



Guam Coalition Against Sexual Assault & Family Violence (GCASAFV)

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June 2018

GCASAFV News:

Guam Celebrates National Asian & Pacific Islander HIV/AIDS Awareness Day and Asian & Pacific American Heritage Month

May 19 was National Asian and Pacific Islander (NAPI) HIV/AIDS Awareness Day! GCASAFV and GALA dedicated the entire weekend to raising awareness about HIV/AIDS among Asians and Pacific Islanders on Guam. This year's theme was, *"Love and Solidarity: Together PrEP, Testing and Treatment can end HIV"*. GCASAFV, GALA,



and other island agencies and organizations kicked off the weekend with a wave. Free and confidential onsite testing for HIV/AIDS were provided at all of the events by the Department of Public Health and Social Services STD/HIV Program.

On May 20, as a continuation of the celebration of Asian Pacific Islander Heritage Month, GCASAFV, GALA, and organizations and agencies gathered at Agana

Shopping Center for the NAPI HIV/AIDS Awareness Outreach. Thank you to all who showed us support and joined us!

LGBTQ Pride Month

Ten years ago during Pride Month, Franklin Sablan and a few other LGBTQ advocates founded GALA. They envisioned an organization that would provide social and health programs to LGBTQ youth, adults and families. GALA has expanded their operations, addressing social and health issues that impact the island's LGBTQ community through evidence-based prevention programs.

Join GALA, their board of directors and volunteers as they commemorate the founding of their organization! Mass will be held on June 24, 2018 at 6:00 pm at St. John the Divine Episcopal Church in Upper Tumon!



ANNOUNCEMENTS

To include announcements and events in our newsletters, email us at info@guamcoalition.org

ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM GCASAFV, MEMBERS, AND PARTNERS

Summer Power Camp 2018

GALA

June 4 – 22, 2018

9:00 am – 12:00 pm

Pagachao Community Center,
Agat, Guam

Summer Power Camp 2018

GALA

July 2 – 20, 2018

8:00 am – 12:00 pm

Ironwood Heights
Tamuning, Guam

Pacific Judicial Council 2018: Enhancing Judicial Skills in Elder Abuse Cases Workshop

Pacific Judicial
Council

June 6, 2018

Hilton Guam

Resort and Spa,
Tumon, Guam

IHOM's 8th Health Fair Immaculate Heart Of Mary (IHOM)

June 9, 2018

4pm – 7pm

Immaculate
Heart of Mary
Catholic Church
Toto, Guam





ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM GCASAFV, MEMBERS, AND PARTNERS

Open House *Sanctuary, Inc.*

June 11, 2018
1:00 pm – 4:00 pm
Sanctuary, Inc.,
Chalan Pago
Guam

GALA'S 10th Year Anniversary Mass GALA

June 24, 2018
6:00 pm
St. John's Episcopal Church,
Upper Tumon
Guam

GALA'S 10th Year Anniversary Reception GALA

June 24, 2018
7:00 pm
St. John's Episcopal Church,
Social Hall,
Upper Tumon
Guam

6th Annual Tech Summit *National Network to End Domestic Violence's Safety Net Project*

July 30 – August 1, 2018
San Francisco, CA

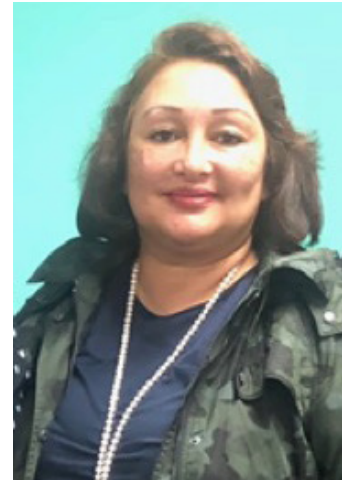
23rd International Summit on Violence, Abuse and Trauma

