



GUAM COALITION AGAINST SEXUAL ASSAULT & FAMILY VIOLENCE

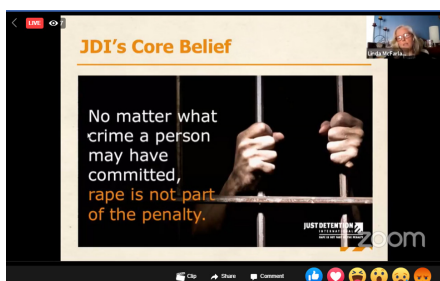
KNOW MORE NEWS

May 2020

GCASAFV Recent Event

2020 kNOW MORE Webinar

GCASAFV held its very first "kNOW MORE Webinar: Building Capacity to Serve Sexual Assault/Domestic Violence Survivors" on April 14-16, 2020. The 3-day webinar provided participants with the information and resources available in the midst of COVID-19.



The webinar opened with a keynote address by the Honorable Judge Arthur Barcinas who noted how 'business as usual' will look differently when the COVID-19 mandates were lifted; Chief Prosecutor Basil O'Mallan presented a review of sexual assault and domestic violence status while CPA Patrick Heinz addressed financial assistance in light of COVID-19.

GCASAFV's webinar also featured representatives from Just Detention International (Linda McFarlane, Tonjie Reese, and Jessica Seipel) who addressed serving survivors in detention and the National Organization of Asian and Pacific Islanders Ending Sexual Violence (Mira Yusef and Nina Jusuf) who presented on navigating policies and transforming services in the 'new normal'.

In addition, GCASAFV partners presented on services provided and included: Archdiocese of Agana - St. Anthony's Church, Assn of Individual Marriage & Family Therapist, Department of Public Health & Social Services - Bureau of Social Services Administration, Erica's House, Guam Legal Services Corporation - Disability Law Center, Guma' Mami, Guam Behavioral Health & Wellness Center - Healing Hearts Crisis Center, Judiciary of Guam - Client Services & Family Counseling Services, Oasis Empowerment Center, Office of the Attorney General - Victim Service Center, Office of the Public Guardian, Public Defender Service Corporation, Sanctuary Incorporated, The Salvation Army, Victim Advocates Reaching Out and WestCare Pacific Islands.

We appreciate the coordination with University of Guam for allowing us to offer CEUs for the 3-day webinar. GCASAFV thanks all our partners for participating in our webinar.

To view the webinar, visit our Facebook page: www.facebook.com/GuamCoalition.

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

Announcement

GCASAFV- General Membership Meeting

May 12, 2020
11:00 AM via Zoom

Digital Corner

"Assisting Victims of Human Trafficking in the Protection Order Process: Challenges and Options"

Hosted by: Battered Women's Justice Project

<https://tinyurl.com/y74oe273>

May 1, 2020

5:00 am – 6:15 am ChST

"Building Your Trainer Toolbox Part 1: Using and Citing Research"

Hosted by: End Violence Against Women International

<https://tinyurl.com/w9kbbud>

May 7, 2020

3:00 am ChST

"Intimate Partner Violence-Related Public (Non-Felony) Mass and Spree Killings"

Hosted by: Northern Arizona University

<https://tinyurl.com/ycg6ssdm>

May 7, 2020

5:00 am – 6:30 am ChST

Sexual Assault Awareness Month (SAAM) is a time to focus changing societal norms and individual behaviors about sexual violence. GCASAFV would like to recognize our military, government, and community partners as we continue to raise awareness, engage, and educate our island community about serious and widespread problems of sexual assault and supporting victims, survivors, and their families throughout the year.



Information and Resources during COVID-19

As we continue to work together to prevent the spread of Coronavirus (COVID-19), we recognize that many are working from home, facing quarantines, and encountering some level of interference in their daily activities. We must be diligent in following the basic protective measures and staying updated on the latest information from reputable sources. Visit the following websites for the latest information:



- Department of Public Health & Social Services' (DPHSS) website: <http://dphss.guam.gov/2019-novel-coronavirus-2019-n-cov/>
- The Guam Homeland Security/ Office of Civil Defense (GHS/OCD) website: <https://ghs.guam.gov/coronavirus-covid-19>
- The US Department of Health & Human Services – Center for Disease Control & Prevention (CDC) website: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html>

GCASAFV acknowledges the additional challenges you face as you strive to provide uninterrupted services to victims and survivors who may now be dealing with having to stay where they may not be safe. It is equally important for you to be safe and be mindful of your health as you work to support those who are vulnerable in our community. GCASAFV has compiled information, resources, available services, and webinars that we hope are useful and support the work that you do.

To access the webinars, visit our website's calendar at www.GuamCoalition.org.

GCASAFV continues to work behind closed doors to support you with resources, training, and information. For more information, email us at info@guamcoalition.org.



In the Spotlight

GCASAFV Salutes Our Own Heroes

Much to the uncertainty due to the Coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19), there are many men and women who continue to work on site or remotely. These unsung heroes are our health workers, military & government personnel and leaders, service providers, advocates and many essential individuals.



