

## **GUAM COALITION AGAINST SEXUAL ASSAULT & FAMILY VIOLENCE**

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# GCASAFV's 2018 kNOw MORE Training on Abuse Across the Lifespan Series 3: Addressing Sexual Assault & Prevention Training Announcement

To be held Tuesday, January 23, 2018 at Hilton Guam Resort from 8:00am-3:30pm

The Guam Coalition Against Sexual Assault and Family Violence (GCASAFV) in conjunction with the Department of Public Health and Social Services and Guam Office of Minority Health will hold a training addressing sexual assault and prevention.

Sexual assault and sexual harassment cases have made headlines both abroad and on Guam. Based on local statistics, the Healing Hearts Crisis Center, Guam's only rape crisis center, served 137 victims in 2015 - 122 females and 15 males of the victims, 77% were minors. The Healing Hearts Crisis Center served a total 903 victims of sexual assault from 2008 to 2015.

Everyone is invited to participate—the target audiences are Coalition members, community partners, faith-based community, and non-profit organizations. Topics will focus on raising long-term, effective awareness, and advocacy in the community on sexual assault and prevention, engaging the community in addressing sexual assault along with reporting incidents, child body safety, and inappropriate behavior at school and workplace in regards to sexual harassment.

Featured speaker Stella Gallegos, LISW, is from the New Mexico Coalition Sexual Assault Program, Inc. and has served as its Director of Training since 1990. She has provided training on child sexual abuse and sexual harassment for many professionals, schools, community members, as well as many church employees and volunteers including priests and bishops.

Register online today at https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/SA-Prevention Deadline to register is January 15, 2018 and updates will be posted on GuamCoalition.org

If you have any questions about this event, please call (671) 479-2277, or email the Guam Coalition Against Sexual Assault & Family Violence at info@guamcoalition.org.

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#### **ABOUT GCASAFV:**

Established in 2006, the Guam Coalition Against Sexual Assault & Family Violence (GCASAFV) is a tax-exempt, 501(c)(3) non-profit organization that aims to address sexual assault and family violence on Guam with one united voice. GCASAFV's mission is to identify and address the community needs and access to services for victims of sexual assault and family violence by raising community awareness and building the island's capacity through education, outreach and training. Membership is comprised of service providers, government allies, and community partners. To learn more about GCASAFV, visit www.GuamCoalition.org; for a listing of island resources, visit www.PacificRegionResources.org

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### **Bio: STELLA GALLEGOS, LISW**

Stella Gallegos has worked in the field of sexual assault for 39 years and is a licensed independent social worker. She is currently the director of training for the New Mexico Coalition of Sexual Assault Programs.

Stella Gallegos served as a private Consultant/Trainer for the Catholic Archdiocese of Santa Fe from 1989–1993 and the Catholic Diocese of Las Cruces from 1989 – 2010. As a Consultant/Trainer along with the New Mexico Coalition of Sexual Assault Programs, she provided Sexual Abuse trainings to all the clergy in the Archdiocese, paid employees, volunteers, parishes, and schools. She has provided mandatory training on child sexual abuse and sexual harassment for all Bishops and priests, employees and volunteers, CCD and CYO students of the Catholic Archdiocese of Santa Fe, Catholic Diocese of Las Cruces, and Catholic Diocese of Gallup. As a Consultant, she assisted the Archdiocese in making sure treatment was available to the survivors of Sexual Abuse/Sexual Assault and their families, the person reporting the incident and the alleged perpetrator. She also provided child sexual abuse training to staff and volunteers of the Episcopal Diocese of the Rio Grande and the United Methodist Church.

Stella specializes in providing leadership, training, and program development in rural, native, and Mexican border communities. She provides information, referrals, and resource materials (in English and Spanish) to schools, mental health centers, government agencies, and community groups.

Stella has provided assistance and training to child sexual abuse survivors and professionals in India, Ireland, and Mexico. She has also volunteered at Ciudad Juarez, Chihuahua where she provided training on child sexual abuse from 2002-2003. She returned in 2007 to present in a Border Conference on dating violence. Ms. Gallegos has made multiple trips to Belfast, Ireland to provide training on spiritual and ritual healing, communication and healthy sexuality.

Stella was a Sex Crimes Consultant/Clinician in Madras, Thiruninravur and Bapatla, India, where she provided extensive work at children orphanages. This was originally supposed to be a two week trip but became three months due to the rate of abuse. Cultural mores and values were included in all policy, trainings, interviews, and prevention dramas. She also volunteered with Mother Teresa in Calcutta, India where she did all the responsibilities at a home for death and dying, orphanages, homes for the mentally ill; aided in providing care to patients in the hospital; assisted with evaluating and providing medications at a dispensary; and observed and received training at a leprosy village.