*Institute on Violence,
Abuse and Trauma*
September 5 – 9, 2018
San Diego, CA

Introduction to Sanctuary Incorporated of Guam

By Theresa C. Arriola

Sanctuary Incorporated of Guam, (Sanctuary), was created 46 years ago by Father Robert Phelps and Luis Martinez to provide a safe haven for at-risk youth seeking refuge from any and all atrocities encountered in their lives, to include sexual assault and domestic violence. Sanctuary is the first of two non-profit organizations in this region to be Commission on Accreditation of Rehabilitative Facilities (CARF) accredited, since 2008; CARF is an Accreditation body that celebrates over 50 years in ensuring the highest quality services are delivered. In 2017, Sanctuary was awarded the maximum Three Year Accreditation which will expire in 2020, marking Sanctuary's 4th successful Accreditation survey. Under the conviction that every child deserves to grow up in a safe, stable, and loving environment, Sanctuary continues to provide critical services to youth and their families, which include:



Theresa C. Arriola is the Executive Director of Sanctuary Incorporated of Guam and is the Board Chair of GCASAFV.

1) Crisis Intervention: 24 hour accessibility to assist youth and families experiencing conflicts, including but not limited to counseling via 24 hour hotline (475-7100), face-to-face emergency interventions, referral and intake, and providing information/referrals to agencies in the community that provide services for youth and families.

2) COED Emergency Shelter: Residential care up to 30 days for youth ages 12-18 that are unable to stay at home during their time of crisis (i.e. homeless, neglect, physical & sexual abuse, etc.); transportation to school, and/or service appointments; and all basic needs provided to the youth including food and amenities.

3) Casework & Counseling: Individual supportive counseling and family counseling offered to youth and families.

4) Transitional Living Shelter: An 18-month program offered to youth between 16-24 years of age, where residents share a home while they learn life skills that will assist them in their transition into independent living situations (i.e. graduation, employment, and permanent stable housing).

5) Sagan Na'Hamlo Para I Manhoben (Place of Healing): The only drug and alcohol residential treatment facility for youth between 12-18 years of age in the region. This 6 month program is designed to involve the youth as active participants in their treatment and recovery.

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WEBINARS

Celebrating 2018 World Elder Abuse Awareness Day Webinar

<https://ta2ta.org/webinars/registration/celebrating-2018-world-elder-abuse-awareness-day.html>

National Clearinghouse on Abuse in Later Life

June 8, 2018
4:00 am ChST

(Sanctuary Continued)

6) Drug and Alcohol Outpatient Services: Provided to youth currently abusing drugs and/or alcohol; participants learn about drug and alcohol abuse and dependence through education, discovery, outpatient treatment, and aftercare services. This is designed to give participants the knowledge, structure, and support to evaluate the significance of their drug/alcohol use, move them to a place of abstinence, and provide a supportive environment for sustained recovery.

7) Various Support Services: Parenting Support and Parenting Skills group teaches general parenting skills to help develop and maintain positive relationships within families; Tobacco Education/Cessation Group teaches the detrimental effects of tobacco and provides guidelines on how to effectively overcome addiction; Strengthening Families Program teaches evidence-based life skills designed for high-risk families; and Youth and Adult Anger Management Group which is designed to enable youth and adults to acquire new skills to help control anger.

June has been recognized as Non-Profit Organization Month; Payuta Inc., Guam's umbrella association of non-governmental organizations, celebrates its 10th year anniversary in June as well. Payuta works alongside local non-profit organizations in upgrading standards and services for the community, aims to promote and strengthen its member organizations' capacity and advocate for a progressive and sustainable community. As a charter member of Payuta, Sanctuary continues to take a leadership role in helping fellow organizations thrive; in observance of Non-profit Month, Payuta invites organizations to bring awareness to the community by showcasing their missions and programs within the month of June. Please join us at Sanctuary's Open House, from 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM on Monday, June 11, 2018.



