



KNOW MORE NEWS

April 2021

THANK YOU ALL FOR JOINING US AT THIS YEAR'S Proclamation Signing/Legislative Resolution!

April marks key events -- **Sexual Assault Awareness Month (SAAM), Child Abuse Prevention Month (CAPM), Youth Month, and National Crime Victims' Rights Week (NCVRW).**



Proclamation by our key military partners led by Joint Region Marianas. Speaker Therese Terlaje and her youth counterpart also presented the Legislative Resolution making this important event!

We extend our thanks and appreciation to all our partners who virtually joined us weekly the past two months to plan and coordinate the key April events: Archdiocese of Agana; AOA-Saint Anthony Catholic Church; Department of Public Health and Social Services – Bureau of Social Services Administration; Catholic Social Service – Alee Shelter; Department of Youth Affairs; Erica's House; Governor's Community Outreach – Federal Programs Office; Guam Behavioral Health & Wellness Center – Healing Hearts Crisis Center; Guam

The month's events were launched with the Virtual Signing of Proclamations and Presentation of Legislative Resolution on April 1, 2021. Governor Lou Leon Guerrero, Lt. Governor Josh Tenorio, and their youth counterparts presented and signed the Proclamation followed by the signing of the

Community College; Guam Legal Services Corporation – Disability Law Center; Guam Police Department – Domestic Assault Response Team; Guam Youth Congress; Guam Public Defender Service Corporation; Guam Sexual Assault and Abuse Resource Center Association; Guma' Mami, Inc.; Manelu; Office of the Attorney General; Sanctuary, Inc.; Victim Advocates Reaching Out; WestCare Pacific Islands; Joint Region Marianas, our Military Partners, and all who participated in our meetings.



To include announcements & events in our newsletter, email us at info@guamcoalition.org

ANNOUNCEMENTS

April 2021 Happenings!

Stay tuned for more updates and information on our plans for the month via our website:

www.GuamCoalition.org!

GCASAFV webinars are updated every month on our website's calendar. Visit <https://www.GuamCoalition.org/calendar> for more details.

JOIN US! ANNUAL MEETING

WHERE: ZOOM
WHEN: APRIL 13, 2021
TIME: 11:00AM-12:00PM CHST

FOR MORE INFORMATION OR TO RECEIVE THE ZOOM LINK EMAIL: [INFO@GUAMCOALITION.ORG](mailto:info@guamcoalition.org)

The Guam Coalition Against Sexual Assault and Family Violence will be holding its Annual Meeting via Zoom on April 13, 2021 at 11:00am-12:00pm ChSt.

For more information, visit www.GuamCoalition.org,

GCASAFV'S UPCOMING CONFERENCES, TRAINING, & WEBINARS

2021 Guam Collaboration Project Roundtable: Reflecting on History & Culture to Address Violence in Our Communities Today

The Guam Coalition Against Sexual Assault and Family Violence held its **2021 Guam Collaboration Project Roundtable: Reflecting on History & Culture to Address Violence in Our Communities Today** on March 31, April 1, 7 & 8 via Zoom in collaboration with the Office on Trafficking in Persons, the Governor's Community Outreach - Federal Programs Office, and many who joined as panelists and attendees.



This Guam Collaboration Project aimed to reflect on history and culture in addressing violence in communities and to inform an environmental review on resources, gaps, and needs in violence prevention programming with local stakeholders and key federal partners.

Panelists included Attorney Julian Aguon, DPR Historian Toni 'Malia' Ramirez, and Dr. Juan Rapadas who shared their reflections on historical trauma, culture and values, and resiliency on Day 1, with Dr. Tricia

Lizama addressing culture and healing *through culturally responsive ways* on Day 2. Director Katherine Chon with the Office on Trafficking in Persons explained on Day 3 the initiative that culminated with this roundtable, and the US Ambassador to the Federated States of Micronesia Carmen Cantor followed with her opening remarks. Panelists representing the Navy's Fleet & Family Support Center, Naval Criminal Investigative Service, Administration on Native Americans, Office of Women's Health, The Child Welfare Capacity Building Collaborative Center for States, the Office for Victims of Crime Human Trafficking Capacity Building Center and the OJP Territories Financial Support Center shared resources and services their agencies provide. On Day 4, participants shared their perspectives on training, data, the intersection of culture and violence prevention and the role of partnerships. ***Dangkulu na si Yu'us ma'ase' to everyone for participating in this Roundtable.***

Save the Date: GCASAFV's 2021 kNow MORE Training

Save the Date for GCASAFV's 2021 kNow MORE Training: Identifying and Response to Human Trafficking in Multidisciplinary Settings (Part 1) on April 15, 2021 and May 19 & 20, 2021 from 9:00 AM to 11:30 AM (ChST).

This webinar will examine how to best identify and respond to human trafficking in multidisciplinary settings and will also focus on increasing the understanding of those serving Indigenous populations on issues of human trafficking and its impact on Pacific Islander and Native Hawaiian communities.

