



# HAWAI'I STATE COALITION AGAINST DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

## SPRING 2022 NEWSLETTER



### MESSAGE FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Earlier this Spring we shared the strategic priorities for the coalition for 2022-2026. After many years of operating without a strategic direction, it feels good to finally have a pathway for the gender-based violence movement in Hawai'i. While the development of the strategic priorities was an incredible accomplishment of collaboration, I am most proud of the new vision, mission, and principles of unity for the coalition. Over time, the priorities will shift, but the vision, mission, and principles of unity will keep us grounded in our purpose.

In the time since we shared the strategic priorities, we learned of the likely overturn of *Roe v. Wade* threatening abortion access for survivors of domestic violence, we watched in horror of the news coverage of gun violence in Buffalo, NY and Uvalde, TX, and perhaps could only fathom skimming the headlines of the *Depp v. Heard* defamation trial, only to have our stomachs drop at the verdict and the impact on survivors of domestic violence. Our geographic isolation does not make us immune to the threat or impact of any of these events, and advocates here have already started to mobilize! The Hawai'i Commission on the Status of Women and the Hawai'i Women's Coalition asked our local legislators to sign a formal pledge to protect and strengthen abortion access. The pledge is signed by Gov. David Ige, Lt. Gov. Josh Green, 72% of senators, and 53% of representatives. The O'ahu Firearms Council, a coordinated community response led by HSCADV, is working in collaboration with National Center on Protection Orders and Full Faith & Credit, and the Giffords Law Center to Prevent Gun Violence to improve firearm retrieval when serving domestic violence protection orders.

Finally, I share with you the principles of unity and invite you to adopt them to advance the gender-based violence movement in Hawai'i.

- The Hawai'i State Coalition Against Domestic Violence affirms the right of each person to live without fear or the threat of violence.
- We strive to unify communities on all islands in the movement to end gender-based violence.
- We value and recognize that true collaboration means that every party at the table has a voice.
- We oppose the use of violence as a means of control in relationships and will not mirror, replicate nor inflict trauma in collaboration with organizations and in engagement with communities.
- We recognize that oppression in the form of racism, sexism, misogyny, classism, anti-Semitism, Islamophobia, ageism, imperialism, heterosexism, ableism, and xenophobia, creates a climate of supremacy, which enables and perpetuates domestic and sexual violence.
- We believe that all women have the right to autonomy and self-determination regarding all sexual and reproductive matters, lifestyles, finances, education, and employment. We encourage the leadership of women in making policy and program decisions.

Yours in service,



# COALITION UPDATES

## PUBLIC POLICY INTERNS

This Spring we welcomed two Public Policy interns who helped track over 40 bills and draft testimony throughout the 2022 legislative session. They also developed technical assistance guides for domestic violence programs.



### Camryn Toner

Camryn Toner was born and raised in Connecticut and moved to O'ahu two years ago when she married her husband and best friend. She is in the Bachelors of Social Work program at the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa. After she graduates, she hopes to obtain a Master's degree in Social Work and focus on women's rights and health issues at the macro level. Camryn loves to go to the beach, swim, snorkel and hike in her free time.

### David Rosario

David Rosario is a Master of Social Work student at Hawai'i Pacific University. While at HSCADV, he tracked bills of interest as they cycled through the state legislation.



## NEW COALITION MEMBER!

Our newest member, Family Promise of Hawai'i, helps homeless and low-income families find housing by utilizing community resources and support.

## NEW TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE BULLETIN



HSCADV released a new technical assistance bulletin: How to Respond to Disclosures of Domestic Violence.

Domestic violence is a public health crisis and chances are that you have met someone who has experienced or is currently experiencing abuse from an intimate partner. Whether it's your friend, colleague, or family member, there are ways you can support and guide them to safety.

This guide highlights the DOs and DON'Ts in situations where someone discloses they are a survivor of domestic violence. Please share with friends and family and discuss what you can do to support loved ones in abusive relationships. Read it [here](#).

# COALITION UPDATES CONT.

## 2022 - 2026 STRATEGIC PRIORITIES RELEASED

This spring, we released the 2022 - 2026 HSCADV Strategic Priorities. We're grateful to the many individuals and organizations who participated in the planning process to shape our priorities for the next few years. Read the priorities [here](#).