WEBINARS

Extreme Risk Laws: An Overview

https://events-na1.adobeconnect.com/content/connect/c1/2361243497/en/events/event/private/2359510337/2424280655/event_registration.html?sco-id=2543012355& charset =utf-8

Battered Women's Justice Project

June 20, 2018

5:00 am – 6:30 am ChST

Part 1: When Victims of Battering are Charged with Crimes: Background and Overview

https://events-na1.adobeconnect.com/content/connect/c1/2361243497/en/events/event/shared/2379308805/event_registration.html?sco-id=2543273619& charset =utf-8

National Clearinghouse for the Defense of Battered Women

June 21, 2018

5:00 am – 6:30 am ChST

Part 2: When Victims of Battering are Charged with Crimes: Effective Advocacy Strategies

https://events-na1.adobeconnect.com/content/connect/c1/2361243497/en/events/event/shared/2379308805/event_registration.html?sco-id=2547467425& charset =utf-8

National Clearinghouse for the Defense of Battered Women

July 12, 2018

5:00 am – 6:30 am ChST

Part 3: When Victims of Battering are Charged with Crimes: Helping Victim Defendants Navigate Concurrent Protection Order Proceedings

https://events-na1.adobeconnect.com/content/connect/c1/2361243497/en/events/event/shared/2379308805/event_registration.html?sco-id=2547742885& charset =utf-8

National Clearinghouse for the Defense of Battered Women

July 25, 2018

5:00 am – 6:30 am ChST



GCASAFV News and Announcements!

GCASAFV's Annual Meeting

GCASAFV held their Annual Meeting on May 15 at their conference room. GCASAFV updates include the following:

GCASAFV Elects Board Members

At it's annual meeting, Nadine Cepeda, Grace Donaldson, Ansito Walter, and Sam Ilesugum were elected.



GCASAFV's officers and directors for 2018-2019 are:

Chair: Theresa Arriola

Vice Chair: Nadine Cepeda

Secretary: Grace Donaldson

Treasurer: Antoinette Bautista

Director-At Large: Mike Crisostomo

Ansito Walter

Sam Ilesugam



Thank you, Karen Carpenter and Tim Dela Cruz!

GCASAFV and their Board of Directors would like to express their appreciation to Karen Carpenter and Tim Dela Cruz for their service on GCASAFV's Board of Directors from 2016 to 2018.

Request for Scholarships

Member and partner organizations and agencies who are interested in attending the off-island trainings through the coalition, please fill out a "Request for Training Scholarship" form. Please note that the form must be submitted at least 30 days before each training, and the information submitted will be submitted to the funding agency for approval. Email info@guamcoalition.org to request a form.

Pacific Region Resources: Get Listed and Download Our App!

Pacific Region Resources is GCASAFV's online directory for community resources!

Visit 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.PacificRegionResource.org to get started. For more information or further assistance, contact info@guamcoalition.org.



WEBINARS

Framing the Issues: Looking at the Opioid Epidemic in the Context of Trauma and Domestic Violence

https://register.gotowebinar.com/register/5392012009430345729?utm_source=All+Subscribers&utm_campaign=9845638c57-EMAIL_CAMPAIGN_2017_03_10&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_347d47d8e9-9845638c57-132884909

National Indigenous Women's Resource Center

June 14, 2018, 5:00 am – 6:30 am ChST

Men Supporting #MeToo: Taking Action to the Next Level Webinar Series ~ Reflection on lessons learned and next steps (session 4 of 4)

<https://namen.menengage.org/COPSpring2018/>

North American MenEngage Network

June 15, 2018, 5:00 am – 6:30 am ChST

Pacific Partners Project Update

GCASAFV met with its Technical Advisory Group (TAG) representatives from the college campuses that participate in the Pacific Partners Project (PPP) on May 31, 2018 via Zoom. TAG members provided updates relevant to raising their campuses' awareness on sexual assault and progress on meeting PPP goals & objectives.

