



Aloha and Happy Spring!

We hope you and your 'ohana are safe and well amidst this unprecedented pandemic. As we strive to heal and move forward, we recognize that the need for our local service agencies and organizations are more necessary now than ever. May we resolve to continue to work towards the mission of Ho`omaluhia...



"to improve the quality of life and to contribute to violence-free, abuse-free living for all the peoples of Hawai`i".

May we continue toward our vision for a safer, more peaceful Hawai`i and remember that Ho`omaluhia means "creating peace".

Recognizing unequal access to systems of justice, protection, health and education by marginalized communities in the Pacific, Ho`omaluhia's mission is to improve the quality of life and to contribute to violence-free, abuse-free living for all the peoples of Hawai`i.

Statement from IVAT Leadership on George Floyd Murder and Following Protests




29 May, 2020

We are outraged and our hearts are heavy as the systemic racism, violence and oppression in this country continues to harm, traumatize and end the lives of people of color on a daily basis. We demand justice and accountability for all individuals who participate in this violence – either by acts of brutality and murder by law enforcement, or from any other member of our communities.

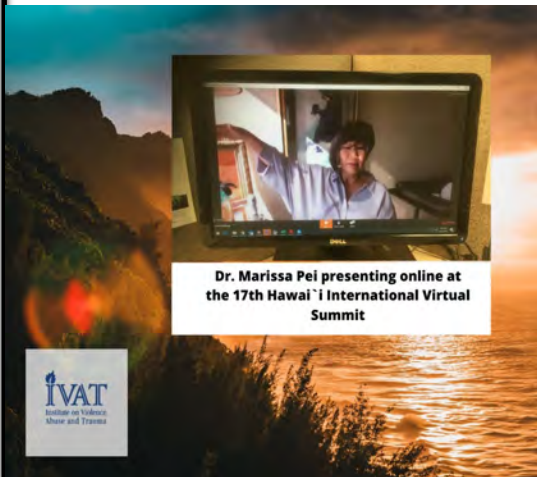
This violence happens when those in leadership positions act divisively rather than uniting people and treating all people regardless of race, religion, culture, age, sex, gender, or disability with respect and dignity. It is long past the time to move forward to eliminate gender and racial inequality, health and wealth disparities. These have intensified in recent months with the pandemic effects, unemployment, hospitalization, and deaths. The recent acts of violence are outgrowths of such inequalities, prejudice, and oppression that have been advocated in overt and subtle ways by those in leadership positions. Demanding an end to the institutions that perpetuate this violence is long overdue.

IVAT pledges to continue to use our voice, resources and services to advocate for social justice and human rights reforms to demand action to protect and abolish the structural racism and violence in our society.

View original letter [here](#)



17th Hawai`i International Virtual Summit: Preventing, Assessing & Treating Trauma Across the Lifespan



The 2020 Summit was moved to a virtual platform due to the COVID-19 worldwide pandemic. For the first time, IVAT staff, planning committee, and volunteers created a condensed program to accommodate the critical training needs of those working to end violence and abuse, while sheltering-in-place and working remotely. In just a short timeframe of four weeks, the Summit was transitioned to an online learning and training platform, allowing attendees to participate from any location with internet access. We are grateful and proud to share that nearly

850 people attended the 2020 Summit virtually.

We thank all the planning committee members, collaborating organizations, volunteers, and staff for the many hours and contributions provided to create such a successful event, despite the unprecedented circumstances. In particular we would like to thank our co-sponsors: Hawai`i Department of Education; Kamehameha Schools; Hawai`i Department of Health - Child & Adolescent Mental Health Division; Catholic Charites; Chaminade University; Consuelo Foundation; Hawai`i Department of Health -Executive Office on Aging; Hawai`i Pacific Health/Kapi`olani Medical Center; Parents & Children Together and HMSA. Special thanks to: Family Programs Hawai`i, P.A.R.E.N.T.S. Inc. and our other partners for providing needed support for the Summit.

Much of the success of this event can also be credited to the 44 Planning Committee Members, the 48 Ho`omaluhia Advisory Council Members, and the 8 volunteers who graciously donated their time in this unprecedented period. Their tireless efforts in providing virtual assistance through session monitoring support were deeply appreciated by presenters and attendees alike.

2020 YOUTH ART CHALLENGE



Sharie Mamuad Waipahu HS Grand Prize



Sara King Kalani HS D-4



Aileen Kang Punahou D-2



Julie Kang Punahou D-2



Karina Sky Ignacio August Ahrens D-1

No HURTING, SHOW ALOHA

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17TH HAWAII INTERNATIONAL SUMMIT ON ASSESSING, TREATING AND PREVENTING TRAUMA ACROSS THE LIFESPAN



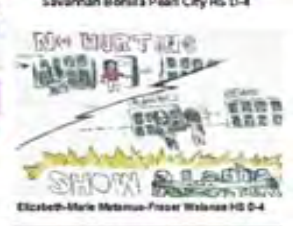
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Jaden Monzon Barbers Point Elementary D-1



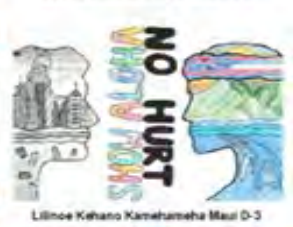
Savannah Bonilla Pearl City HS D-4



Elizabeth-Marie Matamua-Fraser Waianae HS D-4



Cynthia Louchez Milani Middle D-3



Lilinoe Kehano Kamehameha Maui D-3



Kyler Fernandez Moanalua Elementary D-2



Jared Ubando Pearl City Elementary D-2

This year's Youth Art Challenge Winners include Kailey Hardey, Savannah Bonilla, Jaden Monzon, Elizabeth-Marie Matamua-Fraser, Julie Kang, Lilinoe Kehano, Sharie Mamuad, Sara King, Cynthia Louchez, Aileen Kang, Jared Ubando, Kyler Fernandez, and Karina Sky. The art theme celebrated these students work in "No Hurting, Show Aloha."

Mahalo Senator Mazie Hirono for Supporting the 17th Hawai'i International Virtual IVAT Summit!

