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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The FY 2003 Strategic Plan for the STOP Violence Against Women Formula Grant represents the third and final year of the three-year plan adopted by the VAWA State Planning Committee in December 2001. This plan updates the demographic and criminal justice statistics relating to domestic violence and sexual assault in the State. It further describes the use of the first two years of STOP grant funding (FY 2001 and 2002) in addressing the priorities for law enforcement, prosecution, victim service providers, and discretionary allocations.

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1. SCOPE OF PROBLEM

A. Demographic Characteristics

Hawaii ranks 42nd among the 50 States in population, with a total resident population of 1.211 million, according to the *US Census Bureau Census 2003 Ranking Table for States*. In FY 2003, Hawaii had an estimated population of 1.244 million, with females, eighteen and over, comprising approximately 38% (477,211) of the state's population. The ethnic distribution in the State, by self-classification or by race of mother or father, includes 47.2% Asian, 33.4% Caucasian, 14.6% Pacific Islander, and 2.5% African American. Among the Asian population, Japanese comprised the largest group (22.5%), followed by Filipino (15.2%), and Chinese (6.2%). Hawaiian/part Hawaiian comprised 19.8% of the estimated State population. Between 1996-2000, average annual immigration for those reporting Hawaii as their intended permanent residence was 6,225 with 58.3% originating from the Philippines. While English is the primary language spoken in the home, approximately 26.6% of the population over five years old spoke another language, mainly Japanese (27%), a dialect of Filipino (22% Tagalog and 10% Ilocano), or Chinese (Cantonese 10%).

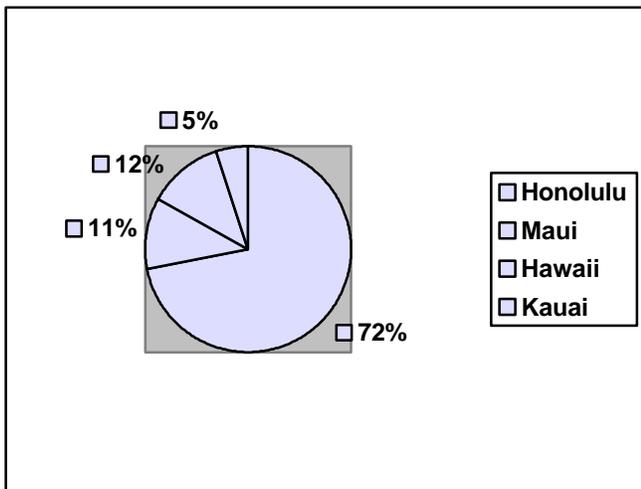


Figure 1: State Of Hawaii Population 2002

poverty level, with Hawaii County the highest at 37%.

The State has four county units of government. In 2002, City and County of Honolulu had a population of 896,019 (72%); County of Hawaii, 154,794 (12%); County of Maui, which includes the islands of Maui, Lanai and Molokai, 134,139 (11%); and County of Kauai, 59,946 (5%) (see Figure 1). Per capita personal income for the State in 2001 was \$29,034, with the Neighbor Island counties averaging \$23,666. The County of Hawaii had the lowest at \$21,986. The State's median family income was estimated at \$49,232, based on a three year moving average from 1999 to 2001. Statewide the poverty status in 2000 found 29.5% of female householders with related children under 18 years to be below the

B. Domestic Violence (DV)

Domestic Violence is defined under HRS § 586-1:

- (1) *Physical harm, bodily injury, assault, or the threat of imminent physical harm, bodily injury, or assault, extreme psychological abuse or malicious property damage between family or household members; or*
- (2) *Any act which would constitute an offense under section 709-906, or under part V or VI of chapter 707 committed against a minor family or household member by an adult family or household member.*

Family and household members are defined as spouses or reciprocal beneficiaries, former spouses or former reciprocal beneficiaries, persons who have a child in common, parents, children, persons related by consanguinity, persons jointly residing or formerly residing in the same dwelling unit, and persons who have or have had a dating relationship. Offenses for Abuse of Family and Household Members (AFHM) are found under HRS 709-906:

It shall be unlawful for any person, singly or in concert, to physically abuse a family or household member, or to refuse compliance with the lawful order of a police officer under subsection (4). The police, in investigating any complaint of abuse of a family or household member may, upon request, transport the abused person to a hospital or safe shelter.

Table 1

REPORTS FOR ABUSE OF FAMILY AND HOUSEHOLD MEMBER* - HRS 709-906								
LOCATION	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002
City and County of Honolulu	4,665	5,966	4,873	4,107	3,211	3,586	3,508	3,001
County of Maui	3,147	3,004	3,258	3,431	3,447	4,116	4,786	3,688
County of Hawaii	985	1,116	1,091	1,105	1,028	1,256	1,196	987
County of Kauai	368	261	245	321	327	484 ¹	520	620
Total	9,165	10,347	9,467	8,964	8,013	9,442	10,010	8,296

Source: County Police Departments

*includes juveniles

Domestic violence incidents could also be classified under a multitude of other related offenses, ranging from felony arrest for assault to a misdemeanor arrest for harassment, or a property offense (e.g., criminal property damage). Unfortunately these reports and arrests that involve domestic or family violence, particularly the felony level offenses, are not readily identified as such and therefore not included in the domestic violence statistics on Table 1. Non-reporting of incidents as domestic violence to law enforcement is due to a variety of reasons, such as fear of revictimization, cultural inhibitions, and frustration with the criminal justice response. Table 1 shows a 17% decrease in the number of reports filed by police between 2001 and 2002 under the AFHM statute, among the lowest number of reports in the eight-year reporting period charted above. Maui Police Department continues to show an inordinately higher rate of reporting due to the fact that this is the only police department currently compiling

¹ Missing July-September 2000

reports for AFHM that include all verbal abuse incidents, which account for 69% of its reports in 2002. They also logged the greatest decrease (22%) in the number of reports between 2001 and 2002 (1,098).