Following completion of this training, participants will be able to 1) *describe human trafficking and understand factors that contribute to trafficking of Indigenous populations*; 2) *identify key differences between human trafficking and domestic violence/ sexual assault*; 3) *identify,*

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Time : 9:00 AM - 11:30 AM ChST

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screen for, and assess the needs of individuals who are at risk of trafficking or who may have experienced trafficking, and coordinate services in a multidisciplinary network of providers; 4) recognize the signs of trauma exposure that individuals who have experienced trafficking may present; 5) identify basic trauma-informed interventions; 6) apply a trauma-informed approach to working with individuals who have experienced trafficking; and 7) describe methods for honoring cultural practices while providing support to individuals who have experienced trafficking.

Key presenters include **Kaleilani Grant** and **Alani Bankhead** from the **National Human Trafficking & Technical Assistance Center**. Visit www.GuamCoalition.org for more updates!

To register, visit <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/HTWeb2021>.

We look forward to seeing you at our next webinars!

April 2021 is the Official 20th Anniversary of Sexual Assault Awareness Month

April 2021

Sexual Assault Awareness Month



We Can Build Safe Online Spaces

The SAAM theme this year is ***We Can Build Safe Online Spaces*** highlights the call to raise awareness on the occurrence of sexual harassment, assault, and abuse in various settings and online platforms. As we continue to connect online during the pandemic, we can practice digital consent, intercept harmful content or behaviors, and promote respectful and safe online spaces in workspaces, classrooms, and social media platforms.

Each year during the month of April, state, territory, tribal and community-based organizations, rape crisis centers, government agencies, businesses, campuses, and individuals plan events and activities to highlight sexual violence as a public health, human rights, and social justice issue. Together, communities and organizations may advocate awareness and prevention!

What is online sexual abuse?

According to the National Sexual Violence Resource Center, online sexual abuse can be any type of sexual harassment, exploitation, or abuse that occurs through screens. Forms of online sexual harassment or abuse may include the following:

- Sending someone hateful or unwelcome comments about sex
- Unwanted requests to partners or strangers to send nude photos or videos or livestream sexual acts
- Performing sexual acts on webcam without the consent of all parties involved or in inappropriate settings such as an online work meeting
- Sharing of private images or videos with the consent of all the parties involved, also known as revenge porn, which is illegal
- Sharing porn in spaces where all parties have not consented to view e.g. in Zoom meetings or other inappropriate places
- Grooming children to enable their sexual abuse either online or offline

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Join the Challenge! The National Sexual Violence Resource Center is connecting advocates, activists, survivors, and supporters in this year's Sexual Assault Awareness Month through the **#30DaysofSAAM Challenge**. Daily prompts encourage creative ways for advocates, survivors, and supporters to raise awareness, educate, and connect with others.

#30DaysofSAAM

Instagram Challenge • April 2021

Support Survivors Sunday	State the Facts Monday	Take Action Tuesday	Share Your Activism Wednesday	Get Crafty Thursday	Shout-Out Friday	Self-Care Saturday
<p>Join advocates, activists, survivors, and supporters who are getting involved in Sexual Assault Awareness Month this April on Instagram. Daily prompts encourage creative ways for you to raise awareness, educate, and connect with others.</p>				<p>1 Decorate Your Virtual Space Decorate your online space for SAAM, such as a social media profile, an online game, a zoom background, your physical workspace, or more.</p>	<p>2 SAAM Online Event Shout-Out SAAM events are happening online this year. Post details about one you're hosting or share a flashback photo from a previous SAAM event.</p> 	<p>3 Three Things I Use to Stay Grounded Share three items/supportive words/songs/activities that help you stay grounded. Present your three things as a collage, list, etc.</p>
<p>4 What to Say to Support Survivors Share a message of what to say when a survivor shares their story with you. For instance, <i>I Believe You</i>.</p>	<p>5 Statistics to Know Find a statistic on sexual violence and create your own graphic or find another way to highlight the statistic. Visit nsvrc.org/statistics for ideas.</p>	<p>6 SAAM Day of Action Wear teal — the color of sexual violence prevention — and share your selfie or create a photo collage with your friends, co-workers, teammates, etc.</p>	<p>7 Teal Ribbon in the Wild Place teal ribbon somewhere in nature or an unexpected place.</p> 	<p>8 Handwritten Words of Encouragement Share a SAAM haiku, quote, sidewalk chalk drawing, or inspirational message in your own writing or style.</p>	<p>9 Resource Shout-Out Help share information by giving one of your favorite resources for survivors a shout-out (this could be an organization, infographic, report, book, etc.).</p>	<p>10 Self-Care Snack Exchange Share self-care snack or recipe ideas. The more creative the presentation, the better.</p>
<p>11 Letter of Support Write a message of support for survivors of sexual assault. Consider phrases like <i>Support Survivors</i>, <i>Hope & Healing</i>, <i>Your Story Matters</i>.</p> 	<p>12 A Little Known Fact Share an important but often overlooked fact relating to sexual violence and create your own graphic or find another way to highlight the fact. Visit nsvrc.org/about-sexual-assault for ideas.</p>	<p>13 Using Protection (Mask Up) Show us how you keep yourself and others safe from COVID.</p> 	<p>14 Activism Then/Now Share side-by-side photos that show how COVID-19 has impacted the ways you reach people or engage with SAAM. For instance, contrasting a physical resource with a new online resource.</p>	<p>15 Doing My Part Thru Art Print and complete the SAAM coloring page, save it and color digitally, or create your own illustration for SAAM. Take an artistic shot of your finished product.</p>	<p>16 Online Community Shout-Out Share a place that you find community online — this could be a social media account you follow, message board, subreddit, or other online space. In the caption, share what it is about the community that creates a safe and respectful space.</p>	<p>17 How I Relax Snap a picture showing us your favorite way to reenergize — this might be curling up with a good book, doing a crossword, or exercising.</p>

