

REPORT TO THE TWENTY-EIGHTH LEGISLATURE  
STATE OF HAWAII  
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PURSUANT TO SECTION 321-1.3, HAWAII REVISED STATUTES  
REQUIRING THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH TO SUBMIT  
AN ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE  
DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AND SEXUAL ASSAULT SPECIAL FUND

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**REPORT TO THE TWENTY-SEVENTH LEGISLATURE  
IN COMPLIANCE WITH HAWAII REVISED STATUTES §321-1.3**

In 1997, Hawaii Revised Statutes, Section 321-1.3, established the Domestic Violence Prevention Special Fund to be administered and expended by the Department of Health (DOH). Funded through taxpayer income tax check off designation and vital record fees the special fund is reserved for use by the DOH for programs or purchase of services that support or provide domestic violence and sexual assault intervention or prevention as authorized by law. This statute states that moneys “shall be used for new or existing programs and shall not supplant any other money previously allocated to these programs.”

During the 2005 Legislature, S.B. 1419, S.D. 1 (Act 142, SLH 2005) changed the name to the Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Special Fund, and the fund hereinafter is referred to as the “DVSASF.” Act 142 also expanded the annual report to the Legislature to include recommendations on how to improve services for victims of domestic violence and sexual assault.

In addition, the 2005 Legislature amended HRS §235-102.5 to allow taxpayers to designate a portion of their state income tax refund starting with the 2005 tax refunds to be paid, in part, to the DVSASF account and three (3) other funds.

The DOH provides a report to the 2015 Legislature on the following:

- (1) An accounting of the receipts and expenditures for this special fund

FY 2014 receipts (fees collected) were \$256,022.00 and the tax revenues were \$36,573.34 for a total of \$292,595.34 in revenues. FY 14 cash expenditures as of August 28, 2014, totaled \$213,899.12 (including FY 14 expenditures of \$196,096.00 and FY 13 encumbrances liquidated in FY 14 of \$17,793.12) with a remaining encumbrance balance of \$86,596.32 (see attached FY 14 Revenue and Expenditure Report).

- (2) Accomplishments funded by the DVSASF

- In compliance with the Legislature’s directive according to Act 142, SLH 2005, the DOH completed the implementation of “Navigating a Course for Pace,” a five (5) year domestic violence strategic plan for years 2007-2012. Together with the Domestic Violence Oversight Body, the Hawaii State Coalition Against Domestic Violence prepared a five year report that includes the following recommendations:
  - Improve consistent application of domestic violence laws and practices pertaining to victim safety in law enforcement and the justice systems, both civil and criminal.

- Support ongoing efforts of the Department of Human Services' Child Welfare Services (CWS) to improve the interface between domestic violence and CWS.
  - Maximize opportunity through the development and application of consistent protocols for screening and assessment for DV in clinical settings.
  - Develop a quality assurance guide for best practices in domestic violence program interventions for victim services, for both children and adults.
  - Simultaneously focus on systems improvements to foster a primary prevention goal to reduce intimate partner violence, teen dating violence, sexual assault and coercion, child abuse and family violence through increased awareness about social norms and attitudes perpetuating and condoning abuse.
  - Ongoing efforts take a two-pronged approach with system improvements addressed by a statewide policy body and family violence prevention activities occurring at the local level.
- Funds were provided to University of Hawaii Conference Center to provide logistical support for the 2014 Hawaii Primary Care Association Annual Conference to increase the understanding of the essential role that health care providers play in breaking the cycle of violence by providing victims of abuse with referrals and support. Domestic violence and sexual violence providers had the opportunity to share resources and information with physicians, clinicians, and health care administrators. Scholarships were provided to representatives from domestic violence or sexual assault organizations, or violence prevention advocates.
  - Epidemiologist Virginia Loo was contracted to develop a surveillance monitoring plan including evaluation guidelines and a training plan to build an evaluation infrastructure and data systems for sexual violence and domestic violence prevention programs. Recommendations will include how data collection and/or analysis can enhance the utilization of information for prevention program improvement, a summary of the effectiveness of various primary prevention strategies across different forms of violence, and how to build evaluation and data capacity of violence prevention activities. Ongoing training and technical assistance is provided to sexual violence and domestic violence prevention partners through this contract.
  - The Institute on Violence, Abuse and Trauma at Alliant (IVAT) International University held its 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Hawaii Conference at the Ala Moana Hotel on March 11-14, 2014. The conference featured eight tracks including Child Trauma, Adolescent Trauma/Youth Violence, Adult/Family Trauma, Prevention/Early Intervention, Intimate Partner Violence, Trauma in Military Personnel, Veterans and their Families, Healthcare Professionals Dealing with Abuse & Trauma, and Criminal Justice & Legal Issues. There were 808