Table 2

ARRESTS FOR ABUSE OF FAMILY AND HOUSEHOLD MEMBER - HRS 709-906								
Location	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002
City and County of Honolulu	2,750	2,735	3,007	2,569	2,365	2,333	2,276	1,848
County of Maui	640	614	644	624	610	654	704	561
County of Hawaii	565	485	544	564	600	666	691	626
County of Kauai	166	124	135	217	184	177	274	321
Total	4,121	3,958	4,330	3,974	3,759	3,830	3,945	3,356

Source: County Police Departments(1995); HCJDC (1996-2002)

The four county police departments have mandatory arrest policies for the Abuse of Household Member statute, which is a misdemeanor offense. The standard for the mandatory arrest for abuse of household members is “visible injury or complaint of pain”. Table 2 shows arrests under the AFHM statute decreased by 15% statewide from 2001 to 2002, after a two-year climb in arrest from 1999. Only the County of Kauai had an increase in arrests during this period (17%). Honolulu County showed a decrease of almost 19% between 2001 and 2002 arrests. Similar to Table 1 on reports above, the number of arrests represents the lowest over the eight-year period charted in Table 2.

Table 3

PERCENTAGE OF ARREST FOR REPORTED INCIDENTS OF AFHM								
Location	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002
City and County of Honolulu	58.9	45.8	61.7	62.5	73.7	65.1	64.9	61.6
County of Maui	20.3	20.4	19.8	18.2	17.7	15.9	14.7	14.0
County of Hawaii	57.4	43.5	49.9	51.0	58.7	53.0	57.8	63.4
County of Kauai	45.1	47.5	55.1	67.6	56.3	36.6	52.7	51.8

A comparison of the percentage of arrests to the number of reported incidents (Table 3 above) shows a wide variance over the different years. If only the physical reports for Abuse of Household Members in Maui County were included, Maui’s percentage of arrests for reported incidents would be 53.1%, a figure that would be within the range of the other county arrest rates.

The arrest rate for domestic abuse appear proportional to the population distribution, with the exception of a lower proportion of reports in the City and County of Honolulu (36.2%), as illustrated in the distribution of reports and arrests in figure 2 below. The proportion of reports for Maui County includes all verbal abuse incidents as mentioned above, but would total 14% if limited to physical abuse incidents only.

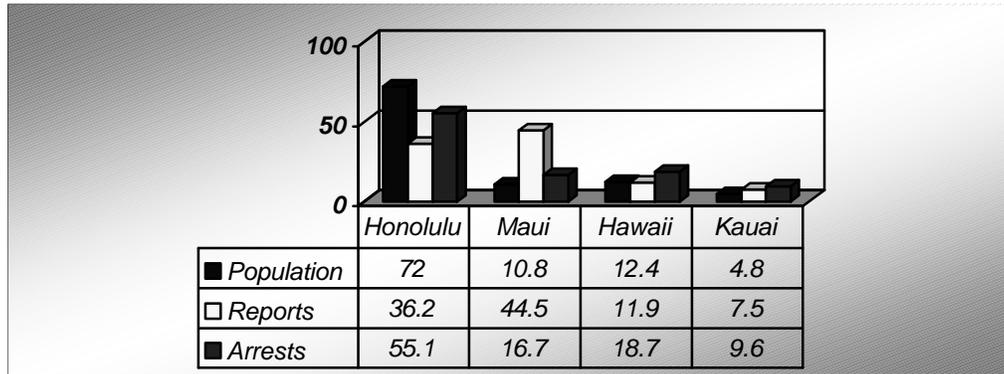


Figure 2 . Distribution of Reports/Arrests (Percent) for CY 2002

The Family Court in each of the four Circuit Courts issues temporary restraining orders (TRO) and protection orders (PO) in domestic violence cases involving family or household members. The District Courts issue injunctions for non-related partners in domestic violence cases which do not qualify under the Domestic Abuse statute; in the First Circuit, there are also a number of domestic violence cases involving family or household members, that are sent to District Court for adjudication. For those cases heard in the Family Courts, filings have increased steadily an average of 15% per year over the past three fiscal years (Table 4).

Table 4

FAMILY COURT CHAPTER 586 PROTECTION ORDER FILING BY STATE FISCAL YEAR*								
Family Court (County)	FY 95	FY 96	FY 97	FY 98	FY 99	FY 00	FY 01	FY02
First Circuit (Honolulu)	1,658	1,326	1,590	2,016	1,835	2,093	2,274	2,838
Second Circuit (Maui)	390	392	369	398	407	525	659	621
Third Circuit (Hawaii)	785	730	801	759	690	833	915	959
Fifth Circuit (Kauai)	95	105	135	102	123	119	179	205
Total	2,928	2,553	2,859	3,275	3,055	3,570	4,027	4,623

Source: Judiciary Annual Reports for FY 1995 - 2002

*Fiscal Year (July 1 to June 30)

Arrest for violations of TROs presents a measurement that complements information related to filing for protection against domestic abuse. The data from the Hawaii Criminal Justice Data Center (HCJDC) reflect calendar years 1996 to 2002 in Table 5. Coding of violations by the police departments may prevent capture of all domestic violence-related arrests, as mentioned earlier. Other than a slight dip in 1999, all counties demonstrated a steady increase in the number of arrests for TRO violations, with a dramatic statewide increase of over 87% between 1999 and 2001. The table now includes arrests performed by the Sheriff’s Department, which did not have a significant role in arrests until 2002, when the Department of Public Safety expanded its role into this area of enforcement. These arrests for TRO violations occur in the court facilities, where the sheriffs are responsible for security.

