



# HAWAI'I STATE COALITION AGAINST DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

## SPRING 2023 NEWSLETTER



### MESSAGE FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

One of the coalition's top strategic priorities is to advocate for policy change to serve the needs of members, survivors, and the domestic violence field. In the Fall, we convened a policy committee consisting of representatives from our member programs to develop a policy platform for the coalition and identify our legislative priorities. The priorities culminated in the coalition's first-ever policy agenda that was shared with legislators on the opening day of the 2023 legislative session. We have actively weighed in on more than 15 bills this session, mostly domestic violence-related, childcare, housing, child welfare reform, and gun violence. All of these issues have a direct impact on the safety and well-being of survivors and the people like you who walk alongside them.

Another strategic priority is to broaden and expand collaborations within and outside of the domestic violence community. To that end, we joined other coalitions such as the Hawai'i Children's Action Networks' Champions for Children, Working Families Coalition, Hawai'i Women's Coalition, Hawai'i Housing Access Coalition, and the True Cost Coalition (spear-headed by some of our very own members PACT, CFS and DVAC). We are working to uplift the experiences of survivors in all sectors and supporting our community partners.

We are especially proud to collaborate with Everytown for Gun Safety and Giffords Law Center to Prevent Gun Violence on amendments to the house and senate firearms sensitive places bills better to protect domestic violence program locations and services. Those bills continue to move through the legislative process.

This spring we are also kicking off two state-wide needs assessments: The Restoryation Project is a national-wide study on the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on all levels of the domestic violence workforce. We join 25 other state and territorial coalitions in this project, including Guam and the Northern Mariana Islands. We are also conducting a statewide needs assessment of Native Hawaiian and Filipino survivors to inform our domestic violence state plan with DHS.

Finally, we are fortunate to grow our team to work with you and our community partners. Sarah Babin Bauer joined us as the new Grants Analyst and Luanna Peterson joined the Board of Directors.

Yours in service,



# COALITION UPDATES

## NEW MEMBERSHIP STRUCTURE

HSCADV has introduced a new membership structure with the following membership levels:

- **Full Member Program**
- **Allied Organizations**
- **Limited Service Members**
- **Allied Individuals**

Our [Membership Brochure](#) includes details on membership levels and benefits.

If you are interested in becoming a member, please [complete an application](#).

## MAHALO AND FAREWELL TO CLARA PRIESTER, FORMER BOARD MEMBER



In February, Board member, Clara Priester, resigned from the Board after 9 years of service to prepare for a new life adventure.

We wish a warm mahalo and a hui hou to Clara Priester, who is moving to Shanghai, China this summer with her husband. We're grateful for Clara's compassionate leadership during a leadership transition and her commitment to survivors and communities that have been marginalized, and we wish her and her family the best during this new and exciting phase of their lives.

## WELCOME HSCADV'S NEW STAFF AND BOARD MEMBER

### **Sarah Bauer, Grants Analyst**

Sarah Babin Bauer (she/her/hers) is from Atlanta, GA and has worked in non-profits for over a decade. She completed her undergraduate degree in Women's Studies at Agnes Scott College and interned for the Dekalb Rape Crisis Center. There she experienced firsthand working against systemic economic and racial inequality and gender/sexuality-based violence. She is passionate about dismantling systems of power and oppression. She has a two-year old son that serves as a constant reminder about the importance of advocating for social justice and challenging the gender binary.



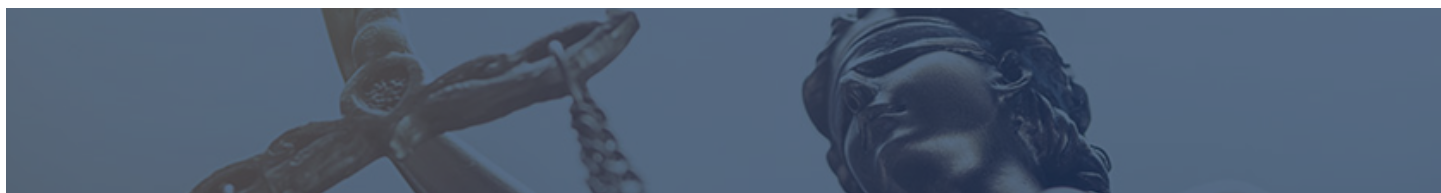
### **Luanna Peterson, Board Member**



Luanna Peterson is an advocate for self-determination, an organizer, and a popular educator. She is the co-founder of Weaving Our Stories, a Hawai'i-rooted abolitionist program using storytelling as a means of liberation. She is committed to uplifting the work of the coalition so that one day, all individuals and families will be free from all forms of violence. She is especially excited to support efforts to forward the systemic and institutional changes needed for victims feel safe accessing necessary resources to leave violent relationships.

# RECENT TRAININGS

## STALKING TRAINING MODULES



HSCADV is proud to launch the online training curricula for direct service providers focused on understanding and responding to stalking. Part I, the [Foundations of Stalking](#), is an introductory course created for victim advocates, judicial officers, law enforcement, and prosecutors, with the goal of improving Hawai'i's systemic response to and prevention of stalking. Following completion of Part I, learners can complete one of the specialized courses catered towards the following professions:

- [Stalking Guide for Advocates](#)
- [Stalking Guide for Judicial Officers](#)
- [Stalking Guide for Law Enforcement](#)
- [Stalking Guide for Prosecutors](#)

## HAWAIIAN CONTEMPLATIVE PRACTICE WELLBEING SESSIONS

In January and February, we partnered with the Pilina Center for Wellbeing to provide virtual sessions for member programs on movement, breathing, and meditation based on the Kūkulu Kumuhana Framework, a Kānaka Maoli conception of wellbeing. The sessions were facilitated by Jo 'Okika Shigeko Qina'au and promoted self-care, wellness, and sustainability.



