SEXUAL ASSAULT AWARENESS MONTH IN HAWAII

HONOLULU, HAWAII – APRIL 1, 2018 is the start of Sexual Assault Awareness Month (SAAM) in Hawaii. Hawaii’s effort is part of a nationwide campaign to raise public awareness about sexual violence and educate communities on how to prevent it. The Department of the Attorney General, Department of Health, and the Hawaii Coalition Against Sexual Assault are partnering to combat the risk of sexual violence through conversations, programs, policies, and research-based tools that promote safety, respect, and equality.

This year’s SAAM theme, “Embrace Your Voice!” aims to inform individuals on how they can use their words to promote safety, respect, and equality to stop sexual violence before it happens. Individuals can embrace their voices to show their support for survivors, stand up to victim blaming, shut down offensive jokes, correct harmful misconceptions, promote everyday consent, and practice healthy communications with children.

During the month of April, various community partners working with the Department of Health on its community mobilization efforts will be hosting activities statewide to bring awareness to the issue of sexual violence.

In line with these mobilization efforts, on April 13, 2018, Governor Ige will proclaim April 2018 “Sexual Assault Awareness Month in Hawaii” and recognize nine community recipients who are “embracing their voice” to prevent sexual violence. One such recipient is Malie Ibarra, a student from Kau High School. Malie has been recognized and nominated by The Kau Sexual Violence Prevention Community Action Team led by The Kau Rural Community Health Association's Executive Director Jessanie Marques. In an effort to promote healthier relationships in her community, Malie created *Tita the Turtle*, a book for children that teaches aloha by modeling positive behaviors.

Other recipients include: Dr. Virginia Pressler, Department of Health; Jennifer Pagala Barnett, University of Hawaii; Lisa Charles, United States Air Force; Matthew Houck, YWCA of Kauai; David Rosen, Shooters Film Production; Ken Kazuma, Waipahu Intermediate School; Deonne Carden, Waianae; and Bay Clinic, Inc. of East and South Hawaii.
One month isn’t enough to solve the serious and widespread issue of sexual violence. Nevertheless, awareness efforts in April provide an opportunity to energize and expand prevention efforts. There’s no better way to expand the scope of SAAM than by reaching out to a broader audience.

In the 2015 Hawaii Youth Risk Behavior Survey (YRBS), 15.8% of female and 8.5% of male high school students in the City and County of Honolulu reported having been forced or coerced into sexual activities in the last twelve (12) months. Statewide, 12.7% of Hawaii’s high school students reported being forced to do sexual activities in the last twelve months.

Anyone can experience sexual violence, including children, teens, adults, and seniors. We encourage everyone to “Embrace Your Voice!” by participating in the many awareness activities scheduled during the month of April. Please see the attached calendar and go to ag.hawaii.gov to see a list of activities.

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# April 2018: Hawai‘i Statewide Sexual Assault Awareness Month

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**Island Location Key:** Kaua‘i O‘ahu Maui Moloka‘i Hawai‘i Lana‘i

*The 2018 SAAM Calendar was developed in partnership with the Hawaii State Department of Health and the Kapiolani Medical Center for Women and Children’s Sex Abuse Treatment Center.*
**SAAM 2018 CALENDAR: MORE INFO AND CONTACTS**

**March 26th-30th**
- **Waiʻanae teal ribbon distribution all week long**
  
  Contact: Waiʻanae Neighborhood Place: 808-696-4598

**April 1**

**April 2**
- **Hawaiʻi Community College: Sexual Assault Awareness Month Flag Display/Tabling Event, 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.**
  
  Contact: Karren Crowell, (808) 934-2724

- **Rotunda Rally with the Mayor for Prevention of Underage Drinking, Child Abuse and Sexual Assault (Joint Proclamation) @ County Rotunda Building, 12:30 p.m., Pinwheel Garden @ 1:30 p.m. (Wear Blue!)**

- **Denim Day Proclamation with Mayor by the Zonta Club of Kauai and Hanalei, 12:30 p.m.**

- **Maui Mayor’s Alcohol Awareness Proclamation 3:30 p.m.**

- **Sexual Assault Awareness & Prevention Month Proclamation**
  
  April is nationally recognized as Sexual Assault Awareness and Prevention Month. Throughout the month, Commands have the opportunity to enforce core beliefs that Sexual Violence will not be tolerated. Join MCBH for a month of activities that promote prevention and response efforts.
  
  **Event for military personnel and their families only.**
  
  Contact: Diane Heard, 808-257-7777

**April 3**
- **Hawaiʻi Community College: Safe Zone Trainings, 12:00 p.m.–1:00 p.m. and 2;00 p.m.–3:00 p.m.**
  
  Contact: Karren Crowell, (808) 934-2724

- **UH Mānoa: Latex Project, 11:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m.**
  
  Contact: University of Hawaii PAU Violence, (808) 956-8059

- **Schofield Sexual Assault Awareness Month Kick-off Proclamation Event and 3 Mile Run @ Schofield Barracks (main Parade Field) 6:30 a.m.**
  
  Event for military personnel and their families only.
  