Table 5

FAMILY COURT TEMPORARY RESTRAINING ORDER (TRO) ARRESTS							
County	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002
Honolulu	716	941	911	825	1075	1305	1396
Maui	228	239	241	216	445	543	585
Hawaii	224	212	228	174	320	415	403
Kauai	37	42	90	46	34	105	120
Sheriff Dept.	0	0	1	0	3	6	61
Statewide	1,205	1,434	1,471	1,261	1,877	2,374	2,565

Source: Hawaii Criminal Justice Data Center

Prosecution of domestic violence misdemeanor cases (HRS 709-906) has been difficult to assess for a number of problems. Different case tracking systems and classification of cases by the four county prosecution offices make comparison difficult. All of the offices use vertical prosecution for domestic violence cases, although the structure of the domestic prosecution unit varies on each county. Deputy prosecutors also handle felony offenses that have a domestic violence connection; TRO and protection order violations are not necessarily a part of their caseloads. The cases numbers for each year do not total to equal the different disposition categories because of carryover cases between the years, and the other types of dispositions that may occur. Refer to Table 6.

Table 6

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE MISDEMEANOR PROSECUTION UNDER HRS §709-906					
County	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001
Honolulu					
- Cases Received	1,488	1170	1,282	1,478	1,459
- Declined Prosecution	31	31	15	26	16
- Plea Guilty as Charged/Lesser Degree/No Contest	1,291	1,022	1,141	1,190	1,171
- Found Guilty as Charged	70	47	34	27	10
- Acquitted	95	71	89	69	61
- Dismissed With/Without Prejudice			3	166	201
Hawaii					
- Cases Received	1,531	1,614	1,457	1,219	1,181
- Declined Prosecution	272	281	257	325	316
- Plea Guilty as Charged/Lesser Degree/No Contest	182	174	115	363	427
- Found Guilty	515	481	485	13	18
- Acquitted	19	28	19	18	21
- Dismissed With/Without Prejudice	107	227	196	17	7
Maui					
- Cases Received	716	703		718	789
- Declined Prosecution	101	94		116	101
- Plea Guilty as Charged/Lesser Degree/No Contest	195	188		178	178
- Found Guilty	68	63		31	40
- Acquitted	17	77		54	62
- Dismissed With/Without Prejudice	146	113		161	262
Kauai					
- Cases Received	279	276	289	393	358
- Declined Prosecution	91	135	120	159	167
- Plea Guilty as Charged/Lesser Degree/No Contest	137	104	135	65	59
- Found Guilty	8	11	4	5	6
- Acquitted	7	6	9	17	17
- Dismissed With/Without Prejudice	33	15	10	19	23

Source: County Prosecution Offices

In a DAG report titled, *Murder in Hawaii 1992-1997*, (June 1998), there were 280 reported murders in the state during this six year period, of which 68 were domestic violence-related . Under the definition applied to this phrase, the report includes as domestic violence-related murders those which resulted from either child abuse or domestic arguments. To more objectively compare statistics over time and/or between jurisdictions, the Crime Prevention and

Justice Assistance Division has calculated the rate of domestic violence murders. The number and rate of domestic violence-related murders in 2001 and 2002 have been reduced by half from the 1995 figures (refer to Table 7). Firearms were used in 54% of these domestic violence murders.

Table 7

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE-RELATED MURDERS								
Year	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002
No. of DV-related murders	16	8	8	6	7	10	8	7
DV-related proportion of total murders (per cent)	28.6	20.0	17.0	25.0	15.9	28.6	25.0	29.0
DV-related murder rate, per 100,000 residents	1.4	0.7	0.7	0.5	0.6	0.8	0.7	0.6

Source: Department of the Attorney General (CPJA) and Hawaii State Coalition Against Domestic Violence

Table 8 provides the number of victim contacts with agency service providers as a result of abuse. There are nine shelter facilities statewide (3 on Oahu, two on the island of Hawaii, one each on the islands of Molokai, Kauai and Maui), and one for military victims/dependants only. In its FY 1998 Annual Report for the Family Violence Prevention and Services (FVPS) Grant, the Department of Human Services noted that "It is not uncommon for a woman to use a shelter six to eight times before leaving the violent setting for good (if she ever does)". While the statistics for Shelter and Adults Receiving Individual Services have alternated in single digit increases and/or decreases, Hotline and Information/Referral Calls and Other Services (particularly in the Legal Advocacy area) have seen substantial growth. The shelter reporting periods for FY 1995 and 1996 are federal fiscal years (October to September), and the FY 1997 through FY 1999 are reported under the State fiscal period (July to June). In FY 1999 there was a decline in the types of services available at shelters, with a decrease of 10% of adults served in shelters, a 9% decrease in number of bed days for adults and families in shelter, and a 4% decrease in the number of hotline and information and referral calls to shelters. The statistical data for shelter services over the five year period (FY 1995-1999) do not show any specific upward or downward trend, but rather a minor variance each year.

Table 8

STATEWIDE SHELTER SERVICES FOR DOMESTIC VIOLENCE VICTIMS							
Type of Service	Number of Clients/Service Calls						
	FY 1995	FY 1996	FY 1997	FY 1998	FY 1999	FY 2000	FY 2001
Adults served (unduplicated)	1,033	976	1,028	947	848	957	1,098
Hotline and Information/Referral Calls	7,404	8,072	10,066	11,392	10,928	9,205	10,118
Number of Bed Days (Adults/Families)	31,395	28,445	29,639	32,898	30,099	37,575	36,013

Source: FVPS Grant: Annual Reports for 1995 to 2001, DHS Social Services Division

Table 9 shows the array of services currently provided by non-governmental service provider services, over and above shelter services. Over a dozen statewide victim services agencies were responded to a survey on the number and types of non-shelter services provided to domestic violence victims, and these included hotline and information/referral calls, legal advocacy, support groups, batterers intervention treatment, and outreach/education. The numbers do not represent the full scope of service contacts with victims, as only half of the private service providers furnished the data. Collection of complete victim data remains a challenge for many of these agencies, which are often short-staffed and unable to maintain consistent data collection efforts.

