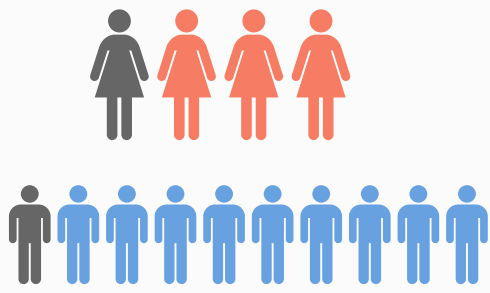




# INTIMATE PARTNER VIOLENCE AND CHILD ABUSE CONSIDERATIONS DURING COVID-19

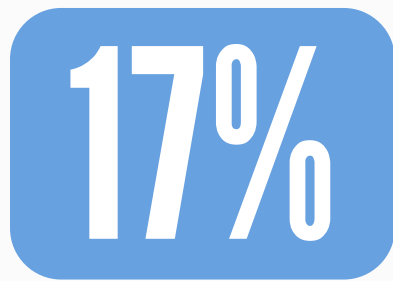
## Intimate Partner Violence



According to *CDC*, approximately **1 in 4 women** and nearly **1 in 10 men** have experienced intimate partner violence (IPV) sexual violence, physical violence, and/or stalking by an intimate partner during their lifetime.



In SFY 2019, there were a total of 2,789 children in foster care in Hawaii. Of these 2,789 children, **467 of them (or 17%)** had domestic violence noted as a factor precipitating the incident that caused the case to come to CWS' attention.



### Controlling Behaviors

#### LGBTQ+ Survivors

- Threats to “out” their partner to family, friends or employer
- Withholding transgender hormone therapy medication

#### Immigrant Survivors

- Threats of deportation
- Forbidding English classes

#### Survivors with Disabilities

- Withholds, damages or breaks assistive devices
- Steals or withholds their Social Security Disability check

## Native Hawaiian Communities



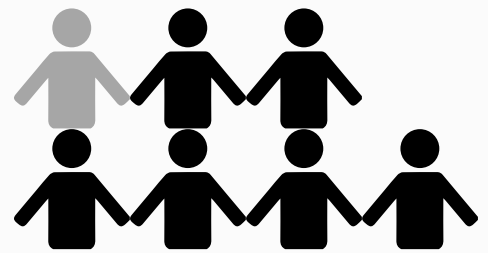
- Out of **1,507** University of Hawai'i students considered Native Hawaiian or Part Native Hawaiian, **20.4%** reported experiencing **dating and domestic violence** since being enrolled.
- **17.5%** of Native Hawaiian and **20.1%** of other Pacific Islander middle schoolers in Hawai'i reported they had been physically abused by someone they were dating with **in the past 12 months**.
- A telephone survey to adult men and women **across all 50 states** found **21.6%** of Native Hawaiian respondents reported experiencing physical abuse by a current or former intimate partner.



As **Native Hawaiians/Part-Hawaiians** made up 23.5% of the population, this group is **underrepresented** in domestic violence related fatalities.

## Child Abuse and Neglect

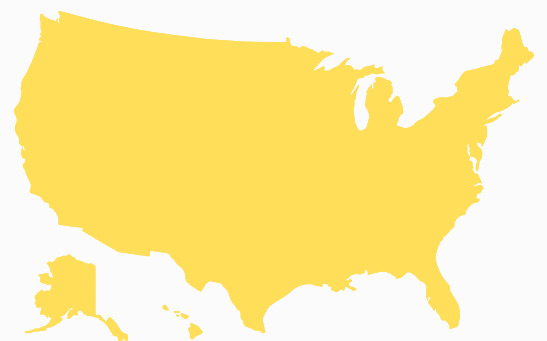
*CDC* reports that at least **1 in 7 children** have experienced child abuse and/or neglect in the past year and in 2018, nearly 1,770 children died of abuse and neglect in the United States.



# \$428 billion

In the US, the total lifetime economic burden associated with child abuse and neglect was approximately **\$428 billion** in 2015.

Funding is imperative for the ongoing services needed to support these families and children.



Rates of child abuse and neglect are **five times higher** for children in families with **low socio-economic status** compared to children in families with higher socio-economic status. Child abuse and neglect can have a tremendous impact on lifelong health and wellbeing if left untreated.



Children are specifically vulnerable to abuse during COVID-19. Research shows that increased stress levels among parents is often a **major predictor** of physical abuse and neglect of children. Stressed parents may be **more likely** to respond to their children's anxious behaviors or demands in aggressive or abusive ways.

