us for copies for your communities or organizations.



Pictured (left to right): How to Respond to Disclosures of Domestic Violence in 'Ōlelo Hawai'i and A Guide to Healthy Relationships in Ilokano

## STRENGTHENING RESPONSE TO STALKING

HSCADV is working to strengthen response to the crime of stalking in Hawai'i by developing on-demand online training modules for advocates, prosecutors, law enforcement, and judicial officers. These trainings will provide an overview of stalking dynamics, safety planning considerations, trauma-informed response and victim support, and how to best understand stalking within a framework of the state's civil and criminal legal systems. The online training modules will be accessible starting January 2023 in observance of Stalking Awareness month.

## LANGUAGE EQUITY IN HAWAI'I COURTS

This summer, our partners and sub-grantees of the coalition's OVV Justice for Families Grant, the Hawai'i State Judiciary's Office of Equal Access to the Courts (OEAC), held Basic Orientation Workshops for new court interpreters in each judicial circuit statewide. Trainers equipped attendees with information on the duties of a court interpreter and best practices for the provision of accurate interpretation and delivery of information. Next summer, HSCADV, and OEAC will return to each judicial circuit across the state to deliver interpreter skill-building training that will focus on the dynamics of gender-based violence cases.



Pictured: HSCADV Executive Director, Angelina Mercado

## CHILD WELFARE SYSTEM AND DOMESTIC VIOLENCE TRAININGS

In partnership with Cathy Cave from the National Center on Domestic Violence, Trauma, and Mental Health and Andrea Dias-Machado from Huliau Aloha, we facilitated joint training sessions in August 2022 for domestic violence service providers and Child Welfare System (CWS) staff on the intersection of domestic violence and child welfare. Due to interest in the training from community members outside of CWS and domestic violence programs, the curriculum is being adapted to address the larger community's response to families experiencing domestic violence.

## RESTORYATION PROJECT



Pictured: ReStorytion participants

On **November 14 & 15**, HSCADV hosted the Guam and Northern Mariana Islands Coalitions for the Pacific gathering of the ReStorytion Project at the Waiwai Collective. The project will assess the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on the domestic violence workforce and inform steps to support domestic violence staff moving forward. Since March 2020, domestic violence program staff and advocates have been on the frontline, supporting survivors of violence while also navigating vicarious trauma and their own health, housing, and economic needs adversely affected by the pandemic.

## OTHER RECENT COALITION TRAININGS

- **July 20** - HSCADV in collaboration with Candace Pang and Cheryl Harris of the Salvation Army of Hawai'i Family Treatment Services trained advocates and other service providers on the intersections of domestic violence and substance use in ***Supporting Families with Substance Abuse and Exposure to Domestic Violence***.
- **September 7 and 14** - Advocates were invited to attend the ***HSCADV De-escalation Training Series***. Featuring Tonya Pulliam, CEO/Lead Trainer/Executive Director of the PICF Training Institute, and Angela Keen, Consultant Trainer & Community Outreach Coordinator at Domestic Violence Services of Lancaster County, this series addressed crisis mitigation strategies, assessments for suicide and harm in the context of domestic violence programs, and how to incorporate these skills into policy, procedure, and practice.
- **September 21** - Featuring Maddison Moliga and Mono Ah Nee-Bahn of the Hawai'i Health and Harm Reduction Center, victim advocates and shelter staff were taught general information about Naloxone (Narcan), Hawai'i-specific laws, and were provided a tutorial on when and how to administer Narcan in the event of an overdose in ***Narcan 101: Preparation and Administration for DV Programs and Shelters***.

## ALANI BAGCAL, COVID-19 RESPONSE COORDINATOR



Please welcome, Alani Bagcal, to the Coalition as the new COVID-19 Response Coordinator! Alani has proudly served as a community organizer and public policy advocate at the local government level in Honolulu and at nonprofit organizations statewide. She has specialized in promoting greater public awareness about effective civic engagement in legislative processes and educating communities on women and family-specific issues.