MAZIE K. HIRONO
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WASHINGTON, DC 20510-1104

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MESSAGE FROM U.S. SENATOR MAZIE K. HIRONO

In honor of the 17th Annual Hawaii International Summit on Trauma

April 14-17, 2020

Aloha and welcome to everyone participating in the 17th Annual Hawaii International Summit on Trauma. I applaud the organizers of this summit for being able to pivot to a virtual platform. In these uncertain times, we must all continue do what we can to contribute to the wellness of our communities.

The Hawaii International Summit provides an important opportunity for professionals to hear from international and local experts on their findings on the causation, prevention, treatment, and rehabilitation treatments for victims of violence, abuse, and trauma.

This year's summit focuses on efforts to promote peace in the home and communities around the world and provide solutions to prevent family violence, child maltreatment, sexual violence, and trauma. Professionals will exchange best practices in countering compassion fatigue, advancing clinical/treatment techniques, and advocating for social change and social justice.

Mahalo to the Institute on Violence, Abuse, and Trauma (IVAT), the summit sponsors and presenters for your dedication to improving the health and well-being of individuals in Hawaii and around the country. My best wishes for a productive summit.

Aloha,



Mazie K. Hirono
United States Senator



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Hundreds Set To Attend Hawaii's Top Summit On Violence — Virtually

Organizers of a major conference on abuse and trauma say the gathering is more needed than ever as the coronavirus takes a toll on mental and physical health.

By Brittany Lyte

The coronavirus pandemic threatened to upend a Honolulu gathering of hundreds of psychologists, social workers, law enforcement officers, doctors, nurses, domestic abuse survivors and advocates.

But organizers of the Institute of Violence, Abuse and Trauma's 17th annual Hawaii summit decided the opportunity to train people — from paramedics to marriage and family counselors — in how to tackle issues like child abuse and traumatic stress was needed now more than ever.

And so the conference is going virtual, with dozens of global experts set to present workshops and training sessions on the Zoom videoconferencing platform on topics like deep-seated trauma among Native Hawaiians and spiritual therapies for suicidal veterans. There will be a workshop for first responders about how to deal with on-the-job exposure to trauma and a session about how to investigate allegations of abuse within a family.

"I know a lot of the domestic violence and sexual violence hotlines are experiencing an increase in calls right now and I know a lot of professionals are expressing concerns like, 'How do I support the families I work with through telehealth when not all of them have the means to use this technology?'" said IVAT Chief Executive Officer Sandi Capuano Morrison.



The major conference on violence and abuse offers sessions on trauma and other topics for medical and social services professionals and first responders, like these Honolulu police officers who suffered a significant tragedy of their own earlier this year when two officers were shot and killed near Diamond Head.

Founded in 1984, the San Diego-based IVAT has a satellite office in Honolulu, where it works to end violence and heal trauma. The coronavirus pandemic, however, appears to be creating a new type of trauma, Capuano Morrison said.

“What I anticipate will happen is that in the Q&A part of every training that we do, attendees will be able to say to trainers, ‘This is how I was dealing with domestic violence before the pandemic, but now it’s so much more difficult to provide safety planning to someone who is at home isolated with their abuser,’” she said. “I think there will be a lot of conversation about how to address these issues in this new environment we’re living in because what’s happening right now is unprecedented.”

For some people living in dysfunctional households, isolating at home to suppress the spread of COVID-19 can be anything but safe. Experts around the world are predicting spikes in child abuse, domestic violence and substance abuse as families adhere to new federal and state guidelines urging them not to go outside.

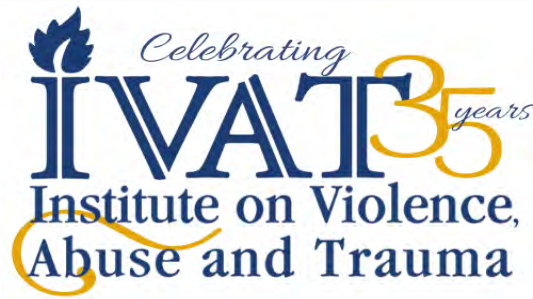
Since mid-March, the National Domestic Violence Hotline has received more than 2,000 calls in which COVID-19 was cited as a condition of abuse.

The pandemic has also caused an uptick in psychiatric symptoms among people with histories of mental illness. In Hawaii, psychiatrists are increasing medication doses or seeing patients more often.

People with no history of psychiatric symptoms are also struggling. Almost half of U.S. adults say that the coronavirus pandemic is damaging their mental health, according to a poll by the Kaiser Family Foundation conducted in late March.

“What’s happening right now is so very different from our regular life,” said Brian Kanno, a therapist with the Honolulu Psychology Collective who helped plan the IVAT’s inaugural virtual summit. “With the stay-at-home order and with people having financial obligations they cannot meet, it creates new pressures and stress that are being felt in a lot of different ways.”

During a crisis like this, it’s more important than ever to dig beyond the news, to figure out what government policies mean for ordinary citizens and how those policies were put together.



IVAT response to COVID-19

During this time, people around the world are experiencing many challenges. We can each play a vital role in helping to reduce the impact of COVID-19 and look after ourselves and each other. While we hope everyone stays safe during this challenging time, we remain available to support you.

Key Steps

Keep calm - take care of you mental health during these uncertain times

Listen to the experts and look for **reliable resources**

Practice social distancing, avoid mass gatherings, and wash your hands regularly.

[VISIT THE CDC WEBSITE](#)



Take Care of Our Mental Health

In times like these, our mental health can suffer, but there are great resources that we can all use to feel safer and to protect ourselves and others.

[Click here for a list of resources](#)



Resources and Information for Survivors

We are so appreciative of this resource list disseminated by the Washington State Coalition Against Domestic Violence, The National Network to End Domestic Violence, National Coalition Against Domestic Violence, National Domestic Violence Hotline, National Resource Center on Domestic Violence and many more for their guidance, expertise, and resources. We understand that during these times people who are surviving violence in their relationships and families may be experiencing increased isolation and danger.

[Resources](#)

Parenting during a Pandemic

Families are also experiencing distress due to the closure of schools.