attendees comprised of social workers, marriage and family therapists, psychologists, policy makers/administrators, law enforcement, attorneys, nurses, advocates, and others. The conference planning included 18 co-sponsors, 33 collaborators, 14 exhibitors, and 67 volunteers. The conference was expanded by a half day with five breakout sessions. IVAT also held the First Annual Poster Presentation with 24 poster presenters. Children from elementary through high school on all islands were invited to submit drawings of the conference theme “No Hurting – Show Aloha” in the First Annual Children’s Art Contest. DVSA special funds were used to support the attendance of Hawaii professionals working in the fields of domestic violence or sexual assault.

- The University of Hawaii (UH) Manoa Women’s Center developed an infrastructure model to prevent sexual violence, including sexual assault, dating violence, stalking and cyber-stalking, as well as provide victim services. Sexual Violence Prevention (SVP) Task Forces have been established on six (6) as part of the PAU (Prevention, Awareness, Understanding) Violence Against Women Program. A system wide UH program, the PAU Violence Program focuses on the primary prevention of sexual violence and provides training and education to students, faculty, and staff.
  - Using DVSA Special Funds, UH System SVP Task Forces provided SVP education and training to university students. Red Flags Training was offered to all incoming students during a section of orientation called “Building a Campus Community”. A 20-minute session, Red Flags Training, provides an opportunity for students to learn about healthy and unhealthy relationships. Training leaders also provided participants with information about services and resources at the Women’s Center.
  - UH Manoa student mentors received Mentors in Violence Prevention (MVP) Training. MVP is a dynamic violence prevention training that uses a bystander intervention model. Encouraging participants to be leaders on campus, students are asked to identify interventions they are comfortable using in situations when they can de-escalate or prevent gender violence. MVP trainings were provided to the Ethnic Studies Filipinos in Hawaii class, the Native Hawaiian Student Services staff and students, and all incoming student athletes.
  - Students also received SVP trainings through Native Hawaiian, Women’s Studies, Psychology, and Ethnic Studies courses. Topics included types of abuse, healthy relationships, foundational elements of sexism and how it related to issues of violence against women, dating and domestic violence, and disclosure and referral. The UH Kapiolani Community College offered *Dating and Relationships 101* to

their students. This training included how to “date safe”, great dating experiences, and recognizing the warning signs of unhealthy relationships. Participants received a *What’s a Healthy Relationship* brochure and a campus help card.

- The UH Women’s Center collaborated with the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority to present, “Human Trafficking Forum: I’m Not For Sale”. Community panelists included representatives from the Federal Bureau of Investigation, Made in Hope, Pacific Survivor Center and Courage House. Participants increased knowledge on risk factors, prevalence in Hawaii, and legislation related to human trafficking.
- The UH Women’s Center provided SVP education and training to University faculty, staff, and other professionals at the Manoa Campus. Trainings include *101 on Dating Violence* and *Sexual Assault and Stalking*. The Women’s Center collaborated with campus safety staff to provide *Safety Talk: Special Safety Interest: Sex Assault and Security Issues* at the John A. Burns School of Medicine & Cancer Research. Issues of safety around sex assault, specifically regarding the medical school location on campus, were discussed with staff and students during this training. Women’s Center information cards were distributed to participants at all trainings.
- Monthly meetings were held by the SVP Task Forces statewide for case review, policy and protocol review to ensure continuous improvement and evaluation of victim-centered response services delivery.
- UH SVP Task Forces statewide held sexual violence public awareness and prevention events and activities during Sexual Assault Awareness Month (SAAM) in April. Events included Denim Day, Take Back the Night, One Billion Rising, Walk a Mile in Her Shoes, and One in Five Teal Flags. Teal flags representing the number of women and men on campus impacted by sexual assault were displayed and students were given resource information.
- UH Women’s Center provided technical assistance (TA) to faculty, staff, students, and sexual assault task forces including SVP training (new student orientation), activity planning for SAAM, and support for the development of SV policies and procedures unique to each campus.
- Sex Abuse Treatment Center (SATC) provides Sexual Violence Prevention (SVP) curricula training for professionals, age-appropriate youth education sessions, and child sexual abuse prevention training.

