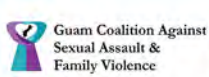


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STRENGTH IN COMMUNITIES

- APRIL IS:**
- Sexual Assault Awareness Month
 - Child Abuse Prevention Month
 - Autism Awareness Month
 - Youth Month
 - National Crime Victims' Rights Week



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We extend our thanks and appreciation

to all our partners who virtually joined us the past two months to plan and coordinate the key April events: Bureau of Women Affairs, Governor's Community Outreach-Federal Programs Office; Joint Region Marianas; Department of Public Health and Social Services-Adult Protective Services and Bureau of Social Services Administration; Office of the Attorney General; Catholic Social Services-Alee Shelter; Andersen Air Force Base-Family Advocacy Program, Sexual Assault Prevention and Response Office, and Sexual Assault Response Coordinator; Archdiocese of Agaña; Department of Youth Affairs; Erica's House; GALA, Inc.; Guam Community College; Guam Legal Services Corp.-Disability Law Center; Guam National Guard; GCA Trades Academy; Guam Police Department-Domestic Assault Response Team; Guam Behavioral Health and Wellness Center-Healing Hearts Crisis Center; Guma' Mami; Mane'lu; Mayors Council of Guam; Naval Base Guam-Family Advocacy Program, Fleet and Family Support Center, and Sexual Assault Response Coordinator; Public Defender Services Corp.; Saint Anthony Catholic Church; Sanctuary, Inc.; Victim Advocates Reaching Out; WestCare Pacific Islands.

APRIL HAPPENINGS

April Joint Proclamation Signing / Legislative Resolution Presentation

GCASAFV kicks off the month with a Joint Proclamation Signing and Presentation of Legislative Resolution that took place on March 31, 2023, at the Guam Community College, in recognition of three key April events - Sexual Assault Awareness Month (SAAM), Child Abuse Prevention Month (CAPM), and National Crime Victims' Rights Week (NCVRW). Governor Lou Leon Guerrero and Lt. Governor Josh Tenorio signed the Proclamation. The Joint Military Proclamation was signed by Rear Admiral Benjamin Nicholson, Brigadier General Michael Cruz, Colonel Larry Fenner, Jr., Commander Nicholas Leinweber, Colonel Christopher Bopp, and Commander Gregory Sickels. Speaker Therese Terlaje presented the Legislative Resolution, indicating

the importance of raising awareness of SAAM, CAPM and NCVRW, and commending all the service providers who assist victims seeking services.

We would also like to give special thanks to Nadine Cepeda - GCASAFV Board Secretary and Bert Johnston - GCA Trades Academy, for being the emcees. Dr. Virginia Tudela, Vice President of GCC for giving the welcoming remarks. Director Theresa Arriola - GBHWC, Deputy Director Terry Aguon - DPHSS and Attorney General Douglas Moylan for proving agency remarks on the key awareness's and lastly Reverend Father Ron Pangan - AOA/SACC, for giving the Benediction to end the event.



APRIL HAPPENINGS

April is Sexual Assault Awareness Month (SAAM):

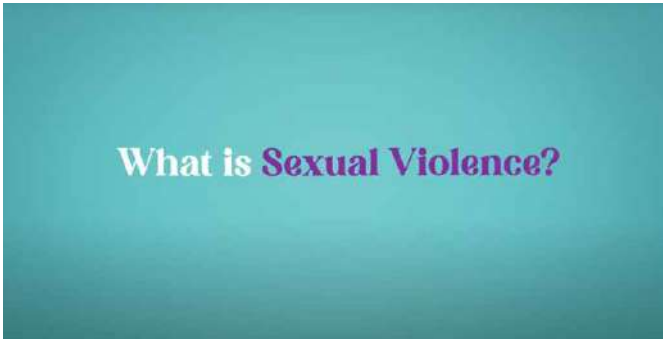
Sexual Assault Awareness Month



The SAAM theme this year is ***Drawing Connections: Prevention Demands Equity***, highlighting the call for all individuals, communities, organizations, and institutions to change ourselves and the systems surrounding us to build racial equity and respect.