Now is the time to share our appreciation for our community's unsung heroes. We are thankful for the doctors, nurses and emergency workers who are tending to the sick, and we are also appreciative for the those who hold essential jobs to provide uninterrupted services to the community. The roles we play to end the violence have not ceased. Though the services of our advocates, social workers, and mental health professionals are constantly changing, they have managed to find ways to help victims and survivors in some other capacity.

GCASAFV would like to recognize and applaud the efforts of our members and partners who continuously work to provide support and services to survivors and victims of abuse and violence. Although many have closed offices to comply with the Governor's orders, many of you have shared ways in which you are currently working to provide services to victims and survivors in the best possible way amidst this pandemic.

GCASAFV honors and salutes your tenacity, creativity, and strength as you work to continue providing such critical services during these uncertain times to those in crisis despite the risks, the fear, the constant changes, and the newly developing obstacles.

Request for Qualifications: Available!

GCASAFV is looking for individuals/agencies who can assist us with technical assistance and training for upcoming webinars, workshops, and other projects. Follow the link for our Request for Qualifications:

<https://guamcoalition.org/rfp-bids-log/?rfp=1340>

Pacific Region Resources: Get Listed and Download Our App!

PacificRegionsResources.org is GCASAFV's online directory for community resources. Visit www.PacificRegionResources.org or download the app on the iTunes App store or Google Play to see what it has to offer!

Register and update your information to let others know the latest about your organization.

Visit www.PacificRegionResources.org/register to get started.

Email us at info@guamcoalition.org for further assistance.

"Interpreting Toxicology and Alcohol/Drug Facilitated Sexual Assault"

Hosted by: International Association of Forensic Nurses
<https://tinyurl.com/y7uhtlc9>

May 9, 2020

4:00 am – 5:30 am ChST

"Privacy and the Medical Forensic Exam: FAQs for SANEs Serving Patients on Campus"

Hosted by: Victim Rights Law Center

<https://tinyurl.com/y88flb9l>

May 12, 2020

4:00 am – 5:30 am ChST

"Domestic Violence Treatment Programs for Offenders: Exploring Research and Practice"

Hosted by: Northern Arizona University

<https://tinyurl.com/yc2t7vok>

May 14, 2020

5:00 am – 6:30 am ChST

"Engaging Dads: Findings from the Preventing and Addressing Intimate Violence when Engaging Dads (PAIVED) Study"

Hosted by: Futures Without Violence

<https://tinyurl.com/y9tasfgz>

May 17, 2020

3:30 am – 5:00 am ChST



Please visit our website at GuamCoalition.org for more information and to register for these webinars.

May is

Older Americans Month

May is Older Americans Month. This year's theme is "Make Your Mark". Around the nation, older adults have been making their marks every day as volunteers, employees, employers, parents, grandparents, mentors, and advocates. They have offered their time, talent, and experience to the benefit of our communities. With senior centers, recreational centers, and the world in general being 'shut down', we continue to celebrate our older adults from our homes. Let us set our goal to ensure that they are safe and healthy. To learn more, visit <https://acl.gov/oam/2020/older-americans-month-2020>



National Women Health Week (May 10-16)

National Women's Health Week (NWHW) begins on Mother's Day each year. The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services' Office on Women's Health leads NWHW to remind and encourage women to take care of themselves, make their health a priority, and build positive health habits for life. Follow the link to learn more: <https://www.womenshealth.gov/nwhw>



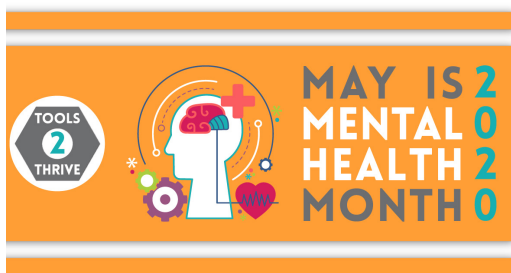
National Asian and Pacific Islander HIV Awareness Day (May 19)

National Asian & Pacific Islander HIV/AIDS Awareness Day was founded to raise awareness about the impact of HIV/AIDS-related stigma in Asian and Pacific Islander communities. The observance is an opportunity to help prevent HIV, encourage individuals to get tested for HIV, and help those who are living with HIV. Follow the link to learn more: <https://aidsinfo.nih.gov/understanding-hiv-aids/hiv-aids-awareness-days/157/national-asian--pacific-islander-hiv-aids-awareness-day>



Mental Health Month

While 1 in 5 people will experience a mental health disorder during their lifetime, everyone faces challenges in life that can impact their mental health. Efforts to spread awareness, promote advocacy, educate the public about mental health, and self-care take places all through the month of May. Embracing Mental Health America's theme "Tools 2 Thrive," GCASAFV encourages the community to learn more on the importance of mental health. Visit <https://www.mhanational.org/mental-health-month> for more information.



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