Her political passions include advancing women and families' access to reproductive health care and actively defending the right to bodily autonomy. As the COVID-19 pandemic continues and exacerbates systemic disparities among marginalized communities, she finds her calling to domestic violence work as it is an essential factor in addressing these inequities and achieving bodily autonomy for all. She aims to build strong partnerships in order to identify and steer effective practices to improve gender equity policies, and to support survivors' needs and empowerment in Hawai'i.

# UPCOMING EVENTS

## BATTERED WOMEN'S JUSTICE PROJECT TRAINING

HSCADV is collaborating with the Battered Women's Justice Project to provide training for domestic violence advocates on protection orders, firearm identification, and federal firearm laws. This webinar, ***Tools and Strategies for Advocates Assisting Survivors in the Protection Order Process*** aims to help advocates aid survivors in identifying firearms when seeking a protective order. [Register here](#) to attend the **December 16** webinar.



## HAWAIIAN CONTEMPLATIVE PRACTICE WELLBEING SESSIONS



We are partnering with the Pilina Center for Wellbeing to provide 6 virtual sessions beginning in **January 2023** for member programs on movement, breathing, and meditation based on the Kūkulu Kumuhana Framework, a Kānaka Maoli conception of wellbeing. Member programs may attend as many as they'd like.

## CRIME VICTIM COMPENSATION COMMISSION TRAINING

HSCADV will host a training by the Crime Victim Compensation Commission (CVCC) in **February 2023** to provide domestic violence advocates with information on the requirements and application process to help a survivor receive financial aid from the CVCC.

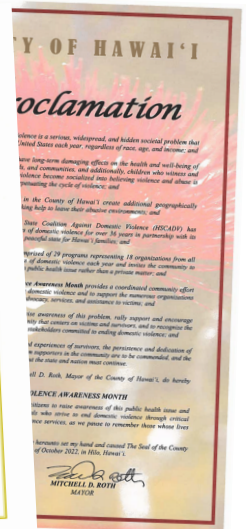
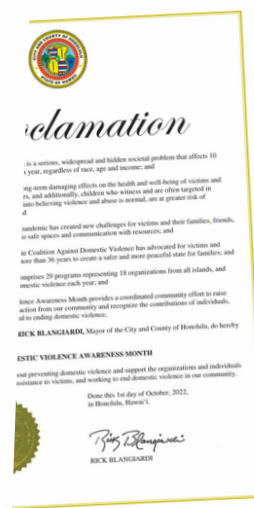




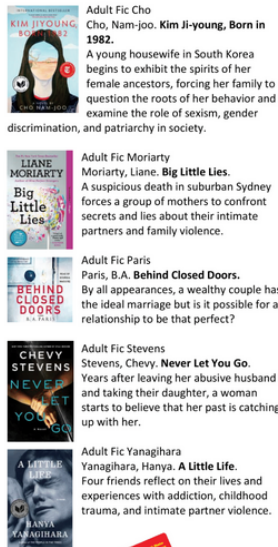
# DVAM 2022 RECAP

## DVAM 2022 PROCLAMATIONS

Domestic Violence Awareness Month (DVAM) proclamations were signed by Governor Ige, Mayor Blangiardi, and Mayor Roth for the state, City and County of Honolulu, and Hawai'i County, respectively. We greatly appreciate the support by the Governor and Mayors in commemorating DVAM every year to highlight the significance of community efforts to end domestic violence in Hawai'i.



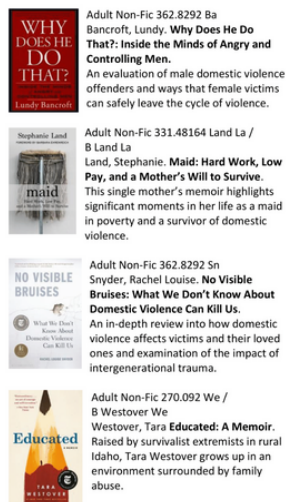
Books that highlight relationships with physical and/or non-physical abuse.



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Titles that describe real-life experiences of violence and/or educate readers about the impact of domestic violence.