Each year during the month of April, SAAM is recognized Nationwide. State, territory, tribal and community-based organizations, rape crisis centers, government agencies, businesses, campuses, and many volunteers plan events and activities to highlight sexual violence as a public health, human rights, and social justice issue. Together, communities and organizations advocate awareness and prevention.

GuamTalks Productions, a three-part series on Sexual Violence, Teen Dating Violence and Cyberbullying. Each episode features information on understanding the topics, knowing how to help a friend dealing with the issue, and how to help yourself if you are currently experiencing sexual violence, teen dating violence, or cyberbullying.



All GuamTalks Productions can be viewed on GCASAFV's YouTube channel: <https://youtu.be/eolnenqIGqI>

APRIL HAPPENINGS

Denim Day is April 26, 2023!



Let's Wear Denim! On April, 26, 2023, GCASAFV invites community partners and the island to unite with STRENGTH IN COMMUNITIES to raise awareness on the harmful behaviors and attitudes surrounding sexual violence. Join us in wearing denim and post your denim looks on social media, tag us at #GCASAFV or email us at info@guamcoalition.org and we can add your photo.

Over the past two decades, Peace Over Violence, a sexual and domestic violence, intimate partner stalking, child abuse, and youth violence prevention center has championed practicing solidarity and supporting victims by exposing harmful behaviors and attitudes related to sexual violence.

On Denim Day, which takes place on the last Wednesday in April — April 26 this year — we stand in solidarity with sexual assault survivors and victims. Denim Day started as a campaign against sexual assault apologists. In the summer of 1998 in Italy, an 18-year-old girl was raped by her 45-year-old driving instructor. One year later, the perpetrator was released after the court overturned his sentence. He appealed that the girl had had 'consensual' sex with him because she was wearing tight jeans that could have only been taken off with her help. The next day, Italian women showed up in jeans to their workplaces as a way to protest the absurdity of the overturned sentence.

For more information, visit <https://denimday.org/why-denim>

April is National Child Abuse Prevention Month!



During the month of April, we recognize National Child Abuse Prevention Month (NCAPM) and the importance of communities working together to help families thrive and prevent child maltreatment. Throughout the year, communities are encouraged to increase awareness about child and family well-being and work together to implement effective strategies that support families and prevent child abuse and neglect.

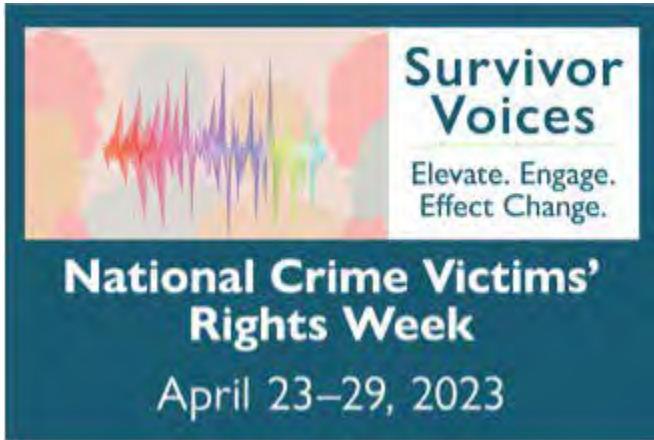
NCAPM and other Federal child abuse-related activities are authorized by the Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act (CAPTA). CAPTA provides funding to States to support prevention, assessment, investigation, prosecution, and treatment of child abuse and neglect. It also provides grants to public agencies and nonprofit organizations, including American Indian Tribes and Tribal organizations, for demonstration programs and projects.