Table 9

DIRECT SERVICE CONTACTS WITH DOMESTIC VIOLENCE VICTIMS- CY 1999-2001			
Type of Service [Number of Clients/Service Calls(Duplicated)]	1999	2000	2001
Hotline Calls (Crisis Counseling)	13,823	10,470	11,747
Information/Referral Calls	19,456	18,587	16,200
Legal Advocacy (TRO s, Divorce, etc.)	1,440	1,489	1,667
Support Groups (including shelter clients)	6,702	1,757	1,629
Outreach/Education Community Presentations, Training)	3,608	329	264
Other Services: Visitation Services, Court Accompaniment, Parent Skills, etc.	1,900	4,313	5,011
Batterers Intervention (clients entering program)	3,537	2,705	2,517

Source: PACT/Puu Ho nua, Women Helping Women, YWCA of Kauai/ATV, Hale ho'omalu, DVCLH, CFS (DOV, Hale Ohana Shelter), Turning Point for Families/ATV, Hawaii Counseling and Education Center, Catholic Charities.

C. *Sexual Assault (SA)*

Sexual Assault is defined in HRS 707-730 as occurring when:

The person knowingly subjects another person to an act of sexual penetration or sexual contact by strong compulsion.

Several national studies, the National Women's Study (NWS) (1989) and the National Violence Against Women Survey (NVAW) (1995), provided major victimization surveys on the prevalence of forcible rape among adult women in the United States. The findings indicated that approximately 13.4% of adult women were subjected to forcible rape sometime during their lifetime. A majority of these rapes occurred when these women were under the age of 18 year old. Risk factors included the victim's current age, her race/ethnicity, and the regional location of her residence. Using these national findings on the prevalence of rape and risk factors for having been raped, Kenneth Ruggiero and Dean Kilpatrick prepared a localized report, *One in Seven – Rape in Hawaii: A Report to the State* (National Violence Against Women Prevention Research Center, May 15, 2003). The authors developed a method for estimating the prevalence of rape in Hawaii based on the demographic and geographic risk factors for rape from the national studies and applying it to the State's adult female population using Census data. Their findings estimate that approximately 14.5% of adult women in Hawaii (nearly 67,000) have been victims of one or more completed forcible rapes during their lifetime. The estimate is slightly higher than the national average due in part to the fact that Hawaii is identified in the NWS and NVAW studies as a region with a higher than average rape prevalence. The estimate does not include other forms of rape (statutory, attempted, alcohol/drug facilitated or incapacitated), nor does it count those females under the age of 18 who have experienced rape. This estimate of one-in-seven women being a victim of forcible rape sometime in her lifetime is considered conservative for these reasons.

The Department of the Attorney General, in partnership with the Sex Abuse Treatment Center (SATC), conducted an analysis of nearly 6,000 sexual assault victims who received treatment or services with SATC in Honolulu from mid-1990 through mid-2001. Their report, *Sexual Assault Victims in Honolulu: A Statistical Profile* (Department of the Attorney General, January 2004) presented a number of key findings regarding the population of victims in Hawaii who survived a sexual assault and sought treatment. The average victim at the time of the assault was 18 years old, and 90% of these victims were female. The largest ethnic categories of victims were: Hawaiian/part Hawaiian (28.8%), Caucasian (26.3%), and mixed heritage (non-Hawaiian) (17.4%). Most of these victims were assaulted by someone they knew, more likely to be an intimate partner; only 16.3% were identified as stranger assaults. Most of the assaults included the use of physical force (69.9%) or intimidation (64.6%), although a majority of the assaults did not involve use of a weapon. Prior consumption of alcohol by the assailant increased the risk level involved in sexual assault, especially if the victim is female. It is notable that the national rate of reporting sexual assault to law enforcement is estimated to be around 28%, while SATC victims have a higher reporting rate at 68%.

Reported incidents of forcible rape in Hawaii, which is defined as the carnal knowledge of a female forcibly and against her will, decreased by 10.5% statewide in 2002 according to the Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR) program. Both Hawaii and Maui Counties decreased dramatically in reports of forcible rape, 49.4% and 70% respectively, while Kauai County increased by 51.8% in 2002. For Maui County, the report rate is the lowest number reported on record. Assaults or attempts to commit rape by force or threat of force are also included. Statutory rape (without force), any sexual assault against males, and other sex offenses are not included in this category. The numbers include female victims under 18 years of age, although the majority of victims are adults. See Table 10 below for these statistical data.

Table 10

REPORTED INCIDENTS OF FORCIBLE RAPE OF FEMALES UNDER UCR								
Location	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002
City and County of Honolulu	217	222	257	242	235	240	293	304
County of Maui	48	39	49	47	33	30	33	10
County of Hawaii	49	45	46	45	62	53	68	35
County of Kauai	22	20	19	18	24	23	15	23
Total	336	326	371	352	354	346	409	372

Source: Crime in Hawaii, 2002

Table 11 provides the number of rape arrests by county. The police arrest reports include only those cases where a charge has been made following the conclusion of all investigations, and includes both adult and juvenile offenders. There was a statewide decline of 9% in the number of arrests for forcible rape between 2001 and 2002, with Hawaii and Maui Counties showing decreases of 63% and 69%, respectively. Honolulu County had a 9% increase in arrests. Juveniles represented 10% (13) of these arrests in 2002.