The GCASAFV team will be attending the 2018 National Sexual Assault Conference in Anaheim California on August 29-31. GCASAFV will present a workshop on the unique challenges and creative prevention approaches in addressing sexual assault on campuses in the Pacific and facilitate the critical conversation on the intersectionality of traditional and cultural practices, acculturation to Western practices, and analysis on data collected.



2018 National Sexual Assault Conference: Bold Moves: Ending Sexual Violence in One Generation

The California Coalition Against Sexual Assault will hold this year's National Sexual Assault Conference on August 29 – 31, 2018 in Anaheim, CA. This training will focus on information, practices, and content that will incorporate culturally appropriate programs and services to underserved communities to change the conditions that promote sexual violence. The tracks for this conference have been designed to support the overall goal of ending sexual violence.

For more information, contact GCASAFV at info@guamcoalition.org, or visit <http://www.calcasa.org/events/nsac/nsac2018/>.

6th Annual Tech Summit

The National Network to End Domestic Violence's Safety Net Project will hold this year's 6th Annual Tech Summit in San Francisco, CA from July 30 – August 1, 2018. This 3-day conference will cover the intersection of technology with domestic violence, sexual assault, stalking, and trafficking. This conference will be beneficial for advocates, law enforcement, and legal professionals who work with survivors of abuse.



For more information, contact GCASAFV at info@guamcoalition.org or visit <https://www.techsafety.org/technology-summit/>.

WEBINARS

Media and Marketing Environments to Prevent Sexual and Domestic Violence

<http://www.preventconnect.org/2017/12/announcing-the-2018-preventconnect-web-conference-series/>

PreventConnect

June 21, 2018, 4:00 am – 5:30 am ChST

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2018 National Sexual Assault Conference: Bold Moves: Ending Sexual Violence in One Generation

California Coalition Against Sexual Assault

August 29 – 31, 2018

Anaheim, CA



GCASAFV wore orange on June 1st in recognition of Gun Violence Awareness Day. The campaign started in 2013 with a 15 year-old who was shot and killed days after performing for the Obama administration's 2nd inaugural parade. Since then, every year on June 2nd, people are encouraged to wear orange in memory, support of, and to raise awareness about gun violence.

GCASAFV in the Community

The Guam Team At The Family Violence Prevention and Services Act (FVPSA) Meeting

GCASAFV's Cynthia Cabot and the Department of Public Health & Social Services – Bureau of Social Services Administration's Linda Rodriguez joined other organizations and agencies in attendance at the Family Violence Prevention and Services Program's 2018 State Administrators and State Coalitions Grantee Meeting in Miami on May 22-24. This meeting was a training, technical assistance, and peer mentoring activity focused on FVPSA administrative, programmatic, and regulatory issues.

June is...

National Men's Health Week and Men's Health Month

Fact: 1 in 6 men in the US faced unwanted or abusive sexual experiences before the age of 18. This year's "National Men's Health Week" is **June 11 – 17**. While this week is to bring to everyone's attention, the importance of men to take care of their health, GCASAFV recognizes that there are male victims of sexual violence. Learn more here: www.1in6.org/



June is also Men's Health Month. We dedicate this month to sharing education and awareness about men's health issues around the world. GCASAFV encourages everyone to #ShowUsYourBlue by wearing blue for Men' Health.

WEBINARS

Assessing and Responding to Men who Pose High Risk to their Intimate Partners

https://events-na1.adobeconnect.com/content/connect/c1/2361243497/en/events/event/private/2359510337/2424280655/event_registration.html?sco-id=2550831802& charset =utf-8

Battered Women's Justice Project

June 14, 2018, 5:00 am – 6:30 am ChST

Cultural Responsiveness to Improve Domestic Violence Services Webinar Series ~ Working with Interpreters and Translators (part 4 of 4)

<https://ta2ta.org/webinars/registration/mylar-webinars.html>

Asian Pacific Institute on Gender-Based Violence

July 12, 2018, 3:00 am – 4:00 am ChST

National HIV Testing Day

Fact: 1 in 5 Asians and Pacific Islanders are living with HIV/AIDS, but do not know they have it. **National HIV Testing Day** is on **June 27**. Testing can be done throughout the year, but we take this time to encourage everyone to get tested!