For more information, visit <https://www.childwelfare.gov/topics/preventing/preventionmonth/>



APRIL HAPPENINGS

National Crime Victims' Rights Week (April 23-29, 2023)



This year, the National Crime Victims' Rights Week (NCVWR) will be observed from **April 23, 2023, to April 29, 2023**. NCVWR has been regarded as a time to recognize all victims or crime, the achievements in victim services and allied professions, and commemorate those who have gone above and beyond their services to others. It is a time to remember crime victims and survivors! The office for Victims of Crime leads communities throughout the United States in the annual observance of NCVWR.

The theme this year is **Survivor Voices: Elevate. Engage. Effect Change**. This year's theme calls upon communities to amplify the voices of survivors and commit to creating an environment where survivors have the confidence that they will be heard, believed, and supported.

For more information, visit <https://ovc.ojp.gov/program/national-crime-victims-rights-week/overview>

April is Autism Awareness Month



April has been designated as Autism Awareness month with the goal of raising awareness and acceptance of those who have been diagnosed with Autism. Autism is a disorder that affects the brain and poses challenges in a person's ability to communicate, respond to environment, and create relationships. In raising awareness of what autism is and the daily challenges individuals living with autism face, there is the hope of increased understanding, acceptance, and support for them and their families.

This year's theme is **See Their True Color - Accept and Support Autism**. In celebration of Autism Awareness Month, Guam's Autism Community Together (ACT), has a planned month of events to spread awareness and gathering the island community in their efforts.

For more information and updates on events, visit the Autism Community Together Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/autismguam/>

April is Youth Month!



In light of Youth Month, the Department of Youth Affairs (DYA) held its annual Oratorical Contest on April 11 and 12, 2023. Guam Middle School's oratorical contest on April 11th and Guam High School oratorical contest on April 12th. For the past 20 years, DYA has organized the Oratorical Contests to provide teens a platform to speak about their views on environmental and community issues.

The winners of the Oratorical Contest will be the Youth Governor and Youth Lieutenant Governor for Island Leadership Day. All other student participants will be partnered with leaders throughout the Government of Guam, to include the Guam Legislature, Judiciary, and the Mayors Council.

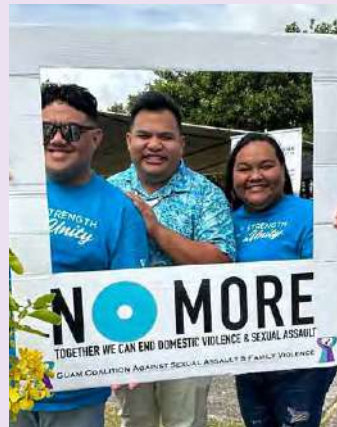
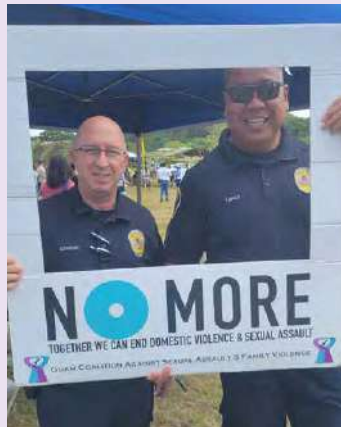
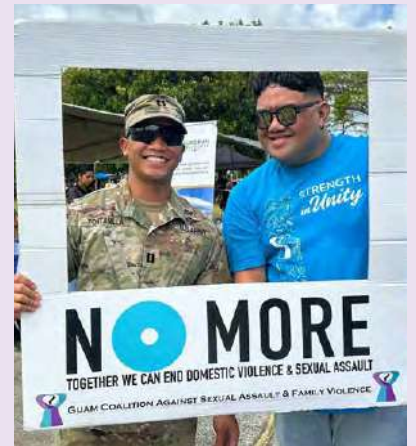
For more information, visit <https://dya.guam.gov/>

MARCH IN REVIEW

55th University of Guam (UOG) Charter Day

This year marks the 55th University of Guam celebration, marking the anniversary of the University's founding in 1952 and the signing of the charter that renamed the Territorial College of Guam to the University of Guam in 1968. This year GCASAFV partnered with the UOG's Violence Against Women Prevention Program. Information tables were set up during the event. Collateral materials including pamphlets, brochures and information cards on Sexual Assault, Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, and Stalking were handed out to all participants who came to visit. Thank you UOG and the Violence Against Women Prevention Program for allowing GCASAFV to collaborate in this event to help spread awareness in fostering safe, healthy, violence-free communities.