Table 11

ARREST FOR FORCIBLE RAPE OF FEMALES UNDER UCR								
Location	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002
City and County of Honolulu	67	80	86	97	61	49	104	113
County of Maui	15	22	15	17	11	12	13	4
County of Hawaii	14	24	18	16	18	21	19	7
County of Kauai	9	4	5	1	12	14	10	9
Total	105	130	124	131	102	96	146	133

Source: Crime in Hawaii, 2002

Sex assault services are provided by four programs throughout the state: one each on the islands of Oahu, Hawaii, Maui, and Kauai. The continuum of services includes crisis intervention, counseling, medical services, and legal advocacy. Table 12 illustrates the direct service contacts for adult female sex assault victims statewide; however, it should be noted that the numbers are a reflection of individuals who are *accessing the services*, and where there is the *availability of services* for sexual assault victims. Over the past several years, the waning State economy has resulted in cuts to crisis and treatment funding services to sexual assault services agencies. The deficit budgeting required providers to seek other sources of funding, including VAWA grants, to maintain basic services to victims. The situation has been coupled with a difficulty faced by the service agencies in recruiting and retaining therapists, who receive much higher compensation through insurance or third-party reimbursement.

Table 12

STATEWIDE SERVICES FOR ADULT FEMALE SEXUAL ASSAULT VICTIMS				
Type of Service	FY 1998	FY 1999	FY 2000	FY 2001
Crisis Phone Intakes (all calls)	2,760	2,245	2,153	2,446
Crisis Stabilization/Crisis Counseling	577	509	556	445
Clinical/Legal Advocacy (new/pending cases)	1,472	807	731	727

Source: Kapiolani Medical Center for Women and Children

D. Stalking

Hawaii enacted two new sections in the stalking statute in 2003. Harassment by stalking, a misdemeanor (HRS § 711.1106.5), requires that the perpetrator only intend “to harass, annoy or alarm a victim, or engage in a pattern of behavior involving pursuit, surveillance or non-consensual contact more than once without lawful purpose”. A credible threat to harm is no longer required, and the “non-consensual contact” extends the type of common behavior or method of contact that can be cited for arrest. Aggravated Harassment by Stalking (HRS § 711-1106.4) is a class C felony, in which the perpetrator has a prior conviction for harassment by stalking within the past five years of the present offense. The victim of harassment need not be the same from the prior offense. Both of these changes will make it easier to pursue cases of stalking.

Thus far, there have not been any arrests or convictions under the new statutes, although law enforcement personnel are reporting a number of ongoing investigations statewide. There were no previous arrests under the old statutes for either harassment by stalking or aggravated harassment by stalking noted in police records.

2. STATE STRATEGIC PLAN

This Strategic Plan for the Violence Against Women Formula Grant FY 2003 represents the final year of the three-year implementation plan that was initially adopted by the VAWA State Planning Committee in December 2001. The concept of a three-year implementation plan was to provide increased accountability and offer a longer range “road map” for statewide action for VAWA and other funding that address domestic and sexual violence issues, a concept now embraced by the Office of Violence Against Women. This current plan represents the third year of implementation and will cover the progress made over the past two years.

A. *Planning Process*

The initial meeting for the planning process was convened on May 17-18, 2001 with the assistance of STOP TA Project facilitator Robin Hassler-Thompson and Judiciary Center for Alternative Dispute facilitator Clyde Namuo. The VAWA State Planning Committee’s agency participation included Offices of the Prosecuting Attorneys from Hawaii and Kauai Counties, the Honolulu and Hawaii County Police Departments, the Judiciary, and victim service agency administrative directors from Catholic Charities, Domestic Violence Clearinghouse and Legal Hotline, Big Island Coalition Against Physical and Sexual Abuse, and the Sex Abuse Treatment Center. In addition, the U.S. Attorney’s Office, State Department of Human Services, State Department of Health, and the Hawaii Coalition Against Sex Assault participated as invited guests of the State Planning Committee. Using a strategic planning tool called SWOT (Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities and Threats), the committee conducted an internal analysis (strengths and weaknesses) and external assessment (opportunities and threats) of the organizations that work to end violence against women in Hawaii.

Each of the agencies brought to this discussion the identified needs and priorities from their respective disciplines to address domestic violence and sexual assault reduction and organizational services to victims. Taking into consideration the SWOT assessment, the strategic planning committee members developed five strategic priority recommendations to address violence against women in Hawaii that were forwarded to the VAWA State Planning Committee for consideration and adoption :

- (1) ***Multi-disciplinary Training and Staff Support Efforts***: Support and promote multi-disciplinary training, encourage coordination of multi-disciplinary efforts, and provide incentives for valuing and retaining staff.
- (2) ***Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Awareness***: Elevate awareness of domestic violence and sexual assault issues to policy makers in order to promote support and commitment of resources, especially for core services to victims.
- (3) ***Domestic Violence and Children***: Examine how to offer and provide services to children who witness domestic violence, and increase both general and targeted prevention and education efforts.

- (4) ***Outreach to Underserved***: Increase and fund outreach programs that are culturally and linguistically appropriate and competent, to underserved communities.
- (5) ***Data System***: Improve data system infrastructure, especially for access, safety, and dissemination.

