

# COALITION NEWS

HAWAII STATE COALITION AGAINST DOMESTIC VIOLENCE



*Photo: Advocates and Governor Ige honor domestic violence awareness month Oct 2018*

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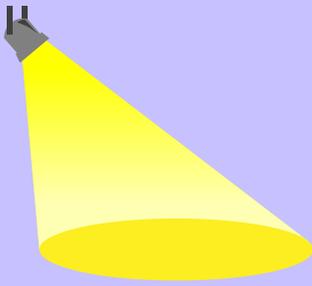
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"IN THE KNOW"....  
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## 2019 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

The 2019 Hawaii State Legislative session began on Wednesday January 16, 2019. While HSCADV is not "leading" on any bills this session, we are tracking and following 17 different bills introduced by legislators that involve domestic violence language, programs or law changes that could impact survivors. As a member of the Women's Coalition, HSCADV staff attended the Women's Legislative Caucus breakfast on Jan 23, where a package of 10 pro-woman and pro-family bills were announced and dedicated to Senator Mazie Hirono. The Hawaii State Legislature's Public Access Room (PAR) continues to be a wealth of knowledge for anyone who wishes to become involved in the legislative process. Virginia Beck from PAR conducted a webinar for HSCADV members in early January, where she shared how to navigate the website, search for bills and how to submit testimony or comments. While we understand that many staff of programs do not take part in public policy as a part of their work, each of us can participate as a private citizen. The ease of use of the Hawaii Legislative website is unique in the nation, and even if you submit "comments only" by sharing a story or impact on a survivor, you can have an impact. Links to our bill tracking document available to members by emailing [cgolay@hscadv.org](mailto:cgolay@hscadv.org).

# ADVOCATE SPOTLIGHT



Parents and Children Together – Maui Family Peace Center

## **Euconfra "Connie" Meekhof**



Connie is the Maui Family Peace Center (FPC) Program Supervisor and has been in her role for 1 year. Prior to becoming the Maui FPC Program Supervisor, Connie was the Lanai Program Supervisor for 3 years. Connie states she enjoys her position because “it gives me the opportunity for personal growth and development” and “I am able to help others who need assistance in fulfilling their goals and aspirations for the future, while overcoming those barriers that may been an obstacle for them”.

Connie’s responsibilities include management of program activities, program budget, counseling, advocacy and supervision of staff. She coordinates service delivery with staff, funders and service providers. Connie is a team player and is not afraid to assist with direct service delivery when her team needs her. This supervisor, coordinator and team player knows how to work hard! Connie states she keeps the balance between work and home life by getting massages, manicures/pedicures, reading, dancing and traveling abroad.

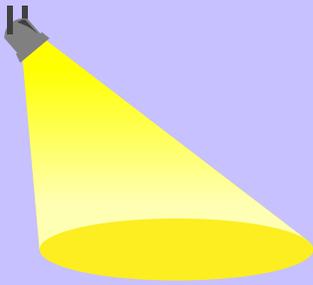
Parents and Children Together – Lanai Integrated Support Services (LISS)

## **Cynthia "Cindy" Pestana**

Cindy is the Comprehensive Family Service Specialist on the island of Lanai. She has been in her role for the past 2 ½ years. Cindy enjoys her position at LISS because she can utilize the skills she cultivated in the Hospitality Industry, staying calm and focused in difficult situations, to assist the families in the program when they are at their most vulnerable and stressed.



Cindy’s responsibilities include facilitating all groups, supervised visitation and community outreach. She also is a member of the Domestic Violence Task Force and the Keiki Network on Lanai. Cindy is dedicated to her work and the community of Lanai. When Cindy is not commuting from Maui to Lanai (she lives on Maui and stays on Lanai 4 nights a week for work), she enjoys swimming in the ocean, taking walks, and focusing on her other passion, her horse, Blondie (pictured with Cindy). Cindy is the Vice President of the Kaupakalua Roping Club on Maui and assists with Keiki Rodeos for Maui youth throughout the year.



# ADVOCATE SPOTLIGHT



Parents and Children Together – Ohia Shelter  
**Kathleen Laea**

Kathleen has been a Victim Advocate at the PACT Ohia Shelter for 7 years, but states she has been an advocate for women all her life. She says early on she was entrusted with the safety and protection of her 4 younger sisters while her parents both worked. Kathleen enjoys her position because she works with a team of advocates that serve survivors with "heart" and a manager that is "driven to make compassionate changes for our survivors".