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<p>18 Online Support Share ways we can support survivors virtually. Ideas may range from donating to local organizations to standing up to victim-blaming comments online.</p> 	<p>19 Terms to Know Explain a term that relates to sexual violence and create your own graphic or find another way to highlight the definition.</p>	<p>20 Shine a Light on Local Support Locate your local sexual assault resource center and share their website URL/hotline number by taking and sharing a screenshot. Or if you are a service provider, share your own contact info.</p>	<p>21 An Activist's Desk Give us a snapshot into some of the SAAM supplies, resources, or symbols in your world.</p> 	<p>22 Something You Made Share a photo of something you made (a resource, art piece, recipe, craft, or more) and explain how it relates to SAAM in the caption.</p>	<p>23 Cross-Promote Give yourself a shout-out by posting a screenshot where you're sharing SAAM content on another platform. Check out NSVRC's share graphics and gifs as ideas.</p>	<p>24 Symbolic Item Share an object that represents your commitment to ending sexual violence. Explain its significance in the caption.</p>
<p>25 Supportive Representation Tell us about a book, show, song, YouTube video, etc. that gives a good representation of survivors.</p>	<p>26 People to Know Shine a spotlight on someone who is speaking out in the movement to end sexual violence and create your own graphic or find another way to highlight them.</p>	<p>27 One Takeaway from SAAM 2021 Closeout SAAM by sharing something everyone can do to promote respectful online spaces in the coming year. Find a way to demonstrate, illustrate, or share this message in writing.</p>	<p>28 Denim Day: Wear Jeans with a Purpose Wear jeans to take a stand against victim-blaming in honor of Denim Day. Head over to denimdayinfo.org to learn more about the campaign.</p>	<p>29 Spell It Out: S-A-A-M Get creative and use objects (flowers, food, art supplies, etc.) to form the letters S-A-A-M and snap a photo.</p>	<p>30 You Did It! Gratefulness Shout-Out Give thanks to someone or something that helped to make your engagement in the #30DaysofSAAM possible this year.</p> 	

Experiencing trauma online

Trauma

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The National Sexual Violence Resource Center defines trauma as *an intense experience(s) that causes overwhelming emotional and psychological stress*. This can include an event such as an accident or experiences that threaten or harm your well-being. Individuals react to trauma in different ways immediately following the occurrence of trauma or in long term. An individual can experience feelings of guilt, shame, fear, anxiety, sadness, numbness, shock, withdrawal, or loneliness. They may also experience difficulty sleeping, nightmares, difficulty concentrating, or feelings of being easily startled.

Be Trauma-informed

When interacting in online communities, it is important to recognize that many of the people you may be interacting with have probably experienced some form of trauma. Therefore, it is crucial for an individual to be trauma-informed, which means taking into account a person's experience of trauma and their reactions to experiencing trauma.

When creating trauma-informed online spaces, individuals should give participants choices on how to engage and make clear if information will be shared outside the space as well as how it will be shared. Additionally, individuals may connect participants to resources if they need support.

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A Quick Look at The History of SAAM

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Sexual Assault Awareness Month has a rich history dating back to movements for social change and equality in the 1940s and 1950s. With shakers and movers like Rosa Parks, efforts to openly discuss issues relating to the realities of sexual assault and domestic violence were championed. Efforts to raise awareness and challenge societal norms continued throughout the 1970s, with the founding of the first rape crisis center in San Francisco in 1971. Decades later, the Violence Against Women Act of 1993 was implemented to support funding for victims and

survivors of sexual assault and domestic violence. The passing of the Violence Against Women Act of 1993 shed light on the need for national efforts to raise awareness on the occurrence and prevention of sexual violence. Before the observation of SAAM in 2001, advocates have held events, marches, and observances related to sexual violence in the month of April.

In 2000, the National Sexual Violence Resource Center and Resource Sharing Project polled sexual violence coalitions on a symbol, color, and month to recognize sexual assault awareness activities. The results of the poll indicated that coalitions preferred a teal ribbon for sexual assault awareness, also leading to the onset of SAAM. The teal ribbon has been recognized as the signature color for sexual assault awareness, and wearing the teal ribbon symbolizes support. The National Sexual Violence Resource Center coordinates the theme, slogan, and materials for SAAM each year with assistance from anti-sexual assault organizations throughout the United States.

For more information on Sexual Assault Awareness Month, you can visit www.nsvrc.org/saam.