B. Priorities for the State Strategic Plan

The VAWA State Planning Committee met on August 29, 2001 to review the recommendations, and agreed to adopt three of them as priorities for the STOP Formula Grant Implementation Plan. Three subcommittees, comprised of criminal justice and victim service provider agencies, met in September and October 2001 to develop the framework for implementation of each of the three priorities. On December 17, 2001, the State Planning Committee confirmed the continuation of the law enforcement, prosecution and victim services priorities. These priorities were:

Law Enforcement:

- Training
- Specialized Equipment to Assist in Investigations

Prosecutor:

- Vertical Prosecution
- Training

Victim Services:

- Core Services for Adult Female Victims of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault, which include but not limited to:
 - ' Advocacy
 - ' Case Management
 - ' Counseling
 - ' Crisis Response
 - ' Increased accessibility by special populations including disabled, immigrant, and victims with substance abuse or mental health issues
 - ' Legal Assistance
 - ' Shelter
 - ' Transitional services

In addition, it formally adopted the following three priorities for utilizing the VAWA STOP discretionary allocation to address domestic violence and sexual assault:

1. ***DATA SYSTEM: Improve data system infrastructure, especially for access, safety and dissemination***

The VAWA State Planning Committee agreed to add an additional section to this priority on the Victim Information Management System (VIMS), separating it out of the rest of the subcommittee's recommendation, and focusing specific funding efforts toward this effort.

Objective/Benchmarks

- a. To support the continuation of the Victim Information Management System (VIMS) as a victim-based information system that will assist non-governmental victim service providers in case management and development of client demographics for planning, resource allocation and reporting purposes.

Specific Activities related to this Objective will include:

1. VIMS user agencies will respond to an RFP for the selection of a “lead agency” that will assist in the administrative oversight necessary to maintain the functioning and updating of the program (within first six months).
 2. The Department of the Attorney General will continue to serve as the data repository and provide periodic topical reports based on the data submitted by the victim service agencies (Years One to Three).
 3. Lead agency will conduct periodic user meetings and contract with data system provider to service maintenance needs and to implement any software modifications deemed necessary for system operations (Years One to Three).
2. ***OUTREACH TO UNDERSERVED: Increase outreach and services to underserved populations that are isolated by (1) culture and language, (2) disability, and (3) sexual orientation (listed by priority)***

Objectives/Benchmarks:

- a. Increase outreach to victims isolated by culture/language, disability and sexual orientation, in an effective and appropriate manner.

Specific Activities related to this Objective will include:

1. Meet with knowledgeable people in that underserved group. Determine the most effective outreach activities that will reach the targeted underserved victims. (Year One)
2. Develop an outreach campaign targeted to the underserved populations. (Year One)
3. Develop a training component (dv/sa) for community leaders. (Year One)
4. Develop training for justice system, support agencies to address cultural sensitivity. (Year One)
5. Define minimum level of services to ensure continuity of services for victims. (Years One and Two)
6. Include victims in the planning process (Years One to Three)
7. Implement outreach campaign targeted to underserved population (Year Two)
8. Develop/implement “buy-in” and collaboration with criminal justice system partners (police, prosecutors, courts, etc.) (Years Two and Three)

9. Develop/implement infrastructure/collaboration to sustain adequate level of services (include police, prosecutors, etc.) (Years Two and Three)
 10. Develop/implement strategy to ensure perpetuation of victim services. Provide a balanced system and level of services to extend beyond the current services. As a contingency plan, train volunteers (pro bono) to maintain services in the event funding is decreased. (Year Three)
- b. Increase accessibility to law enforcement, courts and service providers by victims who are isolated by culture/language, disability and sexual orientation.

Specific Activities related to this Objective will include:

1. Develop *competent* interpreters. “Competent” in language, domestic violence and/or sexual assault issues, policy and procedures of the court system, personal bias etc. (Year One)
 2. Develop sensitivity training curriculum for law enforcement, courts, service providers. (Year One)
 3. Include victims in the planning process. (Years One to Three)
 4. Provide *competent* interpreters (as defined above) for all victims. (Year Two)
 5. Provide sensitivity training to law enforcement, courts and service providers. (Year Two)
 6. Provide reasonable accommodations to make services accessible to victims in need. (Years Two and Three)
3. ***MULTI-DISCIPLINARY TRAINING AND STAFF SUPPORT EFFORTS: Support and promote multi-disciplinary training, encourage coordination of multidisciplinary efforts, and provide incentives for valuing and retaining staff***

Objectives/Benchmarks:

- a. To produce a multi-disciplinary training curriculum that corresponds to current needs based on results of data and “best practices”

Specific activities related to this Objective will include:

1. Collect and compile multi-disciplinary research and practices on victim safety and offender accountability (within the first three months)
2. Identify responsible party for collection and analysis of data (“who is audience”, “what is purpose”) (within the first three months)
3. Issue preliminary recommendation report on standards within first six months
4. Develop agreement among agencies on training activities to be scheduled, upon completion of selected curriculum material (Year One)
5. Maintain and update information process (Years Two and Three)

- b. To conduct a domestic violence/sexual assault multidisciplinary community audit that will result in a “Preparedness Plan” guideline to respond to and coordinate the efforts to address the impact of critical incidents on domestic violence and sexual assault services in communities

Specific activities related to this Objective will include:

1. Define/identify “critical incidents” (“acts of nature, national/international security, major shifts in political ideology) (within first three months)
2. Identify the data elements for collection and analysis (within first three months)
3. Identify the timeframe of data to be collected and establishing a comparable baseline
4. Identify who will conduct audit (within first three months)
5. Develop “Preparedness Plan” within each agency (within first nine months)
6. Disseminate finding/recommendations/guidelines to other agencies and develop a “master plan” for the community, to be shared in various media forms (e.g., internet, CD) (Year one)

3. FIRST TWO YEARS OF IMPLEMENTATION

A. Distribution of Funds

Effective FY 2001, the required allocations for the STOP Grant were revised to 25% each for law enforcement and prosecution, 30% to non-profit, non-governmental victim service providers, 5% to the State Judiciary, and 15% discretionary. In its December 17, 2001 meeting, the VAWA State Planning Committee adopted three new priority areas outlined above, using the funding under the 15% discretionary allocation for implementation of one or more of the FY 2001 Priorities. The Committee also set a multi-year funding plan that would allow for continued project funding based on satisfactory performance and availability of grant funds. Distribution for the discretionary allocation was to be based on an RFP or competitive concept paper process.