For the last year, Kathleen has been entrusted with further assisting survivors through rental assistance under the Emergency Solutions Grant and the Rapid Rehousing Fund. "Just being a part of securing a home for a survivor and watching them thrive in her own space is fulfilling for me" says Kathleen. Kathleen enjoys hiking and being in nature, when she has time. Kathleen describes herself as a "homebody" that enjoys spending time with the 4 generations of family living in her home. She keeps her mind healthy through reading and meditation. Kathleen does her best to evolve and stay balanced so she has the tools and ability to serve the survivors that cross her path.

## NEW COALITION STAFF



Kelly joined the coalition staff in December. She comes to the coalition with 14 years experience in Human Services. She has worked in a multitude of arenas to include Domestic Violence, Sexual Assault and Child Welfare.

Kelly grew up in Upstate New York, is a military spouse and mom of 2 boys. When not at the coalition, she enjoys the beach, hosting barbecues, cooking for others and spending quality time with her family. One of her favorite past times is sending pictures of the weather here to her family back in NY, where it typically is in the below zero temps this time of year.

Kelly Musselman  
Member Services  
Associate

## Advocate Hour Held on Oahu

On Friday January 25th, a group of 8 domestic violence and sexual assault advocates gathered on Oahu at HSCADV office to talk story, share, network and build community. They came from both civilian and military organizations working with victims and shared several important resources with each other. We talked about our roles, how we can support each other and how to sustain an effort for intentional community among DV/SA professionals. We hope this was only the first of many informal networking gatherings and encourage all communities to think about how to support our healers doing this important work. To get an invite to the next gathering, email Carmen or Kelly, [cgolay@hscadv.org](mailto:cgolay@hscadv.org) or [kmusselman@hscadv.org](mailto:kmusselman@hscadv.org)



## Transitional Housing Funds

OVW's Fiscal Year 2019 Transitional Housing Assistance Grants for Victims of Sexual Assault, Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, and Stalking solicitation is now open.

Funds are now available to address transitional housing assistance. The funds may be used for a range of activities including, providing transitional housing, short-term housing assistance, and support services for victims and their dependents who are fleeing a situation of sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence, or stalking, to locate and secure permanent housing, secure employment, and integrate into a community.

**Apply by: February 13th**

For all OVW Solicitations:  
<http://www.justice.gov/ovw/open-solicitations>

## LYFT Safe Rides Program Update

Domestic violence programs across the state are now using the Lyft Safe Rides program almost daily. Survivors are getting to shelter, to family court and to support groups.

This program depends on the donations of our community at this point, so please share the link to our website with friends and family and if they donate even \$10 for "Safe Rides" it will help us maintain this important program. It is important to note that some cancellation fees have been charged to our limited budget for "no show" clients. We are working through all issues as they arise with this program and thank you for keeping us updated with your questions and feedback.



*LYFT Safe Rides program usage increased significantly in December 2018.*

# 2019 Webinar Series for Hawaii Advocates

**DATE** Feb 5, 2019 9am HST  
**TOPIC** Doing VOCA: Match, Housing,  
Projects and Other Topics with  
Grace Beil Call

**DATE** March 7, 2019 9am HST  
**TOPIC** Housing & DV 101:  
Collaborations, Projects &  
Funding with Debbie Fox &  
Lindsay Christopher

**DATE** April 9, 2019 9am HST  
**TOPIC** Criminal Justice, Parole and  
Coaching for Advocates with HI  
Public Safety Department

**DATE** May 7, 2019 9am HST  
**TOPIC** Confidentiality & Informed  
Consent with Tonia Moultry

**DATE** June-Dec  
**TOPIC** TBA Next newsletter



*All webinars are open  
to HSCADV members  
and allies and will be  
conducted using  
Zoom. Email  
[cgolay@hscadv.org](mailto:cgolay@hscadv.org)  
for link or phone  
number to call/log in.*

## Register Now! 25 Hour Advocate Training: Oahu

**When:**

March 14-15, 2019

March 28-29, 2019

**Time:**

9-4pm each day

**ALL FOUR DAYS ARE REQUIRED**



**Where:** UH West Oahu

Nau'ulu Center

91-1001 Farrington Hwy

Kapolei, HI 96707

\*Plenty of campus parking; bring/buy your own lunch

**Other information:**

1. This training is FREE for domestic violence or sexual assault advocates working in non-profits, higher education or medical settings. This is a 101 level training and meets state mandate for victim counselor privilege (for DV).
2. Others may register with permission only.
3. Registration will be capped so please sign up early; staff of Coalition member programs are prioritized.
4. Questions: [cgolay@hscadv.org](mailto:cgolay@hscadv.org)

