WOMEN'S LEGISLATIVE CAUCUS INTERIM PROJECT

by Carmen Golay, HSCADV Trainer

During the months of October, November and December 2017 the Hawaii Women's Legislative Caucus held a series of meetings around the state to discuss domestic violence. Stakeholders such as survivors, program advocates, prosecutors and police all sat together and discussed community successes and problems as it relates to addressing intimate partner violence. Meetings were held in Hilo, Kauai, Maui and Honolulu. Statewide, problematic areas that were highlighted relate to effectively serving and enforcing temporary restraining orders; court backlogs; safety in courtrooms; shortage of advocates and re-traumatizing victims with systems that often ask them to repeat their story many times. The courts representatives and legislators who attended these meetings have taken the messages to heart and some changes in court processes have already been implemented. Additionally, legislation has been introduced to alleviate some of the problems that were named during this interim project: HB2129/SB2343.
NEW COALITION STAFF
by Kendrick Morikawa & Jina Rabago

We welcomed Jina in July, Carmen and Kendrick both in January. Both Jina and Carmen have a background working in DV and Kendrick comes with years of admin and bookkeeping experience. Jina enjoys stand up paddleboard, hanging out with her kids and reading. Kendrick spends his time on weekends volunteering and being outside. Carmen drives kids around to activities, goes hiking, walks her dog and plays Legos.

Calendar

#metoo in Hawaii YWCA Oahu            Feb 12
One Billion Rising UH West Oahu       Feb 14
Presidents Day Holiday                Feb 19
Shelter Committee Meeting-Oahu        Feb 20
Hawaii Says No More Week               Mar 4-11
NNEDV Economic Justice-Las Vegas      Mar 6-8
Women Helping Women Fundraiser        Mar 11
HSCADV Membership Meeting             Mar 16
25 Hour DV Training Kauai             Mar 22-23
25 Hour DV Training Kauai             Apr 12-13
HSCADV Board Meeting                  Apr 17
IVAT Hawaii Summit                     Apr 16-19
COORDINATED ENTRY SYSTEM

by Jina Rabago, Program Manager HSCADV

The Hawaii State Coalition along with other domestic violence service providers are collaborating with Partners in Care, Oahu's homeless Coalition, on creating the Coordinated Entry System (CES). The purpose of CES is to increase the response to domestic violence victims in need of housing.

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) has mandated a system to assess individuals and families and placing them on the Homeless Management Information System (HMIS). The intent is to have the most vulnerable families and individuals served first.

Because this list contains confidential information, victims of domestic violence will not be placed on this list.

Thus, to ensure that victims of domestic violence are considered on HMIS, the domestic violence team is considering two different options for the project:
1. Victims will only be placed on the by-name list if an advocate and victim has deemed it's safe to be placed on the list.
2. AND/OR Victims will be placed on the by-name list using a code that will indicate what shelter the victim is at so that she could be notified when housing becomes available.

HSCADV will host a hotline for victims who need housing. The calls will be directed to PACT to complete the assessment process. The long-term goal is to create a comprehensive statewide hotline that victims of domestic violence could call to address all their needs.

2018 Legislature

The 2018 Hawaii legislative session opened on January 17. While the HSCADV tries to focus our efforts on just 3-4 bills we feel are very important for our domestic violence work, this year there are more than 30 that are related or that we feel we need to support. The public access room at the Capitol is very helpful and accommodating if you'd like to know how to get involved.

Our main focus this year is SB 2343/HB2129 which is a comprehensive overhaul of HRS 709-906 (abuse of family or household member.) The language for this bill comes from the meetings held around the state Oct-Dec. Testimony for this bill will be needed and we will keep all our members updated when it is scheduled for a hearing. Another bill we are watching carefully is on address confidentiality, and creating a system for survivors to have a confidential address for mail to be sent to. Please email cgolay@hscadv.org for an updated copy of our legislative white paper for more details.

UH GENDER & SEXUAL VIOLENCE CAMPUS CLIMATE SURVEY

"31% percent of those who responded report having experienced at least one incident of IPV, stalking, sexual harassment and/or nonconsensual sexual contact, on and off campus, while enrolled as a UH student."

**FLY TO FREEDOM PROGRAM**

by Carmen Golay & Jina Rabago HSCADV

The HSCADV is pleased to announce that thanks to being awarded a grant from Macy's we are able to open the Fly to Freedom program again. This program allows victims and their children emergency flights off island when their safety is at risk. The program was originally funded from Safeway Foundation after Safeway employee Daysha Aiona was murdered in 2007. Recipients of this program must be actively working with an advocate. Advocates in our member programs who may have a client in need can contact HSCADV for criteria and application.

**Hawaii Says No More License Plates**

by Toby Ann Sugarman Kapahu

Now available at ALL Satellite City Halls (including neighbor islands): the Hawaii Says NO MORE license plate decal. Thank you Avis Kalama and the Hawaii Says NO MORE Core Team. The special license plate creates more visibility and awareness for Hawaii’s Says NO MORE and serves as a fundraiser for Windward Spouse Abuse Shelter who covered initial costs of decal printing. For an application and to get the decal fill out this application and get the new plates when you register your vehicle. http://www.honolulu.gov/rep/site/csd/mvlp_docs/orgplateapplicationform.pdf

**KONA SHELTER RENOVATION**

by Christina Basham

The West Hawaii Domestic Abuse Shelter is beginning a major renovation which will include a new kitchen space, new decking all around the shelter and a play structure with a fall surface for children to play safely. The renovation has been funded through a County of Hawaii CDBG grant. The approximate time frame for the completion of the renovation project is 2 months. The shelter is still staffed 24/7 and is still maintaining the West Hawaii Domestic Violence Crisis Line. Staff are taking calls and directing callers to appropriate services. We appreciate all Shelters working with us during this time of getting our shelter back up to speed and accepting any DV crisis needs as they come up.