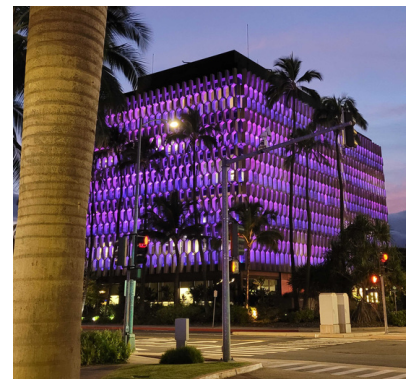
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## HAWAII STATE PUBLIC LIBRARY COLLABORATION

We partnered with the Hawai'i State Public Library System (HSLs) to highlight the #Every1KnowsSome1 theme and showcase books throughout October that address domestic violence in every library in the state. We curated a [reading list](#) for visitors to check out and distributed bookmarks with information on domestic violence to each library. In addition, HSCADV also shared a list of local domestic violence resources which was shared on the [HSLs website](#).

## IBM BUILDING LIT UP PURPLE

From **October 3-10**, the Howard Hughes Corporation lit the IBM Building in Ward Village in purple lights to commemorate DVAM and bring awareness to domestic violence.



# DVAM 2022 RECAP CONT.

## SIGN WAVING WITH CHILD & FAMILY SERVICE

On **October 12**, we joined Child & Family Service for DVAM sign waving along Vineyard Boulevard in Honolulu, raising awareness about domestic violence in the local community.



Pictured (left to right): HSCADV Program Assistant, Phyllis Raquinio, and Training & Technical Assistance Specialist, Chelsey Stewart

## #EVERY1KNOWSSOME1 SOCIAL MEDIA CAMPAIGN

**Met Mei Mwirine Nefinom Me Punuwom Ewe?**

lei usun nikinikin mwirinēn nefinen pupunu:

- Ir me ruuwomon ekkewe pupunu taitap chok, ar tongofengen me ar afono nefiner.
- Omw wenechar ngeni punuwomw ewe me omw nuku.



**EVERY1KNOWSSOME1**  
Domestic Violence Awareness Month

あなたは健全な関係を築けていますか?

健康な人間関係とは:

- 避妊具の選択について二人で話し、性行為に関しても双方の合意の上である関係。

虐待的な関係とは何でしょうか?

あなたが虐待を受けていることを示すサイン:

- あなたの通話やメッセージ、ソーシャルメディアをパートナーが監視する。



**EVERY1KNOWSSOME1**  
Domestic Violence Awareness Month

This year's national DVAM theme was **#Every1KnowsSome1**. Our social media campaign focused on the launch of the translations of A Guide to Healthy Relationships and How to Respond to Disclosures of Domestic Violence to show that survivors of domestic violence can be anyone of different cultural or ethnic background.

Pictured: Healthy relationships information in Chuukese (left) and Japanese (right).

## INTERVIEW WITH HAWAI'I PUBLIC RADIO

HSCADV Executive Director, Angelina Mercado, made a special appearance on Hawai'i Public Radio's ***The Conversation*** with Catherine Cruz on **October 21** to promote DVAM and highlight HSCADV resources and ways to help loved ones in abusive relationships.



Pictured: HSCADV Executive Director, Angelina Mercado, and "The Conversation" Producer, Stephanie Han



# 2022 HSCADV CONFERENCE RECAP



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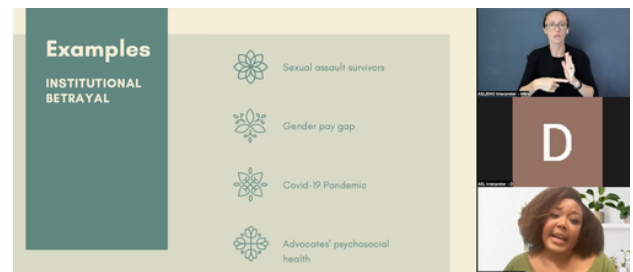
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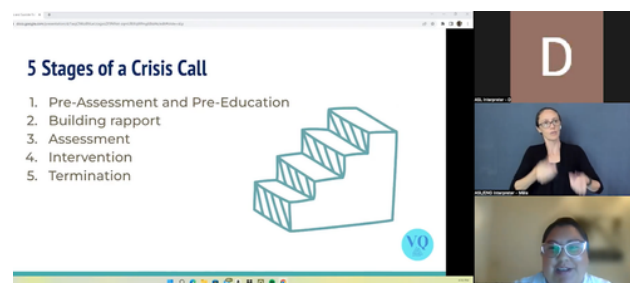
Mahalo to everyone who attended and helped organize the 2022 HSCADV Conference, **Lōkahi: United in Purpose**, on **June 14-16**. This year's conference attracted more than 100 participants from all major Hawaiian Islands and the U.S. continent and was aimed at bringing service providers together with the objectives of centering survivors and building health and solidarity in our movement. We had a diverse audience that included many victim service providers, judicial officers, and community members in the workshops and breakout sessions.