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- <https://s3.amazonaws.com/gbv-wp-uploads/wp-content/uploads/2020/02/27212007/DVFactSheet-Native-Hawaiians-Jan-2020.pdf>
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**We must take action** to alert victims of abuse that there is help available. We must work with law enforcement and other state and local personnel to understand that stay-at-home orders need to be relaxed when the home is unsafe.

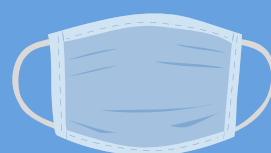
Since children are not going to school, **teachers and school counselors are unable to witness** the signs of abuse and report to the proper authorities. **Law enforcement and elected officials** need to make this a priority now more than ever during these troubling times.



## Intimate Partner Violence Risks Associated with COVID-19

### Abusive partners may withhold:

- necessary items, such as hand sanitizer or disinfectants.
- insurance cards, threaten to cancel insurance, or prevent survivors from seeking medical attention if they need it.
- stimulus payments; and
- may share misinformation about the pandemic to control or frighten survivors, or to prevent them from seeking appropriate medical attention if they have symptoms.



To help families and communities address intimate partner violence and child abuse health concerns, please see the local resources below:

- **Hawai'i State Coalition Against Domestic Violence**  
<https://www.hscadv.org/gethelp>
- **Child & Family Service**  
<https://www.childandfamilyservice.org/>
- **Parents and Children Together**  
<https://pacthawaii.org/>
- **Women Helping Women**  
<https://www.womenhelpingwomenmaui.com/>
- **YWCA**  
<https://www.ywcahawaiiisland.org/>
- **Domestic Violence Action Center**  
<https://domesticviolenceactioncenter.org/>



## Reach out for help

- Victims can **still file petitions for temporary restraining orders** with the family court. Family courts on all islands are still conducting TRO hearings. If you would like to learn more about TRO hearings and how to obtain it, please visit:  
[https://www.courts.state.hi.us/self-help/protective\\_orders/protective\\_orders](https://www.courts.state.hi.us/self-help/protective_orders/protective_orders)
- For any victims and survivors who need support or want to create a safety plan, you are not alone. You can call the National Domestic Violence Hotline 24/7 at **1-800-799-7233** or **1-800-787-3224** for TTY, or if you're unable to speak safely, you can log onto [thehotline.org](https://www.thehotline.org) or text **LOVEIS** to **22522**.
- Be advised of limited shelter availability due to COVID-19. For **allies and bystanders**, reach out to friends and family members who may be at risk for intimate partner violence and check-in on them. **Be cautious** and **stay neutral** in your conversation, avoid putting your loved one at risk. **Consider** calling a support hotline to get advice on how to be an ally as we shelter in place.

## Other Resources

### National

- **The National Network to End Domestic Violence**  
<https://nnedv.org/>
- **National Domestic Violence Hotline**  
<https://www.thehotline.org/>  
1-800-799-7233  
If you are unable to speak, text LOVEIS to 22522
- **Prevent Child Abuse America**  
<https://preventchildabuse.org/coronavirus-resources/>
- **StrongHearts Native Helpline**  
1-844-762-8483
- **Crisis Text Line**  
Text HOME to 741741
- **National Human Trafficking Hotline**  
Phone: 1-888-373-7888  
Text Line: Send the text "BEFREE" to 233733
- **The Trevor Project**  
<https://www.thetrevorproject.org>  
866-488-7386 LGBTQ Youth
- **Trans Lifeline**  
24/7 Hotline: (877) 330-6366

### Local

- **Child Welfare Services Reporting Line**  
Oahu: 808-832-5300  
Human Trafficking: 808-832-1999  
Neighbor Islands & Mainland  
US Toll Free: 1-888-380-3088  
Human Trafficking Toll Free: 1-888-398-1188
- **Sex Abuse Treatment Center**  
<http://satchawaii.com/>  
24/7 Hotline: (808) 524-7273
- **Hawaii State Coalition Against Domestic Violence**  
<https://www.hscadv.org/>
- **Domestic Violence Action Center**  
<https://domesticviolenceactioncenter.org/>
- **Hawaii State Judiciary - TRO Hearings**  
[https://www.courts.state.hi.us/self-help/protective\\_orders/protective\\_orders](https://www.courts.state.hi.us/self-help/protective_orders/protective_orders)

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