Experts offer parents advice for talking to their children about the COVID-19 outbreak.

[View Learning Resources for Kids](#)



One day at a time. We're doing our best to serve you as we collectively face this difficult time of uncertainty. As our daily lives are dramatically shifting, it has never been more critical for us to be there for one another as together we respond to the [coronavirus \(COVID-19\) pandemic](#).

As we learn more about COVID-19, we are also learning about the ways it impacts our work to support survivors and create safer communities. Currently, our staff are teleworking for the next two weeks and doing our best to continue to serve as your go-to source for information and resources. You can continue to reach us at resources@nsvrc.org, through [our website](#), and through our [online library](#). With Sexual Assault Awareness Month a few short weeks away, we are recommending ways event planners can [engage communities online](#) — with more guidance to follow.

We will continue to share information and tools to support the critical role of our partners and online community. Below are key considerations and resources on COVID-19.

Social unrest and crisis are linked to increased risk of sexual assault and abuse. The stress, fear, and sense of helplessness associated with a [community crisis](#) can motivate and create opportunities for people who perpetrate violence and abuse. Social distancing limits access to services, medical care, and community supports. People may also be quarantined in an unsafe situation, and many families are in need of [emergency childcare](#).

The most vulnerable face the greatest challenges. People who have disabilities, chronic health conditions, insecure housing, or are unable to work due to illness or quarantine are facing additional difficulties at this time. There are ways we can [safely look out for each other](#) and help ensure that those most impacted by social inequalities receive the support they need.

Each of us plays a role in challenging bias, racism, and othering. Fear is no excuse for bigotry and bias. Just as crucial as it is for us to challenge victim-blaming attitudes and rape myths, at this time, it is critical to counter the othering of Asian communities, older adults, and other social groups.

Now is the time to practice radical self-care and community connectedness. Remember: Your [mental health](#) is just as important as your physical health. Take breaks from social media if you're feeling overwhelmed, and stay connected to loved ones through phone calls, texts, or video chat. Despite the isolation many of us are feeling, we are all part of a community. Our support and empowerment of one another can fortify us in facing this challenging situation.

Resources and recommendations from our partners:

[Information from the Centers of Disease Control on Coronavirus Disease](#)

[How can parents find safe child care in emergencies?](#) from [Stop It Now!](#)

[Updates and information on COVID-19](#) from [Futures Without Violence](#)

[Resources on the Response to the Coronavirus \(COVID-19\)](#) from [the National Network to End Domestic Violence](#)



HAWAI'I COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

Amplify the Power of Giving

Hawai'i Community Foundation and Pierre and Pam Omidyar have joined together to create the Hawai'i Resilience Fund to rapidly deploy resources and encourage community giving to address the COVID-19

Our Kuleana for Hawai'i

Together, the Hawai'i Community Foundation (HCF) and Pierre and Pam Omidyar have established the Hawai'i Resilience Fund at HCF to address the impact of the novel coronavirus (COVID-19) in Hawai'i. The Omidyar 'Ohana Fund and HCF have each contributed \$1 million to launch the effort. An additional contribution from the Stupski Foundation in the amount of \$500,000 brings the total to \$2.5 million in initial funds. These first partners hope to inspire others to give in this unprecedented moment and into the near future as the pandemic progresses.

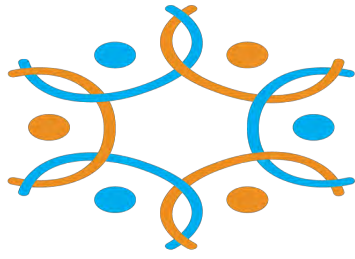
Initial funding will be used to support the work of the public health sector and community-based nonprofits to implement actions targeted at reducing the spread of the COVID-19. This includes protecting the health care workers on the front-lines who are playing a critical role in testing and screening. The Fund will also expand regional test sites and screenings, and support self-quarantine measures, such as home visits and distribution of food supplies to populations disproportionately impacted by the outbreak.

Grants will be provided to specific health care organizations and nonprofits currently working in appropriate spaces. In an effort to move resources swiftly and to reduce the burden on organizations serving on the frontlines, HCF is forgoing a formal application process at this time. As fundraising continues to address the outbreak and the future recovery phases of the crisis, additional funding will be awarded on a rolling basis, making it possible to quickly adapt to evolving needs. The initial round of grants is expected to be released as soon as possible.

For those who want to give during this critical time, the newly-established Hawai'i Resilience Fund provides community members with the ability to respond to the growing needs across our state.

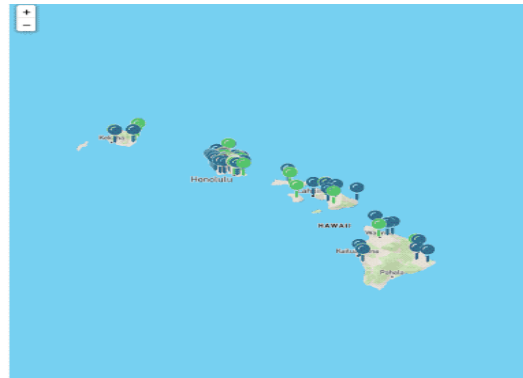
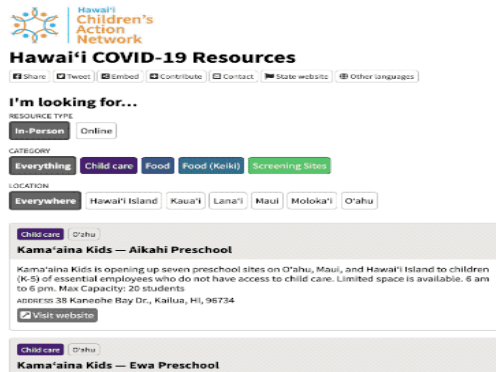
If you would like to make a gift to the Fund, credit card gifts are preferred and may be made here. For a check, please write "Hawai'i Resilience Fund" in the memo and send to:

Hawai'i Community Foundation
827 Fort Street Mall
Honolulu, HI 96813



Hawai'i Children's Action Network

Building a unified voice for Hawai'i's children
HCAN launches new all-in-one resource guide!