The required allocations for each sector (law enforcement, prosecution, non-governmental victim service providers, and judiciary) continued the efforts of previous years and funded programs and projects identified as priorities in the FY 2000 VAWA Strategic Plan. These priorities were:

Victim Services:

- Core Services for Adult Female Victims of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault, which include but not limited to:
 - ' Advocacy
 - ' Case Management
 - ' Counseling
 - ' Crisis Response
 - ' Increased accessibility by special populations including disabled, immigrant, and victims with substance abuse or mental health issues
 - ' Legal Assistance
 - ' Shelter
 - ' Transitional services

Law Enforcement:

- Training
- Specialized Equipment to Assist in Investigations

Prosecutor:

- Vertical Prosecution
- Training

In its February 6, 2004, the VAWA State Planning Committee reaffirmed the current priorities undertaken in the first year of this Three Year Plan, including the three priorities directed at the discretionary allocation. They chose not to make any modification in the State's priorities and funding allocation of the STOP grant funds. These priorities will be up for discussion in the FY 2004 application.

B. Current Funding Efforts

The subgrantee awards under the STOP FY 2001 and FY 2002, and the priority area(s) each addressed are as follows:

STOP Subgrant Awards – FY 2001

Project	Agency	Federal Amount	Priority Area(s)
Sexual Assault Violence Empowerment	YWCA of Hawaii Island (Hawaii)	\$77,227	Advocacy, Case Management, Crisis Response
Domestic Violence Response Team	Women Helping Women (Maui)	\$75,397	Advocacy, Case Management, Crisis Response
Domestic Abuse Shelter Services for Mothers and Children	Child and Family Services (Honolulu)	\$125,878	Counseling, Shelter
Pulama Na Wahine Ola Hou	Salvation Army Family Treatment Services	\$91,400	Advocacy, Outreach to Underserved
Statewide Medical-Legal Collaborative Project	Honolulu Prosecutor's Office (Statewide)	\$35,000	Multi-Disciplinary Training and Staff Support Efforts
Victim Services Coordinator	Hawaii County Police Department	\$34,000	Case Management
Domestic Violence/Stalking Training	Kauai Police Department	\$11,000	Training
Pu'uhonua	Honolulu Police Department	\$127,600	Crisis Response, Case Management, Outreach to Underserved
SAFE	Hawaii County Police Department	\$51,500	Case Management, Multi-Disciplinary Training and Staff Support Efforts
Misdemeanor Domestic Violence	Honolulu Prosecutor's Office	\$88,800	Vertical Prosecution
Domestic Violence Investigations	Maui Prosecutor's Office	\$46,400	Vertical Prosecution
Domestic Violence Prosecution	Hawaii County Prosecutor's Office	\$47,700	Vertical Prosecution
Domestic Violence Prosecution	Kauai Prosecutor's Office	\$44,300	Vertical Prosecution
Establishing Fatality Reviews	Judiciary (Statewide)	\$42,300	Multi-Disciplinary Training and Staff Support Efforts

STOP Subgrant Awards – FY 2002

Project	Agency	Federal Amount	Priority Area(s)
Misdemeanor Domestic Violence	Honolulu Prosecutor's Office	\$90,333	Vertical Prosecution
Domestic Violence Investigation	Maui Prosecutor	\$51,924	Vertical Prosecution
Domestic Violence/Sex Assault Service Coordinator	Hawaii Police County Department	\$39,000	Case Management, Multi-Disciplinary Training
Examining Best Practices in Services	Judiciary – 1 st Circuit Court	\$48,592	Multi-Disciplinary Training
Domestic Violence/Sex Assault Digital Photography	Kauai Police Department	\$39,000	Specialized Equipment
Domestic Violence Prosecution	Hawaii Prosecutor's Office	\$52,555	Vertical Prosecution
Pu'u honua Outreach	Honolulu Police Department	\$143,976	Crisis Response, Case Management, Outreach to Underserved
Domestic Violence Prosecution	Kauai Prosecutor's Office	\$48,150	Vertical Prosecution
Domestic Abuse Shelter Services for Mothers and Children	Child and Family Services (Honolulu)	\$130,800	Counseling, Shelter
Family Peace Center (Honolulu County)	Parents and Children Together	\$57,097	Crisis Response, Counseling, Case Management, Transitional Service
Victim Services for Adult Female Victims of Domestic Violence or Sexual Assault	Sex Abuse Treatment Center	\$103,658	Crisis Response, Counseling, Case Management, Transitional Service
Digital Evidence	Maui Police Department	\$20,980	Specialized Equipment
State Medical-Legal Collaboration (pending)	Honolulu Prosecutor's Office (Statewide)	\$40,425	Multi-Disciplinary Training and Staff Support Efforts
Na Lei Lokahi (pending)	Salvation Army Family Treatment Services	\$105,351	Advocacy, Outreach to Underserved

The FY 2001/2002 projects have built upon the previous STOP project efforts, particularly in the vertical prosecution of domestic violence cases, and the victim advocacy for domestic violence and sexual assault victims. Projects are equitably distributed among all four counties, in addition to the three separate statewide projects that address sexual assault and domestic violence concerns.

Stalking investigation training has been addressed in one project (with Kauai Police Department), but was also been a part of the FY 2000 Subgrant to the Judiciary under its Victims and Children Exposed to Violence Project, and a part of their FY 2003 Examining Best Practices in Services Project. These projects include a multidisciplinary training for criminal justice and victim service providers on responding to victims, in addition to investigation of stalking cases. Extensive training and the development of a statewide protocol for law enforcement, victim advocates and the Judiciary is being completed under a FY 2002 Grants to Encourage Arrest Policies Grant to the Department of the Attorney General.