Let's Wear Denim! On **April 28, 2021**, GCASAFV invites community partners and the island community to unite in solidarity to raise awareness on the harmful behaviors and attitudes surrounding sexual violence.

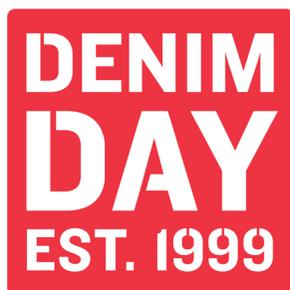
Over the past two decades, Peace Over Violence, a sexual and domestic violence, intimate partner stalking, child abuse, and youth violence prevention center has championed practicing solidarity and supporting victims by exposing harmful behaviors and attitudes related to sexual violence.



Denim Day is a campaign held on a Wednesday in April in honor of Sexual Assault Awareness Month. The campaign began following an Italian Supreme Court ruling in 1992. In this Supreme Court ruling, a rape conviction was overturned because the Court argued that the victim was wearing very tight jeans implying that she had to help the perpetrator remove them; this became known as the "jeans alibi". The women in the Italian Parliament launched a protest wearing jeans to the Supreme Court.

With increased international attention, Patti Occhiuzzo Gigans, Executive Director of Peace Over Violence, believed everyone should wear jeans to challenge the erroneous and destructive attitudes about sexual violence. Community members, elected officials, businesses, students, and those interested in raising awareness on harmful behaviors and attitudes surrounding sexual violence may unite in solidarity by wearing denim on this anniversary.

For more information, visit www.denimdayinfo.org/why-denim



#Digital Corner

21st Annual International Virtual Family Justice Center Conference

Hosted by Alliance for Hope International

April 20-22
Pre-conference April 19

Click here to register:
<https://web.cvent.com/event/853592ff-8be2-4d34-a00d-8c8c61816370/websitePage:045e3470-b2da-4671-a44d-9b89798e38fb>

18th Hawai'i International Virtual Summit on Preventing, Assessing, and Treating Trauma Across the Lifespan

Hosted by Institute on Violence Abuse and Trauma

April 27- May 01
from 4am -11am ChST

Click here to register:
<https://web.cvent.com/event/c13db9f6-ee6b-4619-86e3-78bd7ee0f579/summary>

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Healing Hearts Crisis Center Celebrates 28 Years of Services to the Community

2021 marks the 28th year since the Healing Hearts Crisis Center (HHCC) was established by public law in Guam. With the intent of the program to provide survivors of sexual assault with “discrete, immediate, and full medical attention,” Guam’s only rape crisis center is government-operated under the jurisdiction of Guam Behavioral Health and Wellness Center (GBHWC).



Based on local police reports of the number of rape/sexual assault cases the past few years, Guam continues to rank among the top 5 per capita in the nation. From 2015 to 2020, HHCC provided services to 642 individuals, with 72% being minors.

It is no doubt that, with the pandemic and stay-at-home measures in place for most of last year, this accounts for 2020 being one of the lowest years of referrals to HHCC.

With the incorporation of a holistic approach for survivors of sexual assault and abuse, HHCC offers a supportive, healing atmosphere with caring professionals to help survivors regain feelings of safety, control, trust, autonomy, and self-esteem. The HHCC team works together to ensure survivors receive the services they need to begin and sustain the healing process following sexual trauma. HHCC provides the following services: intake assessment and crisis intervention, forensic and multi-disciplinary team interviews, short-term case management, and linkage to other needed services, including individual and family therapy. Additionally, HHCC also provides forensic medical examinations which can include the collection of forensic evidence, and outreach and training to schools, service providers, and the broader island community. All HHCC services are 100% voluntary and free of charge; the team works with survivors and families to provide client-centered, trauma-informed care in which the needs and preferences of the client guide all services provided.

With the devastating occurrence of sexual assault and abuse, government, community-based, and faith-based organizations work collaboratively to provide survivors a streamlined process with the goal to minimize re-traumatization. Guam has many resources that work together to assist the most vulnerable in our community. Throughout 2020 when services migrated to virtual platforms, HHCC was supported by the Guam Behavioral Health and Wellness Center Crisis Hotline and engaged with other partners to ensure continued access to services.

Besides providing the care and support to survivors of sexual trauma and conducting training and outreach to the community, HHCC also provides the leadership for Guam’s Sexual Assault Response Team (SART) to facilitate a coordinated, efficient, and supportive response to survivors of sexual trauma. Although navigating the system of response to address the needs of survivors and family members may be challenging, the SART works together to ensure that survivors and family members are provided the appropriate guidance and support necessary to access the services they need.

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, HHCC is currently providing telehealth services with most intake assessments conducted over Zoom. Forensic interviews are currently being conducted in person by request from partnering agencies or families. Medical services continue to be in person as well, and acute medical care is accessible 24/7. The best number to call is (671) 647-5351; calls are forwarded to Guam Behavioral Health and Wellness Center’s Crisis Hotline after hours. Guam Behavioral Health and Wellness Center’s crisis hotline number is (671) 647-8833/647-8834.

Biba Healing Hearts for 28 years of service to Guam!

Guam Coalition Against Sexual Assault & Family Violence

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April is National Child Abuse Prevention Month!