2022 - 2026  
**STRATEGIC  
PRIORITIES**

U.S. Department of Justice

**OVW**

Office on Violence Against Women

Working Together to End the Violence

**JUSTICE FOR FAMILIES GRANT TRAINING PROJECTS**

### ***Child Welfare Services***

HSCADV is collaborating with Cathy Cave, Heather Phillips, and Victoria Wynecoop-Abrahamson at the National Center on Domestic Violence, Trauma, and Mental Health and Andrea Dias-Machado of Huliau Aloha, who is a Native Hawaiian cultural consultant based on O'ahu, to develop a training curriculum for domestic violence advocates and Child Welfare Services (CWS) staff in Hawai'i. This is a virtual training series for both DV advocates and CWS staff in each county and will focus on the intersection of domestic violence and the child welfare system. The sessions will be in August 2022.

### ***Stalking***

We're collaborating with Rebecca Dreke, a national stalking and curriculum development consultant, to create a series of online training modules on stalking dynamics for advocates, prosecutors, law enforcement, and judges. The asynchronous online training will be available on-demand, to kick off Stalking Awareness Month in January 2023.

### ***Language Access in Courts***

As a sub-recipient of the Justice for Families grant, our partners at the Hawai'i State Judiciary's Office of Equal Access to the Courts (OEAC) are working to ensure trauma-informed court interpreters are available in the state. Chuukese, Marshallese, and Ilokano have been identified as high-demand interpretation needs in Hawai'i courts, though no training program is available for interpreters in these languages. OEAC is meeting this need by developing training with the partnership of Holly Mikkelsen, a certified court interpreter, professor of translation and interpretation at Middlebury Institute of International Studies at Monterey, and founder of ACEBO, a nationally-recognized training curriculum for court interpreter professional development.

# 2022 HSCADV CONFERENCE



**lōkahi**  
UNITED IN PURPOSE

2022 HSCADV Conference | June 14-16, 2022



HSCADV's 19th Annual Conference will take place virtually from **June 14 – 16, 2022**. This year's theme **Lōkahi: United in Purpose** was developed by a committee of member program staff. *Lōkahi* means unity, oneness, and harmony and reflects the conference's goal of bringing advocates and community partners together to build the health and strength of the gender-based violence movement in Hawai'i. (Registration is now closed.)

## TUESDAY, JUNE 14

**Keynote** by Beckie Masaki

**Burn it to the Ground: Moving Beyond Burnout** with Victoria "Tori" Wynecoop-Abrahamson (National Center on Domestic Violence, Trauma & Mental Health)

**Preventing Institutional Betrayal: Creating a Culture of Safety & Integrity for Advocates** with Dr. Faith Joyner

**E Ho'i i ke Ola Pono** with Dr. Dayna Schultz and Dolly M.I. Tatofi (Pouhana 'O Nā Wahine)

## WEDNESDAY, JUNE 15

**Financial Stability Resources for Survivors of Domestic Violence** with Dr. Marie Vorsino and Celene Roberts (Parents and Children Together)

**Navigating Crisis and Suicide-Related Calls** with Verónica Quiñónez

**Practical Tools for Lifting Up Survivor Voices (Rather than Replacing Them)** with Alicia L. Aiken (Danu Center for Strategic Advocacy)

**Courageous Conversation Series: 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?** with Judge Matthew Viola, Cathy Betts (Department of Human Services [DHS]), Daisy Lynn Hartsfield (DHS), Melenani Wai'alae, moderated by Liam Skilling (University of Hawai'i at Mānoa)

## THURSDAY, JUNE 16

**Roundtable: The Future of the Gender-Based Violence Movement in Hawai'i** with Sanoe Ka'aihue (Women Helping Women), Dr. Kealoha Fox, & Khara Jabola-Carolus (Hawai'i State Commission on the Status of Women), moderated by Angelina Mercado (HSCADV)

**Telling Our Own Story: Power of Storytelling for Survivor Healing and Culture Change** with Dr. Meghna Bhat



# 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.