Find out how you can get involved here:

<https://www.hiv.gov/events/awareness-days/hiv-testing-day>



World Elder Abuse Awareness Day

Fact: An estimated 5 million senior citizens are abused, neglected, or exploited. **World Elder Abuse Awareness Day** is on **June 15**. This year's theme, "Building Strong Support for Elders," serves as a call-to-action for individuals, organizations, and communities to raise awareness about elder abuse, neglect, and exploitation.

Learn more here:

<https://www.acl.gov/news-and-events/events-and-observances/world-elder-abuse-awareness-day>

PTSD Awareness Month

June is **PTSD (Post Traumatic Stress Disorder) Awareness Month**. While men and women both experience PTSD, women experience it ways that are different than men.

Follow the link to learn more:

<https://www.ptsd.va.gov/public/PTSD-overview/women/index.asp>



National Safety Month

GCASAFV acknowledges **National Safety Month**! It is important to practice safety all the time, and it is especially important to be prepared for emergencies!

Follow the link to learn more: <https://www.nsc.org/work-safety/get-involved/national-safety-month>

**Special Thanks to Brother Ron Pangan
with Immaculate Heart of Mary Church
for helping us with this newsletter!**

WEBINARS

Financial Education Webinar Series ~ Creating and Sustaining Financial Well Being (part 3 of 6)

<https://register.gotowebinar.com/register/2236993079013974019>

(Register by June 25 ChST)

National Coalition Against Domestic Violence and National Endowment for Financial Education

June 28, 2018, 3:00 am – 4:30 am ChST

Cultural Responsiveness to Improve Domestic Violence Services Webinar Series ~ Language Access Planning (part 3 of 4)

<https://ta2ta.org/webinars/registration/mylar-webinars.html>

Asian Pacific Institute on Gender-Based Violence

June 14, 2018, 3:00 am – 4:00 am ChST

GCASAFV recognizes and appreciates those who have shown a token or two of random acts of kindness. This issue of our “kNOw MORE News” is dedicated to +Roselie Zabala.

Momentum is one of the most difficult things to maintain while championing worthwhile causes. Without it, progress often slows down and sometimes stops altogether. As an administrator for the Guam Department of Public Health and Social Services, Roselie Zabala understood this well. She very strongly supported the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) Sexual Violence Prevention and Education Program (SVPEP) and the many benefits it provided for Guam's people. Rose also believed deeply in the people who were vested community partners to overcome sexual violence.



Shortly after her 60th birthday, Rose was diagnosed with stage 4 breast cancer but she did not slow down. In fact, she was more fervent in her desire to make Guam a healthier place to live, worship, build communities and raise families. Despite numerous grueling chemotherapy treatments, Rose remained optimistic and kept things moving forward. Rose worked tirelessly from her hospital room, in constant communication around the clock with her staff and community partners. Her leadership by example reminds us all of the values realized with will and resolve to overcome adversity.

On May 29, 2018, Rose was called home, passing away peacefully in Manila surrounded by her family. Rose now joins her husband, Manny, in heaven. As a loving wife, mother, grandmother and sister of Guam, Rose has been deservedly recognized for her excellence, a 2018 recipient of the Guam National Association of Social Workers (NASW) Lifetime Achievement Award.

Rose now returns to her final resting place on Guam where she devoted her compassionate work to improve the quality of health for all people living on the island. Today, more than ever, her selfless momentum continues as an inspiration to us all.

Thank you, Roselie Zabala!

Since 2008, GCASAFV's conferences and trainings have been made possible with the help of +Mrs. Zabala.

We have accomplished much throughout our years as a coalition.

Thank you for helping us grow and make things happen!

Rest in Peace.

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