HSCADV was honored to have Beckie Masaki as this year's Keynote. Following the Keynote, attendees joined the following sessions:

- Burn it to the Ground: Moving Beyond Burnout – Victoria “Tori” Wynecoop-Abrahamson
- Preventing Institutional Betrayal: Creating a Culture of Safety & Integrity for Advocates – Dr. Faith Joyner
- E Ho'i i ke Ola Pono – Dr. Dayna Schultz, Dolly Tatofi
- Financial Stability Resources for Survivors of Domestic Violence – Dr. Marie Vorsino, Celene Roberts
- Navigating Crisis and Suicide-Related Calls – Verónica Quiñónez
- Practical Tools for Lifting Up Survivor Voices (Rather than Replacing Them) – Alicia Aiken
- Courageous Conversation: How Can Hawai'i's Child Welfare System and Family Courts Create a Survivor-Centered Approach to Protecting Survivors of Intimate Partner Violence and Their Children? – panel moderated by Liam Skilling; guests were Judge Matthew Viola, Cathy Betts, Daisy Lynn Hartsfield, Melenani Wai'alae, Amanda Pump
- Roundtable: The Future of the Gender-Based Violence Movement in Hawai'i – panel moderated by Angelina Mercado; guests were Sanoe Ka'aihue, Dr. Kealoha Fox, Khara Jabola-Carolus
- Telling Our Own Story: Power of Storytelling for Survivor Healing and Culture Change – Dr. Meghna Bhat



Pictured: ASL interpreters, Dr. Faith Joyner (Preventing Institutional Betrayal)



Pictured: ASL interpreters, Verónica Quiñónez (Navigating Crisis and Suicide-Related Calls)

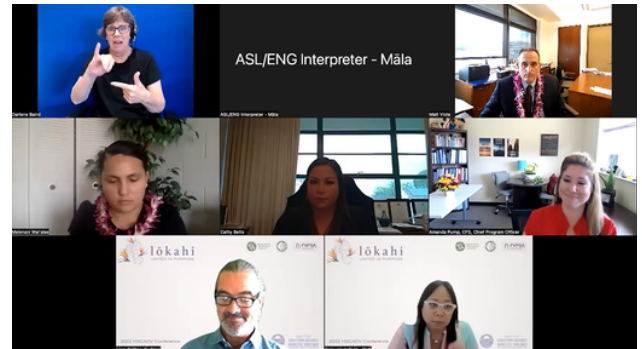
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## STAR ADVOCATE

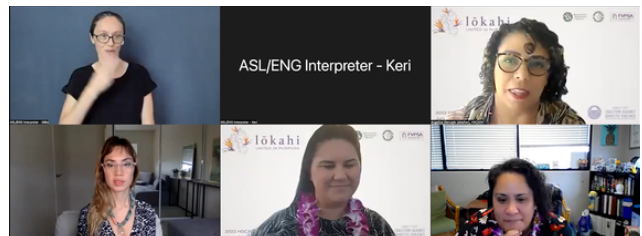


**Wendy Botelho-Cortez**

The Star Advocate award was given to Wendy Botelho-Cortez, the CEO of the Island of Hawai'i YMCA. Wendy was nominated by her colleagues for her survivor-centered approach in the YMCA's programming. As a local of Hawai'i Island, she also recognizes the difficulty survivors face in seeking services in rural areas. Congratulations, Wendy, on being this year's Star Advocate!