[Our new website is now live](#) with information on food, screening locations, child care, online activities and other resources to help during the COVID-19 pandemic.

[Check out all the resources the new site has to offer here!](#)

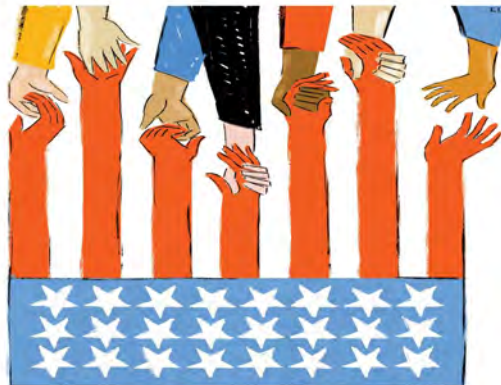
If you have any resources you'd like to contribute to the guide, please email jcarione@hawaii-can.org.

President Trump signs economic relief package! What this means for you: President Trump has signed an economic relief bill (the CARES Act) that will give most adults in the US \$1,200, plus an additional \$500 for qualifying children age 16 or under. Small businesses with 500 employees or fewer, including nonprofits, are also eligible for financial support.

Details are still in the works, but here are some answers to common questions about the bill:

F.A.Q. on Stimulus Checks, Unemployment and the Coronavirus Plan

The \$2 trillion relief package is sending money directly to Americans, greatly expanding unemployment coverage and making a number of other changes.



The New York Times has the answers to F.A.Q.s on stimulus checks, unemployment, and the latest economic relief programs [in this article](#).

If you are receiving less income or have lost your job, the New York Times also has a guide with basic information on government benefits, free services, and financial strategies. [The full guide can be read here](#).

The Washington Post has created an online calculator to calculate how much you'd receive from the recently passed CARES Act. [Find out how much you'd receive here!](#)

The Washington Post
Democracy Dies in Darkness

Calculate your stimulus payment

Based on figures from the CARES Act. Your inputs will not be stored.

Have you filed your 2019 taxes yet?

What was your filing status in your 2019 taxes?

What was your adjusted gross income in 2019?

How many children did you claim as dependents in 2019?

Curious about what's inside the CARES Act? [NPR breaks the details](#)

<https://www.hawaii-can.org/r?u=oGkNRipNU->

[For more information related to COVID-19, please visit our website.](#)

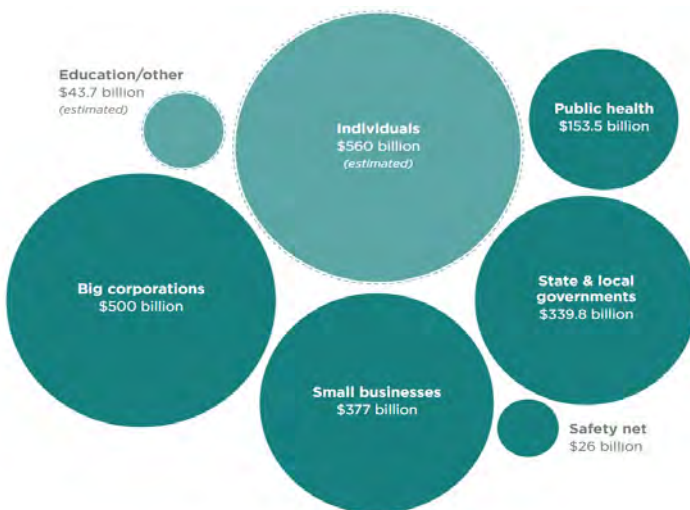
Finally, the Working Families Coalition is looking for stories of families affected by COVID-19. [Click here to share your story.](#)

If you have any questions, just reply to this email. We

hope you are staying safe and healthy!

Hawai'i Children's Action Network

<http://www.hawaii-can.org/>



Source: Estimates for direct relief all based on bill text, committee and administration numbers.
Credit: Audrey Carlson/NPR

Building Bridges, Not Walking on Backs:

**Hawai'i State Commission on the Status of Women Department of Human Services
State of Hawai'i**

A Feminist Economic Recovery Plan for COVID-19

Commission's Feminist Economic Recovery Plan for COVID-19

The Hawai'i State Commission on the Status of Women announces the first state proposal for a feminist economy recovery to stop the rush to rebuild the status quo after COVID-19, to support struggling women today, and to create a new economy that values us beyond our economic productivity. Help us build the bridge to a feminist future that centers Native rights. Named "Building Bridges, Not Walking on Backs: A Feminist Economic Recovery Plan for COVID-19," representatives from the commission say it is the first effort of its kind in the nation.

"Coronavirus exposes the crisis of silence around women's oppression,"

"Caregiving is in overdrive and gender-based violence is intensifying, yet women are missing from the U.S. response and recovery. We demand a feminist future that centers Native rights."

Here are a few key recommendations stated in the plan:

- 1. Build a feminist COVID-19 response and recovery plan. The COVID-19 response, recovery and stimulus actions must include input from the impacted, essential sectors that employ a majority of women and organizations that serve women, girls and people who identify as women, femme and nonbinary. This must include collection, analysis and publication of disaggregated data (gender, race/ethnicity, indigeneity, age, zip code, and social data) on COVID-19 cases and the economic impact of COVID-19.**
- 2. To contain costs or enhance revenue the state should: Avoid austerity or fiscal consolidation measures at all cost since these will exacerbate the recession. Follow State Department of Human Services recommendations and ensure no cuts to social services, including services for domestic violence and for maternal, sexual, reproductive and mental health and avoid government employee furloughs. Raise revenues by taking advantage of the Federal Reserve \$500 billion lending program to state and local governments which will help to stimulate the economy.**
- 3. To support, enhance and stimulate Hawai'i's economy the state should: Shift from reliance on a precarious tourism industry which offers Hawai'i residents especially women predominately low wage earning employment while the social and ecological costs of tourism go unaddressed. Support displaced workers via an adjustment fund for retraining and professional mobility, and support social entrepreneurship approaches. Enhance women's access to capital outside low-wage sectors and the commercial sex industry, and in green-technologies and prevailing wage jobs, i.e., male industries, through specific gender and racial equity programs. Invest in subsistence living and the perpetuation of land- and sea-based practices traditional to Hawai'i's ecological and food system.**

<https://humanservices.hawaii.gov/wp-content/uploads/2020/04/4.13.20-Final-Cover-D2-Feminist-Economic-Recovery-D1.pdf>



Solidarity not Charity

Coronacare Hawai'i was created to meet the needs of our communities during the COVID-19 novel coronavirus crisis.