- During this reporting period, SATC provided SVP curricula training to fifty-five (55) professionals including teachers, counselors, psychologists, health educators, and school administrators. SVP curricula training includes 1) core concepts of the curricula, 2) teaching strategies, 3) how to effectively deliver age-appropriate lessons, 4) the dynamics and impact of child sexual abuse, 5) how to manage disclosures of sexual abuse, and 6) services available for sexual assault victims. The evidence-based SVP curricula uses a “train the trainer model” and encourages professionals to use the prevention education modules: *My Body is Special* (K to 2nd Grade), *My Body, My Boundaries* (3rd to 5th Grade), *Respect* (6th to 8th Grade), and *Respect* (High School).
- SATC’s educator provided SVP curriculum education sessions to 654 youth statewide. Sessions were presented at public school Peer Education Programs (Roosevelt, Moanalua, Radford, Farrington and Waialua High Schools), Kailua High School’s Peer Mediation Program, private schools (Kamehameha, Holy Family Catholic Academy, St. Patrick’s, and Sacred Hearts Academy), Anuenue Charter School, and at-risk programs (Kai Program and Palama Settlement In Community Treatment Program).
- SATC’s educator also provided ten (10) Child Sexual Abuse Prevention Training to 189 educators, psychologists, school staff, community staff, professionals, parents, and community members. Child Sexual Abuse Prevention Trainings covered a range of topics including 1) types of child sexual abuse, 2) factors that put children at risk for sexual victimization, 3) how to use prevention tools and resources to protect children, 4) how to respond sensitively to victim disclosures of abuse, and 5) how to access victim services.
- SATC provided TA to SVP curricula trained educators, school staff, Hawaii Theater for Youth staff for the planning and development of Rally for [respect], The Coalition for a Drug Free Hawaii to revamp the TeenLink Hawaii SV webpage, community organizations, business establishments and members of the community. Face-to-face TA was provided at meetings to support the effective implementation of the SVP curricula, to provide information and resources, and to strengthen relationships with community partners, and consultation to community organizations in their development of Sexual Assault Awareness Month activities.
- The *Start the Conversation Toolkit* provides informational materials to educate adults about the risks of youth being sexually victimized or victimizing others. The toolkit also encourages parents and caregivers to dialogue with their children and youth about SV risks and the

benefits of developing healthy, safe relationships. The SVP toolkit offers free, downloadable materials such as *Start the Conversation*, *Five Good Reasons to Talk with Your Teen*, and *Healthy Relationships: Facts & Conversation Guide*. Radio spots to promote the *Start the Conversation Toolkit* were aired from April 4 to May 4, 2014. Using DV-SA Special Funds, public service announcements (PSAs) promoting the toolkit were aired 1,964 times statewide, on a variety of stations and at various times throughout the day. As a result, the toolkit webpage received 407 new visits.

(3) Collaboration to improve services for victims of domestic violence and sexual assault

The DOH recently reorganized and grouped violence prevention programs into the newly created Violence Prevention Unit (VPU) that includes child abuse and neglect (CAN), domestic violence (DV), sexual violence (SV), and family support. The DOH is developing a system to utilize data to strengthen the primary prevention of child abuse and neglect, domestic violence, and sexual violence. In collaboration with public and private partners, as well as community and faith based organizations, the DOH hopes to design a feasible surveillance system which will collect, analyze, and report data needed to monitor and evaluate CAN, DV, and SV program efforts to prevent violence in our communities.

