



Guam Coalition Against Sexual Assault & Family Violence

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Announcement: Project STAR Youth Leadership Summit

The Project Strengthening Teens Awareness and Resources (STAR) Youth Leadership Summit was made possible in part by the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) Rape Prevention and Education Program (RPE) and by the Guam Office of Minority health (GOMH).

The Guam Coalition Against Sexual Assault & Family Violence will hold their Project STAR Youth Leadership Summit on November 16, 2017.

LovelsRespect.org reported that 1 in 3 adolescents is a victim of physical, sexual, emotional, and verbal abuse from a dating partner. Additionally, 1 in 10 high school students has been intentionally hit, slapped, or hurt by a dating partner. Locally, Child Protective Services reported receiving 303 reports of sexual abuse in 2016. Guam reported that 40.9% of those who participated in the Center for Disease Control and Prevention's 2015 Youth Risk Behavioral Surveillance System Survey were sexually active.

This summit will provide students from Guam's northern, central, and southern public and private high schools with an understanding of the laws related to sexual assault and domestic violence. Students will also be trained on how to stay safe on social media with a technology safety portion, compare a healthy dating relationship to an abusive dating relationship through the *Safe Dates* curriculum, recognize and respond to sexually abusive behavior through the *[respect]* curriculum, and raise awareness about dating violence on campus through the *Speak.Act.Change.* curriculum. GCASAFV hopes to empower Guam's youth to become advocates for their communities, further building the island's capacity to prevent and respond to sexual violence.

Featured speakers are David Lee and Ashleigh Klein-Jimenez from the California Coalition Against Sexual Assault (CALCASA). David Lee is the Director of Prevention Services at CALCASA. Lee manages the online community that works on primary prevention of violence against women, PreventConnect. Ashleigh Klein-Jimenez is a Training and Technical Assistance



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Coordinator at CALCASA, and has worked in sexual violence prevention for over a decade. Klein-Jimenez led the launch of PreventConnect Campus 2016.

The Project STAR Youth Leadership Summit will be held at the Westin Resort Guam on November 16, 2017 from 8:30 am – 4:00 pm. For more information, call the GCASAFV office at 479-2277 or send an email to info@guamcoalition.org.

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