## WHAT DOMESTIC VIOLENCE ADVOCATES SHOULD KNOW ABOUT VICTIM COMPENSATION



In February, we hosted a training with the Crime Victim Compensation Commission (CVCC) to provide information for victims of crime in need of financial assistance with crime-related expenses. The training consisted of victim advocates and related direct service providers.

## HOW GENDER-BASED GRIEVANCES MAY LEAD TO MASS VIOLENCE

On **March 30**, we hosted a training with the Hawai'i State Fusion Center to review violent involuntary celibate ("incel") extremism as the driving motivation behind several mass violence incidents within and outside the U.S. and its related grievances rooted in sexual violence: the idea that threat actors had the right to sexual access, generally with women. The webinar also discussed the attack on the Hot Yoga studio in Tallahassee as a case study and preparing safety plans for those who may have been in close contact with extremists.

# UPCOMING EVENTS

## 2023 HSCADV CONFERENCE

HSCADV's 20th Annual Conference will take place in-person on **June 8, 2023** at the Ala Moana Hotel in Honolulu, O'ahu. This year's theme is **Reimagining a Path to Safety and Health**.

### Conference Sessions and Speakers

- **Welcoming Remarks** by Lieutenant Governor Sylvia Luke
- **Equity in Our Workplace Plenary** by Ku'u Keohokalole and Yasi Safinya-Davies
- **Exploring IPV Risk Assessments to Improve Responses to High-Risk Intimate Partner Cases** with Michelle Toledo-Cainas and Brittany Davis (Center for Justice Innovation, CJI)
- **Substance Use Coercion: Pattern, Impact, and Survivor-Led Strategies** with Gabriela Zapata-Alma (NCDVTMH)
- **Gun Violence and Domestic Violence**
- **Growing a Robust Coordinated Community Response to Address Risk, Safety, and Healing** with Michelle Toledo-Cainas and Brittany Davis (CJI)
- **Housing Services and Supports for Survivors: Best Practices** with Wyanet Tasker (Safe Housing Alliance) and Sarah Kendall (Washington State Coalition Against Domestic Violence)
- **Supporting Staff After Community Trauma** with Amanda Lyon (National Center on Domestic Violence, Trauma & Mental Health, NCDVTMH)
- **Forty Years Later: Is the Criminalization of Domestic Violence Working? Plenary**

### Submit a Star Advocate Award Nomination

The Star Advocate Award recognizes a domestic violence service provider for their dedication to survivors and contribution to furthering the domestic violence movement in Hawai'i within the past year (from June 2022 – now). If you know a service provider who should be recognized, please [submit a nomination](#) by **Friday, April 7 at 5:00pm HST**.

## SEXUAL ASSAULT AWARENESS MONTH EVENT

HSCADV will be tabling at the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa's Campus Center for **Sexual Assault Awareness Month** event on **Wednesday, April 5 from 10:00am – 1:00pm**. Visit us at the event!

## 2023 POLICY AGENDA

We have launched the first legislative policy agenda in the coalition's recent history to be introduced to the entire legislature on opening day. The policy agenda represents the input of our member programs statewide, some of whom served on the policy committee. [View the 2023 policy agenda](#).

## NEW OFFICE OF FAMILY VIOLENCE PREVENTION AND SERVICES

The Administration for Children and Families has announced the [NEW Office of Family Violence Prevention and Services](#) to strengthen the response to domestic violence. This new office reflects the Biden-Harris Administration's commitment to prioritizing domestic violence prevention and addressing the intersections of domestic violence prevention work across the federal government.

# NEEDS ASSESSMENTS

## TALK STORY SESSIONS

Filipino and Native Hawaiian women experience the highest rates of domestic violence in Hawai'i. HSCADV is holding talk story sessions with domestic violence survivors within these communities, community programs, and domestic violence service providers to better serve survivors. As a result, HSCADV will be able to inform government officials, decision makers, and funders about what services may be lacking or where services or funding may need improvement or continued support.

### Eligibility

#### Survivors

- Live in Hawai'i
- Filipino and/or Native Hawaiian
- Experienced domestic violence or know someone who has

#### Service Providers

- Domestic violence advocates and service providers
- Community programs in Hawai'i (including those who have and have not served domestic violence survivors and culturally-specific programs)

Stay tuned for details on how to participate in a session!

## RESTORYATION PROJECT FOR DOMESTIC VIOLENCE SERVICE PROVIDERS



HSCADV is participating in a national needs assessment project, called "**Re-story-ation**", which uses storytelling as a way to understand the collective workforce experience of the past few years in the COVID-19 pandemic.

We will hold a series of events in each county and facilitate individual "story circles" for advocates, program directors, and executive directors. In order to truly understand what our workforce needs, we will provide a space for story sharing, listening, reflection, and reconnection.

[Registration is now open](#) for programs to sign up for their respective locations.

**O'ahu** (Honolulu): **April 10, 9:00am - 2:00pm**

**Big Island** (Kona): **May 9, 11:00am - 4:00pm**

**O'ahu** (Ewa Beach): **April 11, 9:00am - 2:00pm**

**Maui** (Kahului): **May 22, 11:00am - 4:00pm**

**Kaua'i** (Lihu'e): **April 17, 11:00am - 4:00pm**

**Moloka'i** (Kaunakakai): **May 23, 11:00am - 4:00pm**

**Big Island** (Hilo): **May 8, 11:00am - 4:00pm**

**Virtual** (for Executive and Program Directors):  
**June 22, 9:00am - 12:00pm**