We are not a charity. We are a mutual aid network based on human solidarity. We give according to our ability, and receive according to our needs. We recognize that what hurts one, hurts all. We share a common interest in the struggle against the COVID-19 pandemic, as well as against those who seek personal profit while people suffer and die.

Interested in helping? Take a look at our current campaigns!

<https://www.coronacarehi.org/campaigns>



COVID-19 Resources



We know that missing school is not easy for you or your kids. We understand these are difficult times: schools are closing, businesses are closing, and we've been asked to stay home.

Social distancing doesn't mean you have to stop exploring the world. On-line resources can help you find projects at home. Don't expect your child to do eight straight hours of academic activities: their age is the same number of minutes as their attention span (i.e. a 4-year-old has a 4-minute attention span). At school kids go outside, run, dance, learn to cook, climb, play games, and meditate in a scheduled routine. Make stations at home and give them options so that they can choose between things without much direction from you.

Here are some options for making the best of your time together at home.

Cook together

- Pull out an old family recipe and give everyone a job
- Practice math as you help keiki count, measure, and cut

Read aloud

- Turn off the screens and take turns reading aloud books, magazines, and newspapers

Share stories

- Look at old photographs and family stories
- Make up a story and have your keiki make up stories to tell you
- Plan for a future family activity and ask "What story would we tell about our future plans?"

Play games

- Bring out board games, cards, or make up your own games
- Play and get exercise at the same time with: hide-and-seek, "Simon Says," and musical chairs

Be creative

- Build or create something using things found around the house (i.e. toilet paper rolls)
- Draw, color, make origami, and play with Play-Doh

Exercise together

- Stretch!
- Turn on a recorded exercise routine (there are apps and TV channels for this) and sweat as a family
- Go for a walk and maintain safe distances from other families walking by crossing the street or standing on the side to let others pass

Strengthen your spiritual and social connections

- Pray, meditate, or practice rituals of your faith
- Call loved ones you do not normally talk to

Take breaks

- Schedule alone time or quiet time so everyone gets a chance to rest



Kamehameha Schools®



Kamehameha Scholars East Hawai'i Counselor Jessica Waiuu (in the second square at the top) has gathered her Scholars' haumāna virtually via videoconferencing since COVID-19 impacts have closed schools and thrust students into distance learning. Scholars say the sessions have helped them to cope with the trauma and realities of the pandemic.

Kamehameha Scholars helps teens cope with COVID-19 impacts

April 21, 2020

Seventeen-year-old Ka'io Nagai has been homeschooled since he was little, but during his freshman year, he and his parents decided it might be a good idea for him to meet other kids his own age.

“Being homeschooled, I don't get much social interaction,” said Nagai, a senior from Hilo who is getting ready to graduate.

That decision led to him to enroll in Kamehameha Scholars, the nationally-acclaimed college and career counseling program that provides students in grades nine through 12 with post-secondary planning, year-round workshops, and interactive lessons grounded in Native Hawaiian culture.

But then the COVID-19 pandemic hit, resulting in stay-at-home orders, closed schools and distance learning for students. Nagai soon found himself using his homeschooling experience to help his fellow scholars cope with being stuck in their houses.

“It's not as traumatic of a change for me as other people are experiencing,” Nagai said. “With being homeschooled so long, I was kind of used to being in the house, on my own. I wouldn't say (the coronavirus impacts) had changed my daily life.”

One person he helped was fellow scholar Holli-Jae Macanas of Hakalau.



“Me and Ka’io, we talk about our lives. He’s given me options and we talk about what we’ve done throughout the day. We give each other tips to help each other out through the crisis. He’s my main guy,” said Macanas, a senior at Hilo High School.

“I would give tips on how to keep focused, keep yourself accountable, working on time management – tips such as that,” Nagai said. “I felt really happy because, for once, everyone in the world is kind of living like how me and a lot of other homeschoolers have been living. I hope I helped them.”

Kamehameha Scholars and its counselors are a piece of that larger support network for students and their ‘ohana especially during crises, said Kamehameha Scholars East Hawai’i Counselor Jessica Waiiau.

“It is in these toughest of times that we need to remember that we are all connected and to be there to support one another,” Waiiau said. “We continue to connect with them across the physical space so that they can continue to ‘auamo their kuleana to succeed for the betterment of our lāhui.”

Kamehameha Scholars is now open to new applicants entering grades nine or 10 in the fall of 2020. The deadline to apply is April 30. For more information on the program or the enrollment process, visit <https://apps.ksbe.edu/kscholars/>

In a first-of-its-kind national honor for a community education program, the American School Counselor Association (ASCA) selected Kamehameha Scholars as a Recognized ASCA Model Program (RAMP) in 2017.

The RAMP designation recognizes programs that are committed to delivering a comprehensive, data-driven school counseling program and an exemplary educational environment.



THE PŌPOLO PROJECT

Let's stay together.



A pōpolo plant serves as a centerpiece at the Black Futures

So much has changed in the last few weeks here in Hawai'i and around the world and we at [the Pōpolo Project](#) are, just like many of you, working hard to understand our place amid the rapid changes in our community. This is a hard time, but as we deal with cancellations and re-work our programs, worry about the health and safety of our loved ones, as we try to think creatively about how to stay connected to our communities, we are taking [inspiration from the pōpolo plant](#) itself. Pōpolo is a healing plant, a lā'au long regarded for its power as an antibiotic and for healing respiratory issues. It grows all around the world—in North America it has a range from Georgia to California— and yet still has a special place here in Hawai'i and in the Pacific where it found a way to enrich the soil, to feed birds, and to be a remedy for humans in trying times.