Picture Me, Violence Free!



MARCH IN REVIEW

2023 kNOW MORE Training Series: Addressing Sexual Assault/Domestic Violence – Journey to Healing

On March 21 & 22, GCASAFV hosted a conference highlighting the “Journey to Healing.” The conference consisted of both off-island & local professionals in their field. Various topics were addressed in our two-day conference, such as: domestic violence, sexual assault, stalking, burnout for advocates, trauma talk for advocates, healing in native communities, and much more! We gained overwhelming support from our partner agencies and service providers throughout this process. GCASAFV would like to extend a huge thanks to everyone who participated as well as presented. We could not do the work of addressing SA/DV without all of you!



MARCH IN REVIEW

March 2023 Community Actions (CA) Team Meeting

The Community Action Teams meeting was held at the Westin Guam Resort on March 23, 2023. Individuals representing our partners and agencies had the opportunity to share their thoughts and opinions on how GCASAFV can support them to serve survivors. Participants discussed emerging issues related to sexual assault, domestic/family violence, dating violence, and stalking. They also provided input on what types of training, technical assistance, and outreaches GCASAFV can support. Lastly, they shared their views on the resources that we currently have and how to improve and enhance them to reach more victims and survivors.



GRANT OPPORTUNITIES

Hear Ye, Hear Ye, Read All About It!

Here are some new grant opportunities available. The Office on Violence Against Women (OVW) and The Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP), Office of Justice Programs (OJP) has recently posted several announcements on its website that may be of interest to you.



OJJDP FY 2023 Strategies To Support Children Exposed to Violence

With this solicitation, OJJDP seeks to provide funding to communities to develop coordinated and comprehensive community-based approaches to help children and their families who are exposed to violence build resilience, restore their safety, heal their social and emotional wounds, and prevent future violence and delinquency. Funding can be used to develop and/or enhance support services for children exposed to violence to reduce the adverse impact of violence on youth, families, and communities, and to help family-serving organizations better recognize and help families at risk for exposure to violence.

- **Eligible applicants:** City or township governments, County governments, Independent school districts, Native American Tribal governments (Federally recognized), Native American Tribal organizations (other than Federally recognized Tribal governments), Nonprofits having 501(c)(3) status with the IRS, other than institutions of higher education, Nonprofits that do not have a 501(c)(3) status with the IRS, other than institutions of higher education, Private institutions of higher education, Public and State controlled institutions of higher education, Special district governments, State governments.
- **Anticipated Number of Awards: 8**
- **Anticipated Maximum Dollar Amount of Awards: \$970,000**
- **Period of Performance Start Date Period of Performance Duration (Months): 10/01/23 (36 months)**
- **Anticipated Total Amount to be Awarded Under Solicitation: \$7,760,000**
- **Deadline to submit (Grant.gov) is 04/24/2023.**
- **Deadline to submit (JustGrants) is 05/08/2023.**

OVW Fiscal Year 2023 Grants to Reduce Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault, and Stalking on Campus Program Solicitation

The Grants to Reduce Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault, and Stalking on Campus Program (Campus Program) encourages institutions of higher education to develop and strengthen effective security and investigation strategies to combat domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking on campus, develop and strengthen victim services in cases involving such crimes on campus, and develop and strengthen prevention education and awareness programs.