The National Child Abuse Prevention Month recognizes the importance of communities working collaboratively to prevent child maltreatment. Although the National Child Abuse Prevention Month is recognized in April, it is encouraged that communities continue to raise awareness on the issue of child abuse and neglect throughout the year to support the well-being of families and children.

The Children's Bureau's theme for National Child Abuse Prevention Month this year is ***Thriving Children and Families: Prevention With a Purpose***.

Let's work together to raise awareness and prevent child abuse and neglect!

A Quick Look at the History of CAPM . . .

The Child Abuse and Prevention Treatment Act (CAPTA) was implemented in 1974 to increase public awareness of the need to ensure children's safety and welfare.

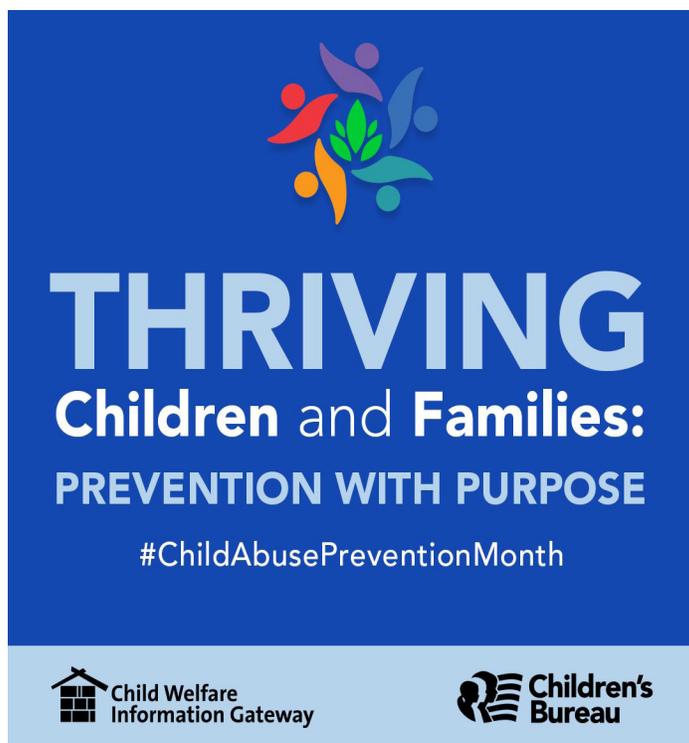
In 1982, the U.S. Senate and House of Representatives designated the first National Child Abuse Prevention Week from June 6 to June 12, 1982. The following year in 1983, April was proclaimed the National Child Abuse Prevention Month. And in 1989, the Blue-Ribbon campaign came into light following a Virginia grandmother's tribute to her grandson who died as a result of abuse. The grandmother tied a blue ribbon to the antenna of her car to remember him and raise awareness of the tragedy of child abuse.

Today, the Children's Bureau, Administration for Children and Families, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, is the federal agency that supports states, tribes, and communities in providing programs and services to protect children and strengthen families. Additionally, the Blue-Ribbon Campaign has shifted its focus to a more positive message, that is, to celebrate "blue ribbon" individuals, organizations, and communities who have taken part in the initiative to prevent child abuse and neglect.

In 2003, the Office of Child Abuse and Neglect initiated the National Child Abuse Prevention Initiative as a year-long effort. The expansion was to collaborate with the broader child abuse prevention community to raise awareness of the issue through tools, resources, activities, and public awareness events.

Today, the Child Abuse Prevention Initiative is an opportunity for various communities across the nation to keep children safe, provide support to families, and raise children and youth to be happy, secure, and stable adults.

For more information on Child Abuse Prevention Month, please visit www.childwelfare.gov/preventionmonth.



Community Champion: Department of Public Health and Social Services - Bureau of Social Services Administration (BOSSA) – Division of Public Welfare

One of the Department of Public Health & Social Services' key bureau is the **Bureau of Social Services Administration**, whose mission is to offer quality protective services to children and strengthen families. BOSSA administers various child welfare programs designed to protect children and strengthen families, with services provided that are funded and regulated primarily by the federal government and are applicable to local laws. BOSSA offers the following services: Child Protective Services Section, Family Services Section/Family Preservation Section, Home Evaluation & Placement Services Section, and Program Management Section.

The **Child Protective Services Section** includes the Intake Unit, the Crisis Intervention Unit, the Investigation Unit, and the Case Management Unit.

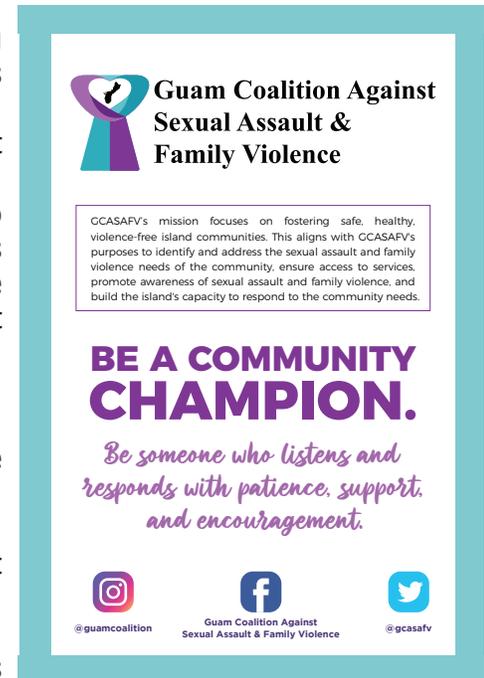
The **Family Services Section** comprises the Family Preservation Unit and the Support Services Unit.