Pictured: ASL interpreters, Judge Viola, Melenani Wai'ala, Cathy Betts, Amanda Pump, Liam Skilling, Daisy Lynn Hartsfield (Courageous Conversation)



Pictured: ASL interpreters, Angelina Mercado, Khara Jabola-Carolus, Dr. Kealoha Fox, Sanoe Ka'aihue (The Future of the Gender-Based Violence Movement in Hawai'i)



Pictured: ASL interpreters, Dr. Meghna Bhat (Telling Our Own Story)

## MAHALO

Mahalo to the following organizations and individuals for their support in making the 2022 HSCADV Conference happen.

### Supporters



### Funders





# FEDERAL POLICIES



## PRESIDENT'S FY 2023 BUDGET

The President's FY23 budget includes great investments in domestic violence-related programs.

### **Family Violence Prevention and Services Act (FVPSA) and related Health and Human Services (HHS) programs**

- \$492 million for the FVPSA program, including \$250 million for direct cash assistance and \$30 million for a new Safe Recovery Together demonstration program (evaluating services for survivors at the intersection of housing instability, substance use coercion, and child welfare);
- \$27 million for the National Domestic Violence Hotline, which is a \$12 million increase over FY22;
- \$10.5 million for DELTA prevention program; and
- \$101.75 million for the Rape Prevention and Education program

### **Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) – Reauthorized**

Proposes \$1 billion for VAWA programs and supports substantial increases for key VAWA programs, including legal assistance for victims (\$100 million), transitional housing (\$100 million), sexual assault services (\$100 million), and culturally specific services (\$35 million). It also provides resources for new programs to support transgender survivors, build community-based organizational capacity, combat online harassment, and abuse, address emerging issues in gender-based violence and creates an initiative to provide direct cash assistance to victims.

### **Victims of Crime Act (VOCA)**

The President's budget proposes \$1.75 billion for VOCA appropriations and proposes ceasing the practice of transferring VOCA funds to pay for VAWA (for the last several years appropriations bills have transferred VOCA funds to pay for VAWA).

### **DV/SA Bonus and other housing funds**

The President's budget continues the \$52 million DV/SA Bonus set aside in Continuum of Care (CoC) funds at the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). Additionally, the budget proposes \$1.5 billion in incremental vouchers and indicates that the HUD secretary may include terms and conditions to ensure that public housing agencies provide vouchers for use by survivors.

# SAFE CONNECTIONS ACT



## SAFE CONNECTIONS ACT MOVES TO PRESIDENT'S DESK

On November 17, 2022, the U.S. Senate passed the [Safe Connections Act](#), a bill aimed at helping survivors cut ties with their abusers. Co-authored by U.S. Senator to Hawai'i, Brian Schatz, and supported by HSCADV, the Act allows survivors to separate from shared wireless service plans, which can be exploited to monitor, stalk, or control victims. Modeled after Hawai'i's law, the Safe Connections Act allows survivors nationwide to separate from a joint mobile plan.

"Giving domestic violence abusers control over their victims' cell phones is a terrifying reality for many survivors. Right now there is no easy way out for these victims – they're trapped in by contracts and hefty fees. Our bill, which is now set to become law, will help survivors get out of these shared plans and help victims stay connected with their families and support networks," said Senator Schatz.

Victims and survivors of domestic violence, dating violence, stalking, sexual assault, and human trafficking often face financial instability and limited access to safe and secure communication with loved ones and support services. To combat these challenges, the bill allows the following:

- Allows survivors to separate a cell phone line from any shared plan involving an abuser without penalties or other requirements. This also includes lines of any dependents in their care;
- Requires the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) to initiate a rulemaking proceeding to seek comment on how to help survivors who separate from a shared plan enroll in the Lifeline Program for up to six months as they become financially stable; and
- Requires the FCC to establish rules that would ensure any calls or texts to hotlines do not appear on call logs.

In addition to HSCADV, this bill is also supported by Access Now, the Clinic to End Tech Abuse at Cornell University, the International Justice Mission, the National Domestic Violence Hotline, Public Knowledge, RAINN, StrongHearts Helpline, Legal Momentum - the Women's Legal Defense and Education Fund, the National Network to End Domestic Violence, the Electronic Privacy Information Center, the Domestic Violence Action Center, the Center for Democracy and Technology, and Polaris.

The Act now moves forward to the desk of President Joe Biden where it is expected to be signed into law.