- **Eligible applicants:** Private institutions of higher education, Public and State controlled institutions of higher education
- **Other Eligible applicants are limited to:** Institutions of higher education in the United States and U.S. territories, including Historically Black Colleges and Universities, Tribal Colleges and Universities, Hispanic Serving Institutions, and other Minority Serving Institutions. For more information, see the Eligibility Information section of this solicitation.
- **Anticipated Number of Awards: 25**
- **Anticipated Maximum Dollar Amount of Awards: \$400,000**
- **Period of Performance Start Date Period of Performance Duration (Months): 10/01/23 (36 months)**
- **Anticipated Total Amount to be Awarded Under Solicitation: \$10,000,000**
- **Deadline to submit (Grant.gov) is 05/04/2023.**
- **Deadline to submit (JustGrants) is 05/09/2023.**



THE MORE YOU KNOW



Healing
Hearts
CRISIS CENTER

Community Champion: Healing Hearts Crisis Center

Healing from sexual assault is never easy. The journey to recovery from trauma takes time and requires both immediate and long-term services built upon the foundation of understanding that trauma takes many forms, is often overlapping and can be re-experienced in many ways.

The Healing Hearts Crisis Center (HHCC) is Guam's only Rape Crisis Center. As a division of the Guam Behavioral Health and Wellness Center, HHCC exists with the intent to provide survivors of sexual assault with "discrete, immediate and full medical attention".

HHCC incorporates a holistic approach for individuals who may have experienced a sexual assault. Regardless of when the assault or the age, ethnicity, gender or disability of the victim, Healing Hearts offers a supportive, healing atmosphere with caring people to assist them in regaining feelings of safety, control, trust, autonomy and self-esteem. The HHCC team works together to ensure all survivors receive the service they need to begin and sustain the healing process occurred after sexual

assault or abuse. HHCC services include intake assessment and crisis intervention, forensic and multi-disciplinary team interviews, short term case management and linkage to other needed services such as individual and family therapy. HHCC also provides medical services including forensic examinations and collection of forensic evidence, as well as outreach and training to schools, services providers, and the community at large.

Hours of Operation:

Healing Hearts business hours are Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

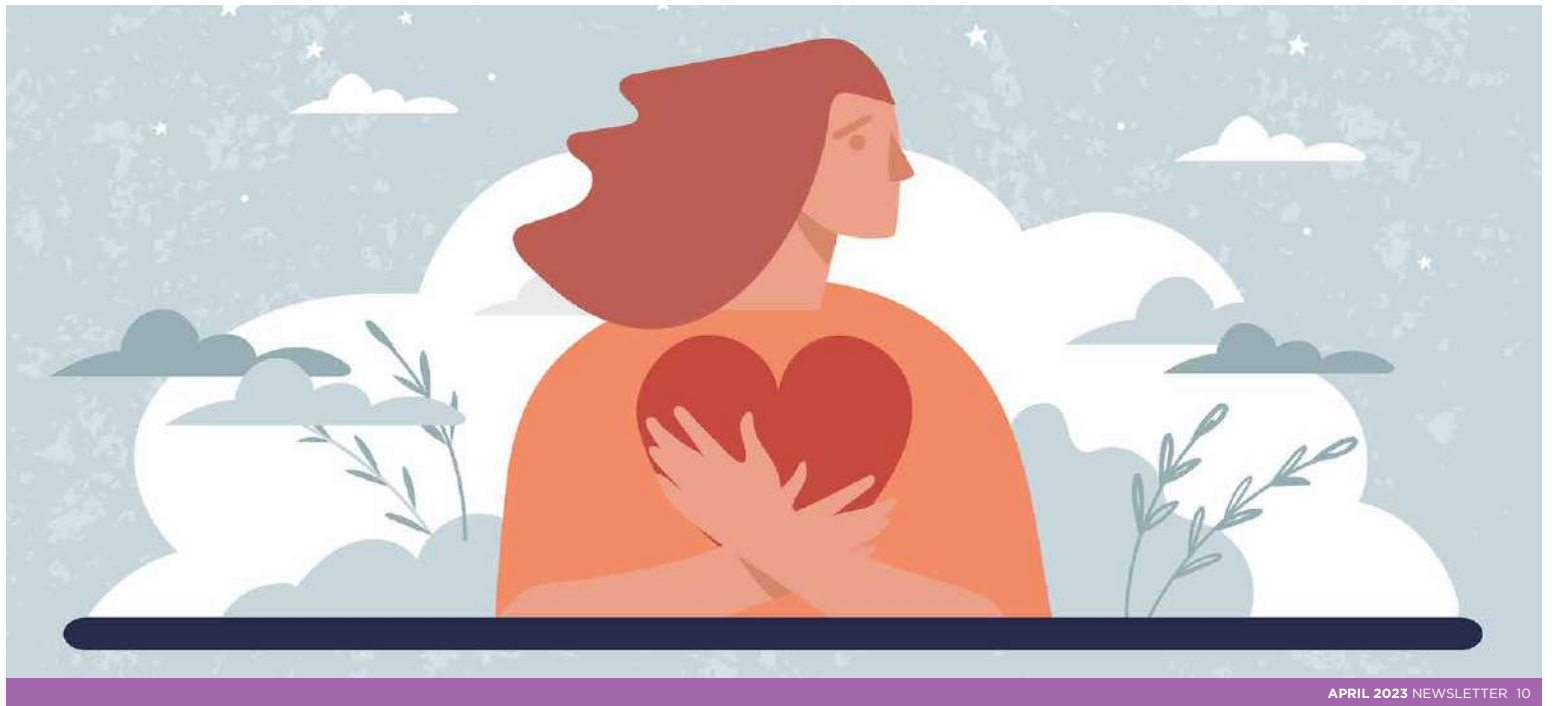
Location Guam Behavioral Health and Wellness Center-2nd floor