On a personal note, today I received word that one of my senior colleagues, [Dr. Arthur Whistler](#), succumbed to COVID-19, marking Hawai'i's third fatality in this pandemic. A botanist, Art's book [Plants of the Canoe People: An Ethnobotanical Voyage Through Polynesia](#) was one of the first places I learned about the history and expansive distribution of pōpolo across our sea of islands and our world. Art was a respected scientist in our local scholarly community and in acknowledging the 'ike his research brought forward for so many, we have to reckon with all that we have at stake in a crisis like this. It is hard to comprehend the human scale of losses like this one happening many times over, all over the world.

There are so many layers to what we are being challenged to contend with as a community. The fallout from this crisis is unfolding in many complex ways and we hope that we will be able to keep the Pōpolo Project alive through all of the obstacles we will have to weather as an organization, especially financially, in coming months. However, through it all we know that our salvation is in our community and our sense of kuleana to and for each other and, just like those hardy nightshades that pop up wherever they can, brimming with healing medicine, we hope to find opportunities to keep us all together and looking forward to the next time we can gather again.

In the coming weeks, and beyond, if necessary, we intend to amplify good work across our community, to connect with you, our community, in new ways, and to uplift this is as a time for us to be thoughtful, all of us, about the world we want to sustain when we emerge on the other side of this challenging time.

At our ball way back in February, seemingly a lifetime ago, we insisted that "The Future is Fertile" and we still believe that. But we also believe that we need to each other to be able to bring that abundance forth and put it to good use. We hope that as we redirect our work you will think about engaging with us in new ways, too. Please stay safe and healthy with your families and community.

Ke aloha nō,
Na'u,

Akiemi Glenn
Executive Director

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Aloha,

The Maternal and Child Health Branch (MCHB) realizes it has been an extraordinary few weeks as we face the challenges of COVID-19 that continue to impact Hawaii. As you can imagine, the Department of Health has been extremely busy addressing the constantly changing priorities and challenges associated with the COVID-19 pandemic.

The MCHB would like to assure everyone that we continue to manage our contracts and are open for business electronically by email. If you or your program have questions or concerns regarding COVID-19, please visit the following website for up-to-date information and resources: www.HawaiiCOVID19.com.

The State of Hawaii has launched a new website, www.hawaiicovid19.com, to equip residents and visitors with information and resources to help prevent the spread of COVID-19 in our community. The website provides accurate, easy-to-understand information that will

- Daily prevention for individuals and families
- Guidance and best practices for community spaces
- How to protect those most at risk
- Symptoms and testing protocols
- Daily updates from the Hawaii State Department of Health

Please take care and stay safe. If you need to reach MCHB staff, please contact the following

- Sexual Violence Prevention, Joanne Higashi, joanne.higashi@doh.hawaii.gov
- Domestic Violence Prevention, Rose Marie Vergara, rosemarie.vergara@doh.hawaii.gov
- Child Abuse/Neglect Prevention, Catherine Sorensen, catherine.sorensen@doh.hawaii.gov
- Parenting Support, Sage Goto, sage.goto@doh.hawaii.gov

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- Adolescent Health, Noella Kong, noella.kong@doh.hawaii.gov
- Women's and Reproductive Health Section, Wendy Nihoa, wendy.nihoa@doh.hawaii.gov
- Family Support and Violence Prevention Section, Helene Kaiwi, helene.kaiwi@doh.hawaii.gov
- Maternal and Child Health Branch, Chief, Kimberly Arakaki, kimberly.arakaki@doh.hawaii.gov

We're in this together.

Aloha,

Kimberly Arakaki
Chief, Maternal and Child Health Branch

A spotlight on policy!

THE QUARTER IN REVIEW ... OUR PARTNERS BRINGING CHANGE, MAHALO NUI !

How can I get involved with the legislative process?

Get involved with the legislative process by registering on
<http://www.capitol.Hawaii.gov>

When you register, you can create your own personalized list of measures and receive e-mail notifications for hearings or specific committees.

Registering also allows you to submit testimonies online.

If you prefer not to provide testimonies online, you can provide them in-person by attending hearings.

Where do I go to submit testimony online?

You can submit testimony online via this link:

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Where can I get more information?

You can find "A Citizen's Guide to Participation in the Legislative Process" here:

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To read general information and FAQs, visit

<https://www.capitol.Hawaii.gov/faq.aspx>

The Hawai'i Public Access Room has created a guide to the Hawai'i State Legislature's website, which you can find here:

<https://www.capitol.Hawaii.gov/docs/HiLegSiteGuide.pdf>



SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

The Hawai'i State Commission on the Status of Women is requesting to convene a task force to conduct a study on missing and murdered Native Hawaiian women and girls and to submit a report on the study to the legislature.