The **Home Evaluation & Placement Services Section** comprises the Adoption & Home Study Services Unit, Licensing/Certification, Child Care Facilities & Family Foster Homes Unit, and Foster Care.

The **Program Management Section** is responsible for developing policies and procedures and monitoring and evaluating programs, coordination of staff training and development, and fiscal operations.

The **Administration Services Section** is responsible for maintaining case and administrative files, procuring supplies and materials, personnel management, and providing administration and clerical support.

For more information or to access BOSSA services, contact 475-2672/53.



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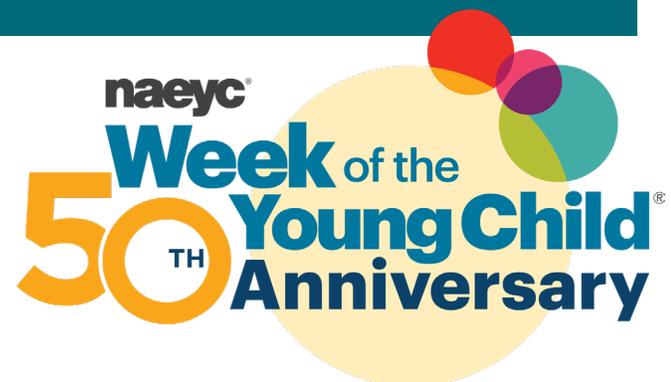
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Week of the Young Child, April 10-16, 2021!

The Week of the Young Child is an annual celebration sponsored by the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC), the world's largest early childhood education association. The Week of the Young Child is held to raise awareness of the needs of young children and their families; also, it is to recognize the early childhood programs and services that meet those needs.



The Week of the Young Child began in 1971, recognizing that the early childhood years set the foundation for a child's success in school and later life. The Week of the Young Child is a time for communities across the nation to plan for how we can better meet all young children and families' needs.

For more information, visit <https://www.naeyc.org/events/woyc>.



2021 YOUTH MONTH WE ARE IN THIS TOGETHER!

April is Youth Month! In light of Youth Month, the Department of Youth Affairs held its annual Oratorical Contest on March 29. For the past 20 years, DYA has organized the Oratorical Contest to provide teens a platform to speak about their views on environmental and community issues. This year's theme was "We Are in This Together," and youth contestants had the opportunity to share their experiences on how the COVID-19 pandemic affected their school and personal life.

This year's winning contestants were **Jin Chung** of *St. John's School* as **Youth Governor (high school winner)** and **EllaMarie Cepeda** of *St. Anthony Catholic School* as **Youth Lt. Governor (middle school winner)**, and they had the opportunity to participate in the virtual proclamation signing alongside **Governor Lou Leon Guerrero** and **Lt. Governor Joshua Tenorio** that declared the month of April as Youth month. Other winners included **Sophie Nochefranca** of *John F. Kennedy High School* as the **Youth Speaker**, **Zander Barcinas** of *St. Francis Catholic School* as the **Youth Vice Speaker**, **Sophia Torcelino** of *John F. Kennedy High School* as **Youth Senator**, and **Zaiah Chamberlain** of *St. Francis Catholic School* as **Youth DYA Director**.

GCASAFV extends its *congratulations* to this year's **Oratorical Contest Winners Jin Chung** of *St. John's School*, **EllaMarie Cepeda** of *St. Anthony Catholic School*, **Sophie Nochefranca** of *John F. Kennedy High School*, **Zander Barcinas** of *St. Francis Catholic School*, **Sophia Torcelino** of *John F. Kennedy High School*, and **Zaiah Chamberlain** of *St. Francis Catholic School*!

For more information, visit www.dya.guam.gov.

National Crime Victims' Rights Week, April 18-24, 2021!

This year, the National Crime Victims' Rights Week (NCVRW) will be observed from **April 18, 2021** to **April 24, 2021**. NCVRW has been regarded as a time to recognize all victims of crime, the achievements in victim services and allied professions, and commemorate those who have gone above and beyond their services to others. It is a time to remember crime victims and survivors! The Office for Victims of Crime leads communities throughout the United States in the annual observance of NCVRW.

The theme for this year is **Support Victims. Build Trust. Engage Communities**. This year's theme highlights the significance of increasing community support to help those who are victims of crime. The colors for this year's theme are pink, purple, and yellow.

For more information, visit ovc.ojp.gov/program/national-crime-victims-rights-week/overview.