C. Addressing the FY 2001 Priorities

Data System: Improve data system infrastructure, especially for access, safety, and dissemination.

Funding in the current plan does not include improving data system infrastructure, an area that has been consistently supported in the past years, and was identified as new priority for the discretionary funding for FY 2001. The Victim Information Management System (VIMS) project had been managed for the past four years by the Department of the Attorney General, on behalf of the twenty domestic violence and sexual assault victim services agencies at their request. The intent was to have one of the non-profit agencies eventually manage the collection of aggregate data from participating providers, and the Department of the Attorney General would analyze the data for evaluation and planning purposes. Numerous attempts to equip and train the victim service agencies with a specialized software program failed to produce adequate participation and data input. Agencies cited reasons that included inadequate staffing, difficulty interfacing with existing data systems, and inability to commit long-term resources (of time and maintenance) for continued participation. In March 2002, the VIMS Project was terminated with the concurrence of the service providers, and the balance of FY 2000 funding reallocated for victim services. The VAWA State Planning Committee had earlier been prepared to allocate a portion of the FY 2001 discretionary funds for maintenance of the Victim Information Management System (VIMS) upon completion of the FY 2000 award. It will need to review implementation of this priority in light of the closure of the VIMS project.

Outreach to Underserved: Increase and fund outreach to underserved communities that are culturally and linguistically appropriate and competent.

The Salvation Army Family Treatment Services was awarded a FY 2001 grant in December 2002 for the *Pulama Na Wahine Ola Hou* Project to develop outreach and advocacy services for female victims of domestic violence living on the north shores of Oahu. The project utilizes outreach staff indigenous to the community to serve as translators and victim advocates. A community-based steering committee has been developed to guide all aspects of the work including the ongoing training of volunteers and university interns to increase their understanding of domestic violence and their ability to interact effectively with victims and legal/social services personnel. A unique feature of this project is assistance to women for whom addiction to alcohol and/or other substances is an additional barrier to utilization of victim services. A second year continuation is pending satisfactory completion of the first year project.

Multi-disciplinary Training and Staff Support Efforts: Support and promote multi-disciplinary training, encourage coordination of multi-disciplinary efforts, and provide incentives for valuing and retaining staff.

The Department of the Prosecuting Attorney, City and County of Honolulu, in cooperation with the Sex Abuse Treatment Center, was awarded a FY 2001 grant in December 2002 for the Statewide Medical-Legal Collaborative Project to heighten consistency in the investigation of sexual assault cases and increase the overall quality and quantity of forensic evidence through improved and uniform specimen collection and preservation techniques. The project continues to implement the formal plan for ongoing statewide collaboration to maintain the integrity of the evidence collection kit and medical-legal protocols that have been established. It currently identifies the needs and challenges of all counties in the provision of acute forensic examination to sexual assault victims and in protocol implementation. Representatives from law enforcement, medical, social service and legal communities meet regularly to develop strategies to remain dynamic and responsive to the ever-changing forensic environment. The project is being funded for a second year continuation project under FY 2002 funds, based on the successful implementation and accomplishments of its goals and objectives.

The Judiciary allocated its FY 2001 funding for an “Establishing Fatality Reviews in Hawaii” Project to introduce and educate the criminal and civil justice systems, private service providers, medical personnel and community members about the domestic violence death review process. The reviews are designed to obtain information that will lead to the prevention and reduction of future homicides, as opposed to fault-finding between organizations. Participants will seek any history of involvement with the criminal systems and private service providers, if services were accessible to the family, and identification of risk factors. The Judiciary is conducting a statewide conference on March 3-4, 2004 to bring national consultants for in-depth discussions with the agencies that are to be partners in this effort.

4. EVALUATION OF PROGRAMS

The Department of the Attorney General's Crime Prevention and Justice Assistance Division (CPJAD) will utilize its current procedures to monitor and assess federally funded projects.

A. *Project Goals and Objectives*

When an application is submitted to the CPJAD, the staff works with the agency in developing acceptable (meaningful and measurable) goals and objectives for the project, prior to project implementation. Performance indicators are defined in the application. In some cases, the agency and the staff will develop or review the goals and objectives prior to the formal submission of a project application. An application will not be processed unless staff is satisfied that the goals, objectives, performance indicators, and evaluation plan are adequate. Methods for the data collection and a description of the information collection of target populations are also to be included as part of the evaluation plan.

B. *Project Monitoring*

The monitoring activities are part of the ongoing process evaluation of projects. During the life of the project several products are produced to assess the implementation of the project (process evaluation).

1. Each project has a file assigned with an individual project number and sectioned off for programmatic and fiscal information documentation.
2. Site visit monitoring is done at least twice a year for each project. The first is usually done within a month after execution of the project contract, and the second after the first six months of project implementation. A copy of this report is shared with the subgrantee for follow-up action as needed.
3. Non-site monitoring reports are completed for inclusion in the project file. Non-site monitoring includes meetings with project staff, telephone contacts, and review of written, required project reports submitted by agencies.
4. Agencies are required to submit a written progress report every six months to CPJAD that detail activities and accomplishments toward project goals and objectives. Report form contains a section for the discussion of any problems in implementation and steps taken for resolution.
5. Technical assistance to project personnel is done as requested, or as deemed necessary by staff's monitoring. Subgrantees are invited to participate in local training and workshop events as appropriate to project activities.

C. Evaluation at the end of the project

At the termination of the project, a written evaluation (agency self-evaluation if they do not have a separate evaluator) is submitted to CPJAD within 60 days. CPJAD will also consider contracting with a consultant to evaluate selected projects for impact evaluation. Prior to termination, there may be discussion regarding agency efforts to sustain project's efforts beyond the grant funding, if appropriate.

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