**LINK to REGISTER:** <https://www.hscadv.org/register-now-oahu-25-hour-training>

# Federal SHUTDOWN

The partial federal government shutdown is now the longest one our nation has ever seen. Domestic and sexual violence programs across the country have been talking, learning and planning to make sure that services remain available for the people who need them. HSCADV has received guidance and technical assistance from the National Network to End Domestic Violence, and have been talking with our Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) and Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) state administrators who handle funding streams to programs. In January we received information regarding the dispersing system for OVW funds would be extended through March. This is good news for all of us, as previous information indicated a shutdown of the dispersing system on January 18th. We will continue to monitor the situation closely, and keep our programs updated. A technical assistance document that addresses how to think through sudden losses of funding is coming your way very soon, so please keep an eye out for that. We will also post on our website and send you all a link. Please let us know if you have questions, are concerned or want to talk about how this is effecting your programming, now or in the future.

## Statewide Needs Assessment Updates



In November 2018, HSCADV announced to members that we would be embarking on a needs assessment in 2019. The ground work and process has been drafted and we are on track to schedule our first county based focus groups in February and March 2019.

This process is important to really understand where our work is doing the most and where we need to focus more energy. In the past our online and paper surveys have garnered some information on trends, but there is nothing like hearing the stories and experiences of advocates, survivors and systems players to gain a sense of what communities are going through.

It is our hope that throughout this year, we will learn a great deal about priority areas, and connect in a meaningful way with each community in our state.

## Confidentiality Toolkit Now Available from NNEDV Safety Net Team

National Network to End Domestic Violence Safety Net Team has updated the model Release of Information template into a plain language format and have it available in both a one-page format and a large print format.

They have also added a new educational tool for advocates, designed to boost their skill set in helping survivors assess the risks and benefits of having the program release their personally identifying information. This information is valuable and related to HSCADV's upcoming webinar in May on Confidentiality and Informed Consent. (see calendar in this newsletter)

All documents are free and can be downloaded at: <https://www.techsafety.org/confidentiality-templates>

# Technical Assistance Brief



## **Service and Emotional Support Animals: Recommendations and Guidelines for Hawaii Domestic Violence Shelters**

*Adapted with permission from  
the Nevada Coalition to End  
Domestic and Sexual Violence*

*This is a very brief summary of a much longer document that will be available to members in February. We have had several questions about animals in shelter, and this is a beginning guidance of things for programs to consider.*

FEDERAL LAWS that apply:

The Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA)

The Fair Housing Act (FHA)

FOR SHELTERS:

FHA law requires that housing providers, to include Domestic Violence Shelters, temporary housing and transitional housing, make reasonable accommodations for a service or emotional support animal, so long as it does not cause an undue burden on the housing provider. "Undue burden" referring to size of animal (i.e. horse), direct danger to others in the vicinity, an animal that disrupts programming on a daily basis, or creates an unsanitary living environment.

Survivors may not be turned away from shelter based solely on the ownership of an Emotional Support Animal. A shelter may request documentation to support the necessity of the Emotional Support Animal after entrance to the shelter has been granted. (Agencies should consider what is a reasonable amount of time to obtain this documentation.)

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*The Hawaii State Coalition Against Domestic Violence is a statewide membership organization comprised of 23 service providing agencies. Our mission is to end domestic violence through education, advocacy and action for social justice.*

## **Statewide Resources** **East Hawaii**

CFS Shelter 959-2188  
CFS ATV 935-2188  
Legal Aid 934-0678

## **West Hawaii**

CFS Shelter 322-2664  
CFS ATV 323-2664  
Legal Aid 329-8331

## **Kauai**

YWCA Shelter 245-6362  
YWCA Sex Assault Hotline 245-4144  
YWCA ATV 245-5959  
Legal Aid 245-7580

## **Maui**

Women Helping Women Shelter 579-9581  
WHW TRO 242-0775  
PACT Family Peace 244-2330  
Legal Aid 242-0724

## **Lanai**

WHW Shelter 563-0216  
Legal Aid 565-6089

## **Molokai**

Hale Ho'omalulu Shelter 567-6888  
Molokai ATV 553-3202  
Legal Aid 553-3251

## **Oahu**

CFS Shelter Hotline 841-0822  
CFS ATV 532-5100  
PACT Shelter 526-2200  
PACT Family Peace Ctr 832-0855  
DVAC 531-3771  
Legal Aid/HIJC 536-4302

## **Coalition Staff**

**Suzanne Brown-McBride**, Interim Executive Director

**Carmen Golay**, Member Services Manager

**Kelly Musselman**, Member Service Associate

**Nana Gigolaeva**, Finance Manager



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