Physical Address Guam Behavioral Health and Wellness Center

790 Governor Carlos G, Camacho Road, Tamuning, Guam 96913

Crisis Hotline numbers are 671-647-5351 or 671-647-8833 for all survivors of sexual assault no matter when the assault occurred. If a survivor finds that he or she is facing issues relating to the assault, phone lines are manned 24 hours a day by staff that is willing to help or to listen if the survivor needs to talk.

For more information, visit website <https://gbhwc.guam.gov/services/healing-hearts-rape-crisis-center>.



THE MORE YOU KNOW

Featured Resources:

The United States Department of Housing and Urban Development's (HUD), Office of Fair Housing & Equal Opportunity (FHEO) is pleased to sponsor the release of the LGBTQIA+ Fair Housing Toolkit. The goal of the LGBTQIA+ Fair Housing Toolkit is to educate housing providers, tenants, applicants, and other housing consumers on LGBTQIA+ fair housing protections to advance housing equity for LGBTQIA+ individuals.

For more information, visit

<https://www.hudexchange.info/programs/fair-housing/lgbtqia-fair-housing-toolkit/introduction/>



FIRST AID, CPR AED COURSE FOR KIDS

The American Heart Association and Life Support Training is providing a **FREE First Aid, CPR AED course** for kids from 9-13 years old. This training is provided for children to respond to emergencies in their homes, schools, and the community in general. Currently, the training is conducted at the Tamuning Senior Center on Sundays.



FIRST AID, CPR AED TRAINING FOR CHILDREN

9 to 13 Years Old LEARN TO SAVE LIVES

FREE!