WHEREAS, indigenous women and girls are victims of violence at far greater rates than any other population in the United States; and
WHEREAS, women and children in Hawaii are facing a widespread epidemic of violence and sex trafficking; and
WHEREAS, First Nations in Canada organized a mass movement to expose the crisis of missing and murdered indigenous women and girls, which led to a national report and declaration of a national emergency; and
WHEREAS, the Urban Indian Health Institute published the report "Murdered and Missing Indigenous Women and Girls: A snapshot of data from 71 urban cities in the United States" in 2018 to document the crisis of missing and murdered indigenous women and girls in the United States; and
WHEREAS, this report did not include Hawaii nor any information on Native Hawaiian women and girls; and
WHEREAS, Native Hawaiian women as a group are more economically vulnerable than Native Hawaiian men, earning seventy cents for every dollar a man makes, and seventy-nine cents for every dollar a Native Hawaiian man makes; and
WHEREAS, historical trauma has increased the vulnerability of Native Hawaiian women and girls to sex trafficking and other forms of violent crimes; and
WHEREAS, harmful colonial stereotypes have resulted in the sexual fetishization of Native Hawaiian women; and
WHEREAS, Native Hawaiian women, girls, and Native Hawaiian members of the lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer community disproportionately experience factors that put them at high risk of being victims of sex trafficking and being involved with the sex industry; and
WHEREAS, State government agencies are required by various federal and state laws to tackle sex trafficking and collect data; and
WHEREAS, the Office of Hawaiian Affairs published the report "Haumea: Transforming the Health of Native Hawaiian Women and Empowering Wahine Well-Being" in 2018, and noted there was no data specific to the human trafficking of Native Hawaiian women and girls; and
WHEREAS, the Hawaii State Commission on the Status of Women, in partnership with Arizona State University, surveyed sex trafficking victims and found that in 2018, seventy-seven percent were Native Hawaiian, and then subsequently found that sixty-four percent were Native Hawaiian in 2019; and
WHEREAS, from 2017 to 2019, one out of every three child sex trafficking victims reported to the Child Welfare Services child sex trafficking hotline were Native Hawaiian, and ninety-five percent were girls; and
WHEREAS, family members must often rely on alert mechanisms for missing children, including physical message boards at stores and social media outlets; and
WHEREAS, the State should be listening to Native Hawaiians and identifying ways to increase reporting on missing and murdered Native Hawaiian women and girls; and
WHEREAS, nine states have passed legislation to address the missing and murdered indigenous women and girl crisis; now, therefore,
BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Thirtieth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2020, the House of Representatives concurring, that the Hawaii State Commission on the Status of Women is requested to convene a task force to conduct a study on the following regarding missing and murdered Native Hawaiian women and girls:

- (1) Identifying the cause of the problem;
- (2) Identifying current databases and data collection methods;
- (3) Identifying barriers to data collection and information sharing;
- (4) Creating partnerships to increase reporting and investigations; and
- (5) Recommending any legislation to improve data collection and sharing to eliminate harm to indigenous women and girls; and

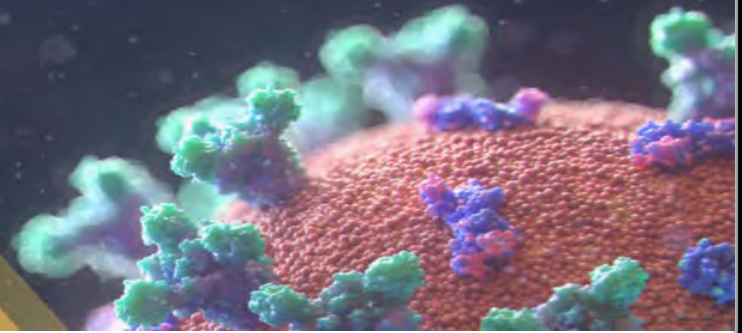
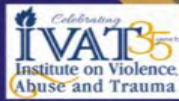
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force comprise the following members or their designees: The Executive Director of the Hawaii State Commission on the Status of Women, who shall serve as the chair of the task force; The Director of Health; The Director of Human Services; The Administrative Director of the Courts; The Attorney General; The Chairs of the County Committee on the Status of Women from each respective county; The Chiefs of Police from each respective county; One representative from Papa Ola Lokahi; One representative from the Sex Abuse Treatment Center; One representative from Hale Kipa; One representative from Residential Youth Services and Empowerment; One representative from Susannah Wesley Community Center; and One representative from Ho'ola Nā Pua.

RESOURCES & UPCOMING EVENTS



COPING IN THE TIME OF COVID-19

Understanding grief, stress and trauma



Institute of Violence, Abuse, and Trauma (IVAT) has launched a new training series, Coping in the Time of COVID - 19, for mental healthcare workers, first responders, secondary helping professionals (such as attorneys), and human resource and management professionals to learn practical skills and techniques to cope with grief, stress, and trauma.

What are people saying about this training?

"Detailed information, applicable to my own life, presenters knowledgeable of the topics."

Attendee of COVID-19 training series

"This was a well done presentation, and I am interested in trauma-related training. I would definitely participate in another training."

Attendee of COVID-19 training series

Registration Fees:

\$25 will be charged to attend each webinar.

Earn 2 Continuing Education Credit Hours per Webinar!

For an additional \$15 per session, attendees can earn 2 hours of Continuing Education credits. A total of 6 hrs for three sessions.

Register Now! We hope to hear from you.

Training Schedule

May 21, 2020 - Session 1: Understanding grief, stress, and trauma

May 28, 2020 - Session 2: Managing the impact of grief, stress, and trauma

June 4, 2020 - Session 3: Preventing burnout and strengthening resilience

Thank you to all who attended the first two sessions on Coping in the Time of COVID-19! Interested in Session 3: Preventing burnout and strengthening resilience? It's not too late to sign up!

[Register Today](#)

*Transforming Trauma into Triumph
at the*

25th San Diego International Virtual Summit
on Violence, Abuse and Trauma Across the Lifespan



August 30 to September 2, 2020

Call for Virtual Poster Submissions Now Open!

The Institute on Violence, Abuse and Trauma invites

you to submit a poster for the 25th San Diego International Virtual Summit!



Every year presenters from across the globe showcase their research, theories, and campaigns during the Poster Session & Welcoming Reception. This year will be able to host the Poster Session on our **Virtual Platform!** Presenters have an excellent opportunity to share knowledge and ideas with a diverse group of professionals in the fields of violence, abuse, and trauma.

In addition, all poster presenters are offered 50% off the price of registration (valid for two presenters on each poster, additional presenters will be required to pay the full registration fee), and their name and poster title featured in our mobile app.

[Submit Your Poster](#)

Poster Session Requirements

Poster submissions are required to include:

A 250-word abstract

Details about the research used

Content Base

Original Research

Literature Review

Innovative Program

Program Evaluation

Applications of Prior Research

Policy Issues and Recommendations

Biographies about the presenters

Co-authors who will not attend in person will be recognized in all program materials.

Measurable Learning Objectives

3 APA references

If accepted, all poster presenters are required to register for the Summit.

DEADLINE JUNE 22!

[Summit Rates](#)

Indigenous Social Development

Journal of Indigenous Social Development

Dear Colleagues:

I would like to share an Indigenous-led journal looking to extend its ability to support the work of Indigenous researchers, leaders, and communities – the Journal of Indigenous Social Development (JISD). The journal has recently moved to the University of Calgary and will be launching a special edition on Indigenous research methodologies very shortly.

