

**MESSAGE FROM
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**In honor of the 20th Hawai'i International Summit on
Preventing, Assessing & Treating Trauma Across the Lifespan**

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Aloha and welcome to everyone attending the 20th Hawai'i International Summit on Preventing, Assessing & Treating Trauma Across the Lifespan.

The Institute of Violence, Abuse and Trauma (IVAT) is a leader in the conversation around violence, abuse, trauma, and oppression in all forms. That important conversation will continue in this year's summit, as attendees from throughout Hawai'i and the world gather to discuss their experiences and learn from one another. These dialogues are essential opportunities to connect and gain insight from the many different disciplines and fields that these issues touch.

This year's summit theme is "Prevention, Resilience, Connections, and Wellness," and represents an interdisciplinary approach towards processing and treating trauma. As we continue to work towards equality and peace in the world, resilience is a key part of ensuring that we are able to continue to forge a path forward, in spite of the many obstacles we may face, without losing sight of what matters most.

Mahalo to IVAT and the summit co-sponsors and collaborators for their dedication to improving the health and well-being of individuals in Hawai'i and across the country. My best wishes for a productive summit and continued success.

Aloha,



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