PLEASE CALL LIFE SUPPORT TRAINING CENTER

MS. ROSE: 671 683-5499

lstmx.gu@gmail.com

MS. JENNELYN: 671 791-8232

jenkenquinene@yahoo.com

MS. YNAH: 671 777-2356

princess_ynah@yahoo.com

SAVE THE DATES

GCASAFV Calendar of Events

APRIL 2023

- Sexual Assault Awareness
- Child Abuse Prevention
- Autism Awareness
- Youth Month
- National Crime Victims' Rights Week

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
25	27	28	29	30	31	1
					<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • JOINT SIGNING OF PROCLAMATIONS, GCC, 8:30AM • ACT: AUTISM AWARENESS PROCLAMATION & FLAG RAISING, ADELUP, 4PM 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AOA: COASTAL ROSARY, YPAO BEACH, 7:30AM • VARO: OUTREACH PAYLESS MAITE, 9AM-1PM
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • WORLD AUTISM DAY • ACT: 2K/5K WALK/RUN FOR AUTISM, CHAMORRO VILLAGE, 4PM 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • FFSC: WEAR BLUE 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NBG-SAPR: TEAL TUESDAY • AOA: WEAR BLUE, PRAY FOR HEALING VICTIMS OF ABUSE 	 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • FFSC: OUTREACH @ NMRTC, 1PM • GCASAFV & ERICA'S HOUSE: SAAM WAVE, CHAMORRO VILLAGE, 4:30PM 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DYA: YOUTH MONTH VIRTUAL PROCLAMATION, 9:30AM • FFSC: PINWHEEL GARDEN @ CDC NBG 	
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
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23	24	25	26	27	28	29
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ACT: FAMILY FUN DAY, SANTOS PARK, PITI, 11AM-4PM • OAG: NCVRW OUTREACH, GPO, 11AM-2PM 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • FFSC: WEAR BLUE 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NBG-SAPR: TEAL TUESDAY • AOA: WEAR BLUE, PRAY FOR HEALING VICTIMS OF ABUSE 	 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DENIM DAY EST. 1999 • FFSC: CAPM/SAAM WAVE @ WENDY'S-NBG, 3:30PM 	 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DYA: ISLAND LEADERSHIP DAY, ISLANDWIDE, 8AM-5PM 	 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • GCC: FOSTER FAMILY SPRING CARNIVAL • ACT: AUTISM AWARENESS WAVE, SKINNER/ITC, 4-5PM 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • GCASAFV: COMMUNITY OUTREACH, AGANA SHOPPING CENTER, 10AM-2PM • ACT: AUTISM BOWLING DAY, CENTRAL LANES, TAMUNING, 12PM-3PM • VARO: OUTREACH PAYLESS YIGO, 9AM-1PM
NATIONAL CRIME VICTIMS' RIGHTS WEEK						
30	<p>Updated: 03/31/2023</p> <p>For more information or to add events to the calendar, email info@guamcoalition.org</p>					

Visit our website, www.GuamCoalition.org for posted updates to the calendar.

DIGITAL CORNER: APRIL VIRTUAL TRAININGS AND MEETINGS

DATE AND TIME	HOST	TOPIC	CONTACT INFORMATION/REGISTRATION LINKS
Thursday, April 20, 2023, at 4:00AM ChST	Monsoon Asians & Pacific Islanders in Solidarity	Sexual Violence and API Communities	https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_rWCB4OHC-TAqZhgGE5dTZBg?timezone_id=Pacific%2FPort_Moresby
Thursday, April 20, 2023, at 5:00AM ChST	Safe Havens Interfaith Partnership Against Domestic Violence (Third Sector New England, Inc.)	Learning Together: Recognizing and Responding to Stalking in Our Faith Communities	https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZcsdOGgq-j8uEtPINojtR69Yduj-9LirbpLo?timezone_id=Pacific%2FPort_Moresby
Friday, April 21, 2023, at 4:00am ChST	International Association of Forensic Nurses	DNA in Sexual Assault Cases	https://us06web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_iX8auLE-JSzWd6tzNJ380Vw
Thursday, April 27, 2023, at 10:00am ChST	Monsoon Asians & Pacific Islanders in Solidarity	Working with Sexual Assault Victims from API Refugee and immigrant communities	https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_v3169b-6BR4uhDpOPAc7vGg?timezone_id=Pacific%2FPort_Moresby



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