



HAWAI'I STATE
**COALITION AGAINST
DOMESTIC VIOLENCE**

2023 Policy Agenda



About Us

Vision

We envision a Hawai'i where all individuals and families thrive and live free from violence.

Mission

We address the social, political, and economic impacts of domestic violence on individuals, families, and communities.

What We Do

- 1 **Foster partnerships** and create trusting relationships with community partners
- 2 **Increase awareness** of domestic violence through outreach and prevention education
- 3 **Conduct research and analyze data** to identify the needs of survivors and service providers
- 4 **Develop the capacity of service providers** to address the needs of survivors and their families through training and technical assistance
- 5 **Advocate for social justice and change** through public policy and community action

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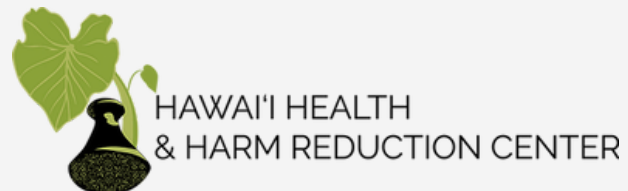
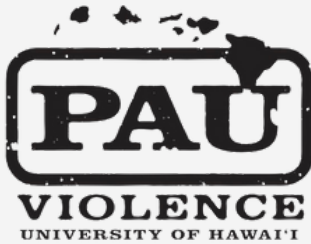


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Who We Serve

HSCADV is a coalition comprised of 28 service provider programs within 17 organizations.





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Domestic Violence and Gun Violence

- 1. Mandatory domestic violence training for custody evaluators and fact finders**
Lead: Hawai'i State Coalition Against Domestic Violence
Package: 2023 Women's Legislative Caucus Package, Hawai'i Children's Policy Agenda
- 2. Waiver for mediation in paternity cases for survivors of domestic violence**
Lead: Hawai'i State Coalition Against Domestic Violence
- 3. Public carry of firearms in sensitive places**
Protect sensitive places where carrying concealed firearms will be restricted.
Lead: Everytown
- 4. Confidential Advocates:** Adds University of Hawai'i confidential advocates to the victim counselor privilege statute and increases the minimum required training for domestic violence advocates from 25 hours to 35 hours.
Lead: Every Voice Coalition, American Association of University Women

Housing

- 1. Extend Statewide Rent Relief/Landlord Tenant Mediation Program for at-least one additional year**
Lead: Hawai'i Housing Affordability Coalition
- 2. Rent Reporting to Improve Tenants Credit Score through the development of a rent reporting credit building program**
Lead: Hawai'i Housing Affordability Coalition
- 3. Housing Stability Services:** Supports housing-stability services designed to keep people housed following placement (Permanent Supportive Housing) and maintain rental assistance services.
Lead: Partners in Care
- 4. Rent Supplement Program:** Provision of rent supplements for seniors and families.
Lead: Partners in Care
- 5. Employment Support/Workforce Development** (money for training and certifications, scholarships, etc.)
Lead: Partners in Care



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Abortion

- 1. Extend protections for health care professionals who are providing reproductive health care**
Lead: American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists, Planned Parenthood
- 2. Housekeeping and strengthening abortion statutes re: telemedicine, definitions, duplicative penalty, etc.**
Lead: American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists, Planned Parenthood
- 3. Create and fund an Abortion Access Coordinator Office within the Department of Human Services**
Lead: Hawai'i Abortion Collective

Child and Family Welfare

- 1. Erin's Law:** Mandates sexual abuse curriculum in public schools curriculum for K-12, educators, and parents.
Lead: Sex Abuse Treatment Center
Package: 2023 Keiki Caucus Package, Hawai'i Children's Policy Agenda
- 2. Mālama 'Ohana:** Creation of a working group through the Hawai'i Office of Resilience and Wellness to hold listening sessions throughout the state and have community partners work together to improve and transform the Child Welfare System.
Lead: Epic 'Ohana
Package: Hawai'i Children's Policy Agenda
- 3. Paid Family Leave:** Provides wage replacement (a percentage of one's income) to eligible workers when they take time off of work to care for a seriously ill family member or themselves or to bond with a new child.
Lead: Hawai'i Children's Action Network Speaks! / Working Families Coalition
- 4. Expanding Public Preschools at Our Elementary Schools** (including public charter schools):
Expand free public preschool at our elementary schools.
Lead: Hawai'i State Teachers Association
Package: Hawai'i Children's Policy Agenda



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HSCADV takes a *systematic* approach to assessing and preventing domestic violence, as effects can span a lifetime and even many generations. We aim to increase prevention efforts and reduce revictimization while connecting survivors to relevant resources aiding autonomy. We conduct these efforts in a trauma-informed manner to serve each person's individual needs and avoid retraumatization. The following is a list of HSCADV's positions on certain legislative areas of interest relating to domestic violence.

Funding

We **support** efforts to increase funding for domestic violence services that reflect the true cost of providing services to the community.

Accountability for Abusive Actions

We **oppose** any legislation that does not hold those who cause harm accountable.

Confidentiality

We **oppose** any legislation that weakens current confidentiality and privilege statutes or causes the potential to breach confidentiality or endanger survivors, their families, or the programs that serve them.

Firearms

We work to address firearm legislation that indirectly and directly impact survivors and their families.

Human Rights

Immigration

We **support** policies that affirm the constitutional protections of every person, regardless of documentation or immigration status. We also promote trauma-informed and culturally responsive measures that meet the needs of all immigrant survivors.

Native Hawaiian, Pacific Islander, and Indigenous Persons

We recognize that indigenous populations are at an increased risk of experiencing domestic violence compared to non-indigenous counterparts. We **support** legislation for the advancement of the Native Hawaiian and Pacific Islander communities and strive to reverse the effects of historical trauma, colonization, imperialism, and the dispossession of land, as it pertains to domestic violence survivors.



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Human Rights (cont.)

LGBTQ+ Community

We recognize that there are several aspects of domestic violence that are unique to the LGBTQ+ community that may make someone less likely to seek help. We **support** legislation that increases awareness, prevention, and intervention of domestic violence in this population and increases the competent services available to them.

Economic Justice

We **support** efforts that promote the economic stability of survivors and their families.

Reproductive Justice

We **support** legislation that promotes access to contraception, abortion, and reproductive health care for survivors.

Education and Prevention

We **encourage** funding of prevention efforts to reduce violence and promote community healing.

Housing

We **support** policies that create safe and affordable housing for survivors.

Racial Equity

We **support** efforts that center the needs of those impacted by racism.

Sexual Assault

We recognize the unique intersection between domestic violence and sexual assault. We **support** efforts to reduce the prevalence of and improve survivor-centered responses to sexual assault.



Contact Us

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