Crime Victim Services and Referral Information

Direct Services for Victims of Crime

Childhelp National Child Abuse Hotline	www.childhelp.org/hotline	800-4-A-CHILD
Cyber Civil Rights Initiative (nonconsensual pornography)	www.cybercivilrights.org	844-878-2274
love is respect (dating abuse)	www.loveisrespect.org	866-331-9474, TTY 866-331-8453, online chat, text LOVEIS to 22522
Mothers Against Drunk Driving	www.madd.org	877-MADD-HELP
National Domestic Violence Hotline	www.thehotline.org	800-799-SAFE, TTY 800-787-3224 online chat, video phone
National Elder Fraud Hotline	stopelderfraud.ovc.ojp.gov	833-FRAUD-11
National Helpline for Men Who Were Sexually Abused or Assaulted	https://1in6.org/helpline	Online chat
National Human Trafficking Hotline	www.humantraffickinghotline.org	888-373-7888, text 233733, online chat
National Organization for Victim Assistance	www.trynova.org	800-TRY-NOVA
National Runaway Safeline	www.1800runaway.org	800-RUNAWAY, text 66008, online chat
National Suicide Prevention Lifeline	www.suicidepreventionlifeline.org	800-273-8255, TTY 800-799-4889, online chat
Parents Of Murdered Children, Inc.	www.pomc.org	888-818-POMC
Rape, Abuse & Incest National Network	www.rainn.org	800-656-HOPE, online chat
Safe Helpline	safehelpline.org	877-995-5247, online chat
StrongHearts Native Helpline	www.strongheartshelpline.org	844-7NATIVE
The Trevor Project	www.thetrevorproject.org	866-488-7386, online chat, text 678678
Veterans Crisis Line	www.veteranscrisisline.net	800-273-8255 x1, TTY 800-799-4889, online chat, text 838255

Information and Referrals for Victims of Crime

Battered Women's Justice Project Legal Helpline	www.bwjp.org/services/legal-advocacy-for-victims.html	800-903-0111 x1
Bureau of Indian Affairs, Indian Country Child Abuse Hotline	www.indianaffairs.gov	800-633-5155
Federal Trade Commission IdentityTheft.gov	www.identitytheft.gov	
Federal Trade Commission ReportFraud.gov	reportfraud.ftc.gov	
National Center for Missing & Exploited Children	www.missingkids.org	800-THE-LOST®
Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration Helpline	www.samhsa.gov/find-help/national-helpline	800-662-HELP, TTY 800-487-4889
Tribal Resource Tool	www.tribalresourcetool.org	
U.S. Department of Justice Elder Abuse Initiative	www.justice.gov/elderjustice/find-support-elder-abuse	
VictimConnect Resource Center	www.victimconnect.org	855-4-VICTIM

Training, Technical Assistance, and Other Services for Victim Service Providers

Child Welfare Information Gateway	www.childwelfare.gov	800-394-3366, online chat
National Adult Protective Services Association	www.napsa-now.org	202-370-6292
National Clearinghouse on Abuse in Later Life	www.ncall.us	608-255-0539 x213, TTY 608-255-3560
National Council on Juvenile and Family Court Judges	www.ncjfcj.org	775-507-4777
National Crime Prevention Council	www.ncpc.org	443-292-4565
National Resource Center on Domestic Violence	www.nrcdv.org	800-537-2238, TTY 800-553-2508
National Sexual Violence Resource Center	www.nsvrc.org	877-739-3895, TTY 717-909-0715
Office for Victims of Crime Resource Center		800-851-3420, TTY 301-240-6310, online chat
Office for Victims of Crime Training and Technical Assistance Center	www.ovcttac.gov	866-OVC-TTAC, TTY 866-682-8880, online chat
Resource Center on Domestic Violence: Child Protection and Custody	www.rcdvcpc.org	800-527-3223

SUPPORT VICTIMS. BUILD TRUST. ENGAGE COMMUNITIES.

APRIL EVENTS



GCASAFV and Community Partners will Stand Together Against Sexual Assault, Child Abuse, and to remember Crime Victims and Survivor.

Sexual Assault Awareness Month Zumba Classes

Zumba classes will be held at the Sinajana Community Center to promote Sexual Assault Awareness Month. Guma' Mami is coordinating these classes in conjunction with SAAM. Classes will be held every Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday from 6:00 PM to 7:00 PM for the whole month of April. Zumba classes are free, and temperature checks and COVID-19 tracking system will be in place. Masks are required before and after class. Classes will be held outside in the Sinajana basketball court. For more information, email jirrahc@guam.net.

April Prayer Service and Mass

As part of Child Sexual Abuse Prevention Month in April, churches in the Archdiocese of Agaña will celebrate Masses or hold prayer services to pray for victims/survivors of child abuse and to promote awareness and prevention of child abuse, please refer to parish bulletins/schedules for more details.

Additionally, the Archdiocese of Agana will be holding Novenas for Protection & Healing from Abuse in the parishes and schools from April 17 to April 25, 2021. On April 25, the Archdiocese of Agana will also hold mass in all parishes for Child Abuse Prevention Month; please check the parish mass schedules for more details.