The DOH submitted the necessary documents to re-establish the Domestic Violence Prevention Coordinator position which was eliminated by the 2009 Reduction in Force (RIF). The position was recently re-established and upon successful recruitment of a Domestic Violence Prevention Coordinator, DOH will collaborate and coordinate program planning and implementation efforts to develop and address prevention goals and strategies across domestic violence and other Violence Prevention Unit (VPU) programs. In the interim, the DOH has convened the Domestic Violence Fatality Review (DVFR) Core Team to conduct long range visioning and planning for future mortality reviews. Planning meetings have reviewed various national models and considerations for possible changes to how Hawaii may conduct future DVFR. A work group also identified the following priorities: 1) The need for a coordinated response to DV; 2) Ongoing training, education, and awareness of DV; and 3) The establishment of high risk teams for DV victims to provide outreach and to increase the accountability of abusers to divert from escalating violence. Several national models of high risk teams are under review by the DVFR Core Team.

**Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Special Fund**

**Revenues for FY 2014**

(Receipts from Fees for Vital Records Certified Copies, Tax Designations and Interest Earned)

<u>Date of Receipt*</u>	<u>JV No.</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Totals</u>
<b><i>From Fees for Vital Records Certified Copies--</i></b>			
8/22/2013	00JM0639	18,407.00	
10/16/2013	00JM1548	73,130.00	
12/9/2013	00JM2535	54,620.00	
1/2/2014	00JM2980	16,435.00	
5/8/2014	00JM5577	93,430.00	
		<b>Subtotal:</b>	\$256,022.00
<b><i>From Tax Designations--</i></b>			
8/15/2013	00JM0522	2,804.45	
8/19/2013	00JM0370	30,512.22	
3/7/2014	00JM4275	3,256.67	
		<b>Subtotal:</b>	\$ 36,573.34
<b><i>Interest earned from investment pool--</i></b>		\$ -	
		<b>Subtotal:</b>	<u>\$ -</u>
	<b>TOTAL</b>		<u>\$ 292,595.34</u>

\* Source: DATAMART-RevDownload, date receipt processed to FAMIS system

Vendor/Description	FY 2013 - 2014				
	Total	Expenditures	Encumbrances	FY13 Enc. Liquidated in FY14	Remaining Balance (as of 8/28/14)
<b>A. Kapiolani Medical Center</b> – Education and training by the Sex Abuse Treatment Center on its sexual violence prevention curricula.	\$150,000.00	\$116,656.55	\$33,343.45	\$5,768.12	\$27,575.33
<b>B. University of Hawaii at Manoa, Women's Center</b> – Infrastructure model to address sexual violence prevention including sexual assault, dating violence, stalking, cyberstalking, and victim services.	\$75,000.00	\$24,404.01	\$50,595.99	-	\$50,595.99
<b>C. University of Hawaii at Manoa, Conference Center</b> – Support for the 2014 Hawaii Primary Care Annual Conference's efforts to raise awareness of the essential role health care providers play in identifying and supporting victims of violence.	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00	-	-	-
<b>D. Alliant International</b> – Scholarships for professionals working in the areas of domestic or sexual violence prevention to attend the 11 <sup>th</sup> Annual Hawaii Conference on Preventing, Assessing Treating Childhood, Adolescent & Adult Trauma.	\$4,990.00	\$4,990.00	-	-	-
<b>E. Virginia Loo</b> – Development of a plan to build the evaluation infrastructure and data systems for sexual violence and domestic violence prevention programs.	\$12,350.00	-	\$12,350.00	\$12,025.00	\$325.00
<b>F. Child Death Review (CDR)</b> - Conduct multidisciplinary and multiagency reviews of child fatalities to reduce the incidence of preventable deaths.	\$28,145.44	\$28,145.44	-	-	-
<b>G. Special Fund Assessments</b> - Central Service Departmental Administrative Expense Assessments.	\$20,000.00	\$11,900.00	\$8,100.00	-	\$8,100.00
<b>Total :</b>	<b>\$300,485.44</b>	<b>\$196,096.00</b>	<b>\$104,389.44</b>	<b>\$17,793.12</b>	<b>\$86,596.32</b>