The vision of JISD is to rally the collective intelligence and passions of scholars, researchers, and practitioners committed to Indigenous social work, social welfare, and social development into productive, innovative, and more dignified approaches to supporting Indigenous communities in their self-determining efforts.

Individuals from various communities throughout the world have sought out JISD as a place to publish their anti-colonial, Indigenist work in the areas of social work and social development. While a notable number of the publications have come from individuals in academia, there are also voices from Indigenous authors working in communities and organizations.

Please take a moment to review the website, the call for submissions, sign up for the listserv, and consider becoming a reviewer: <https://www.ucalgary.ca/journals/jisd>. To contact the journal staff directly, email jisd@ucalgary.ca.

I am attaching the Call for Submissions for you to share widely. Submissions are due June 1, 2020. We are excited to support the work of this journal and hope you consider sharing this with your networks.

Aloha, Paula Morelli



**JOURNAL OF
INDIGENOUS
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Save the Date!

18th Hawai`i International Summit on Preventing, Assessing and Treating Trauma Across the Lifespan

Hawai`i Convention Center, Honolulu, HI

April 27 - 30, 2021

Visit www.ivatcenters.org/hawaii-summit for information.

Summit Tracks

1. Adolescent Trauma & Youth Violence
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4. Healthcare System: Violence & Trauma
5. Intimate Partner Violence
6. Prevention & Early Intervention
7. Sex & Labor Trafficking
8. Sexual Victimization
9. Special Topics in Trauma
10. Trauma & First Responders
11. Trauma in Military Personnel, Veterans, & Their Families
12. Vulnerable Adults & Elder Trauma

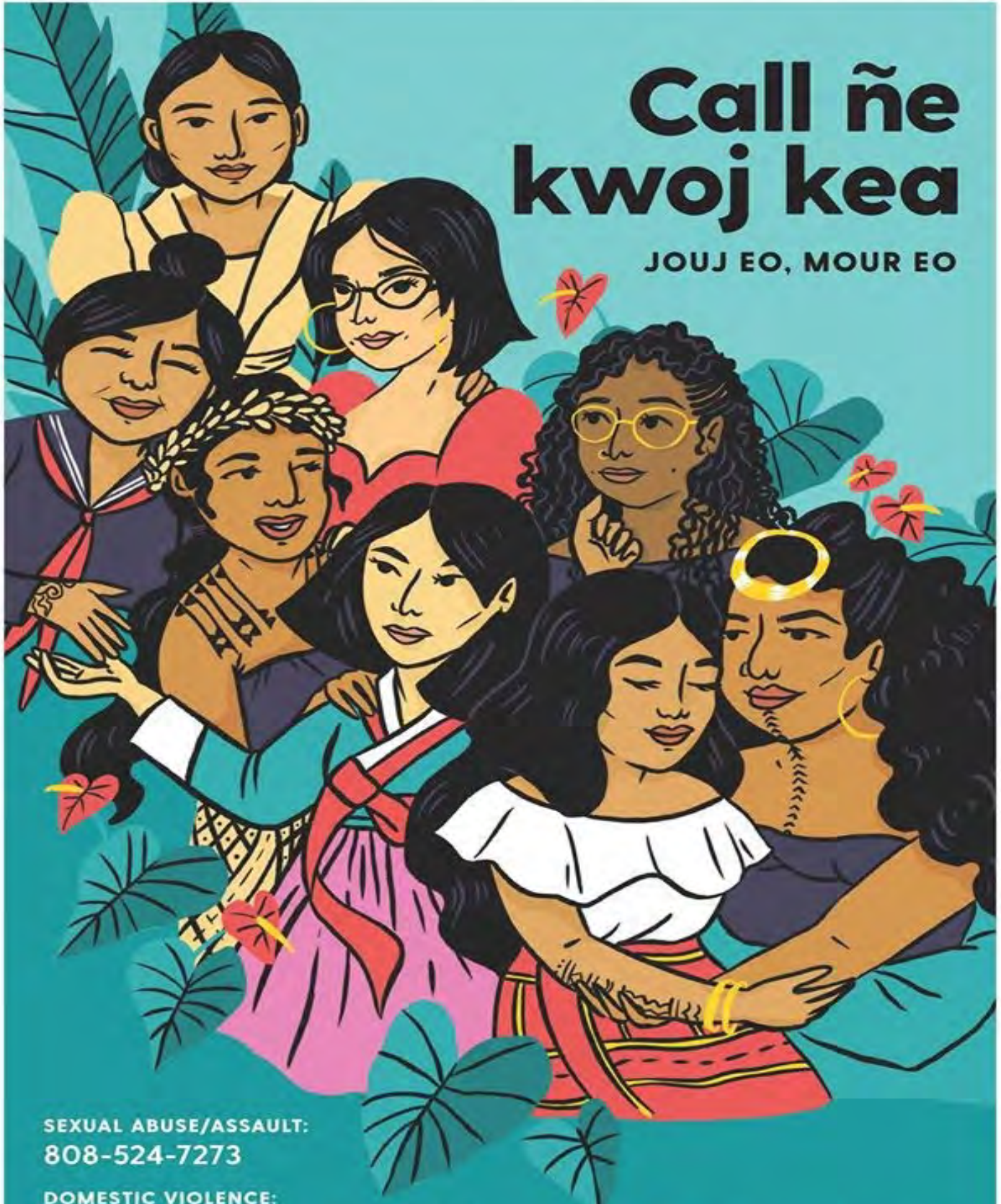
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**The Lavender Clinic in Hawaii is still
providing LGBTQ+centered counseling and
other health-related services.**

**Telehealth is
available!**

HONOLULU: (808) 744-2543

WAIANAЕ: (808) 744-2543

If you believe you are showing signs of COVID-19, contact the numbers above for a Telehealth assessment and referral for additional testing.

The Lavender Center & Clinic



Mahalo to our Advisory Council!

Welcome new Executive Committee members Lisa Dunn & Lesley Slavin!



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