



Guam Coalition Against Sexual Assault & Family Violence

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Join the Guam Coalition Against Sexual Assault and Family Violence
at the
kNOw MORE Training on Abuse Across the Lifespan
Series I: Abuse in Later Life

Training to be held on October 25 - 26, 2017 at Pacific Star in the Chamorro Ballroom from 8am to 4pm.

Follow this link to register: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/kNOwMORE-ALL>

Registration is free.

The kNOw MORE Training on Abuse Across the Lifespan is made possible from the Enhanced Training and Services to End Abuse in Later Life Program through the Office on Violence Against Women – US Department of Justice and Guam Department of Public Health and Social Services, Bureau of Adult Protective Services.

Guam's annual report in Fiscal Years 2013 and 2014 of the Bureau of Adult Protective Services (BAPS), with the Department of Public Health and Social Services Division of Senior Citizens in Fiscal Years 2013 and 2014, financial/property exploitation ranked second highest in all types of abuse investigated by the BAPS with 71 referrals received for both years. In 2015, there were 62 referrals received for financial/property exploitation which ranked as highest in all types of abuse reported.

From October 2009 through September 2015, BAPS and Catholic Social Services investigated over 1,514 referrals for abuse, neglect and exploitation of Guam's elderly and adults with disabilities. Also during this period, BAPS and CSS, served 59 clients in its emergency shelter program.

Guam Police Department received over 500 criminal sexual assault complaints since 2006. According to the Guam Police Department's Uniform Crime Report, in 2013, GPD received 106 reports of forcible rape that comes out to a rate of 64.2 reported rapes per 100,000 people.

To address these rates, the Coalition encourages the attendance of law enforcement officers, victim service providers, victim advocates, social workers, counselors, administrators, and community members, especially those who respond to the needs of sexual assault and domestic violence victims who are 50 years and older.

The training will focus on addressing the needs of domestic violence and sexual assault victims and survivors, particularly those who are 50 years and older. It will also emphasize the need for a coordinated community response to elder abuse, services and resources available on island, Guam's laws on sexual assault, domestic violence, and stalking, intimate partner violence and strangulation, responding to sexual assault, and safety technology.

The featured speakers are Bonnie Brandl and Taunuu Vee from the National Clearinghouse on Abuse in Later Life (NCALL). Bonnie Brandl is the founder and Director of NCALL, a project of End Domestic Abuse Wisconsin (End Abuse). Brandl is a recognized national leader within the elder abuse field and violence against women movement.