Office of the Attorney General's Virtual Fitness Challenge

The Office of the Attorney General will be hosting a virtual fitness challenge to commemorate victims of crime and their service providers. To sign up, email victimservices@oagguam.org or call 475-2587. Teams may have up to ten people with a team leader. The competition will be held from April 8 -22, 2021. The winner will be announced on April 23, 2021, and top winners will receive a prize. For more information on upcoming events, call 475-2587.

"Breaking the Chain" Campaign

Take part in the "Breaking the Chain" campaign to show solidarity with victims and survivors by creating a chain representing the various aspects of bondage (i.e. "fear", "shame", "abandonment", "isolation", "anger") that prevent victims and survivors from moving forward in their journey to recovery. Instructions will be shared on how to take part in the campaign. Guma' Mami, Inc. and the Women In Solidarity with Hope (WISH) support group will be facilitating this campaign. Community partners and the broader island community are invited to send their video clips or photos to Guma' Mami, Inc. Photos and videos can be anonymous, faces may be blurred, and names do not need to be disclosed. The deadline to submit photos and videos is April 21, and submissions will be posted during the last week of April (April 26-30). Photos and videos may be submitted via email to jirrahc@guam.net.

April “Waves in Villages”

GCASAFV with community members and partners will further efforts to raise awareness for the month of April with its “Wave in Villages” on April 14, 2021 at 5:00 PM ChST. The event will be conducted in selected villages covering the northern, central, and southern parts of our island with social distancing protocols in place. Join us in this event...or look out for us and honk in support as you drive by! For more information, email info@guamcoalition.org.

SAAM/CAPM/NCVRW Outreach

Join the GCASAFV and community partners at the SAAM/CAPM/NCVRW Outreach. This event will take place on Saturday, April 17 from 11:00 AM- 2:00 PM ChST at the Micronesia Mall. Email info@guamcoalition.org for more information.

Denim Day Wave

In light of Denim Day, Erica’s House in collaboration with the University of Guam’s Social Work Advocacy Class will be hosting a Denim Day Wave on April 28, 2021! Showtime is at 4:30 PM. Wave time is from 5:00 PM to 6:00 PM ChST. Take part in the wave and support Denim Day by wearing teal and denim! The locations for the Denim Day Wave are along Marine Corps Drive in the area fronting Chamorro Village and at the intersection by the ITC Building. For more information, email ngayle.nb@gmail.com.

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Certified Forensic Experiential Trauma Interview (FETI)

The Guam Coalition Against Sexual Assault and Family Violence offered the opportunity to participate in the Introduction to and the Practical Application of the Forensic Experiential Trauma Interviewing (FETI) that was conducted via online platform and included both group and individual work. A cohort of 31 individuals including law enforcement officers, prosecutors, and community advocates completed the FETI Introduction to and the Practical Application of Forensic Experiential Trauma Interviewing (FETI). FETI provides one with a scientific-informed framework for interviewing and facilitating intakes of cases especially for those who work with survivors/victims of sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence, stalking, and human trafficking.



CERTIFIED FETI®

GCASAFV has scholarships available! To register for the next Introduction to FETI, visit www.surveymonkey.com/r/2021INTROFETI.

For more information, email info@guamcoalition.org.

Community Champions: GTA and Project Rise...our THANKS!

As part of an initiative to stand against sexual assault and family violence, GTA partnered with the Guam Coalition Against Sexual Assault and Family Violence to provide community partners and agencies who are direct service providers for victims and survivors of domestic violence with 25 cell phones with unlimited talk, text and shared data access. In addition to providing agencies with cell phones to increase and improve services available to victims and survivors, GTA also stood against sexual assault and family violence and raised awareness through media campaigns.

Although Project Rise ended on March 31, 2021, the GCASAFV is thankful to GTA for providing these services for the past six and a half years. Through Project Rise, 17 agencies utilized these phones as 'lifelines' to support those in need of their services. Often, we recognize that many of our partner agencies have limited resources that staff has had to resort to using their personal phones for work. Project Rise ultimately increased access to services and enabled victims and survivors of domestic violence to connect to services, especially during the pandemic. The services provided through Project Rise empowered victims and survivors to make the call for help. We appreciate your support GTA!



Guam Coalition Against Sexual Assault & Family Violence

GCASAFV's mission focuses on fostering safe, healthy, violence-free island communities. This aligns with CCASAFV's purposes to identify and address the sexual assault and family violence needs of the community, ensure access to services, promote awareness of sexual assault and family violence, and build the Island's capacity to respond to the community needs.

BE A COMMUNITY CHAMPION.

Be someone who listens and responds with patience, support, and encouragement.

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Resources/ PRR-Online Community Directory



The Guam Coalition Against Sexual Assault and Family Violence (GCASAFV) works collaboratively with agency partners to strengthen services and address sexual assault and family violence through education, outreach, and resources. The Pacific Region Resources (PRR) serves as GCASAFV's online directory for community resources such as faith-based organizations, non-profit service providers, and other government and private agencies in Pacific Islands' communities.

Visit <https://pacificregionresources.org/> or download the app on the iTunes App store or Google play to see what it has to offer!

Visit <https://www.pacificregionresources.org/index.php?code=register> to get started!

For more information or inquiries, please contact us at info@guamcoalition.org



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