  Contact: Mr. Louden 808-655-1603

**April 4**

**April 5**
- **[ r e s p e c t ] Showcase @ Tenny Theatre (The Cathedral of St. Andrew), 229 Queen Emma Square, Honolulu, HI, 7:00 p.m.**
  
  Free public performance of “Expect [respect]” a theatrical piece delivered by young adult actors with T-shirt Theatre and Honolulu Theatre for Youth. Performance discusses preventing sexual violence, respecting boundaries and creating safe environments followed by a discussion about [respect].
  
  For ages 10+, Reservations highly recommended
  
  Please RSVP at htyweb.org or call (808)-839-9885 Ext 720

- **Military Golf Scramble @ Leilehua Golf Course, 7:00 a.m.**
  
  Event only for military personnel and their families
  
  Contact: SFC Tillman, 808-655-0153
2nd Annual Take Back The Night 5k Glow Run, @ 25th CAB, WAAF Base (Across from Wheeler Middle School), 7:00 p.m.
(Glow gear pick up/check in at 6:00 p.m.) All Ages, strollers and pets welcome.
Event only for military personnel and their families
Contact: Juan Almonte-Done, 433-9300

Child Abuse Awareness Month Pinwheel Garden at Emergency Medical Services @ 3:00 p.m.

April 6
Kaua‘i Community College: Safe Zone Training
Contact: Cheryl Stiglmeier, (808)-245-8351

April 7
Kaua‘i Community College: Tabling Event at the Garden Fair
Contact: Cheryl Stiglmeier, (808)-245-8351

April 8

April 9
Maui Mayor’s Proclamation for Child Abuse Prevention Month, @ Maui County Building Lawn, 9:00 a.m.
Maui Mayor’s proclamation and community event with free concert by Uncle Wayne & the Howling Dog Band.

April 10
Hawai‘i Community College: Take Back The Night, @ Campus Center 4:30 p.m.–7:30 p.m.
Contact: Karren Crowell, (808) 934-2724

Child Abuse Awareness Month Pinwheel Garden at the Children Justice Center, 11:00 a.m.

Equal Pay Day Proclamation by the Status of Women, Zonta Club Kauai and Hanalei, 12:30 a.m.

Child Abuse Prevention Month community event with free concert by Uncle Wayne and the Howling Dog Band @ Lana‘i Elementary & High School 9:30 a.m.-10:30 a.m.

April 11
UH Mānoa: [respect] Campaign Tabling Event @ UH Mānoa Campus Center
Contact: University of Hawaii PAU Violence, (808) 956-8059

Child Abuse Awareness Month Pinwheel Garden at the Hawai‘i State Department of Health @ 3:00 p.m.

Child Family Services Sexual Assault Awareness Tabling Event @ the University of Hawai‘i Maui College, 12:00 p.m.-3:00 p.m.

Moloka‘i Child Abuse Prevention Month Community Event with free concert by Wayne & the Howling Dog Band @ Kaunakakai Public Library, 3:00-5:00 p.m.

April 12
Keiki Safe and Secure (East Hawaii Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention Coalition): Mayor’s Proclamation, 8:30 a.m.-10:30 p.m.
A Free Workshop Training 1:00 p.m.-3:00 p.m. @ the Imiloa Astronomy Center Hilo, Hawai‘i
Contact: Neighborhood Place of Puna, 808-965-5550
April 13

♦ Governor’s Sexual Assault Awareness Month Proclamation (morning) BY INVITATION ONLY

♦ Hawai‘i Pacific University: It Starts With Us Fair
During this event, HPU will hold the annual “Walk A Mile In Her Shoes” walk. The walk begins at Aloha Tower Market place and ends at Fort Street Mall. After the walk, there will be awareness and prevention education provided on sexual violence. SATC will be providing informational brochures, [ r e s p e c t ]™ swag, and interactive games to participants. To register visit www.hpu.edu/SGA
Contact: Chelsea Cross, 808-535-7137

♦ 13th Annual Keiki Spring Fest, @Wai‘anae District Park, 8:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m. Open to the public.
This community awareness event focuses on the Waianae coast community residents and those serving the coast, targeting families and children ages 0-5 years old. Over 50 service providers will be tabling and providing interactive games for children, giveaways, and information for families.

April 14

♦ S-T-E-P-S Fair @ Kukui Grove Center Stage—9:00 a.m. –1:00 p.m.
Parents, Grandparents and Children are welcomed to join for a day of fun, hands-on early learning activities, resources and entertainment at this free family event!

♦ Keiki Fest @ the University of Hawaii Maui College, Great Lawn, 11:00 a.m.-4:00p.m.
An array of community-based nonprofit organizations coordinated the event to promote a positive, safe and healthy environment for Hawai‘i ‘s keiki. Keiki fest features activities for all ages.

April 15

♦ Honolulu Hale will be lit Teal during the week of April 15th-21st

April 16

♦ UH Mānoa: [respect] Walk
Sex Abuse Treatment Center partnered with the University of Hawai‘i at Manoa PAU Violence team to host a “[ r e s p e c t ]™ Walk” which will invite campus members to walk around the UH Manoa campus to celebrate the [ r e s p e c t ]™ campaign, and demonstrate awareness about building safe and respectful environments and relationships. The walk begins and ends at the UH Manoa Campus Center Courtyard (walk will circle the UH Manoa Upper Campus). This walk will also be an introduction to the UH system-wide “Respect Week”, in which campuses will host events that focus on the [ r e s p e c t ]™ campaign. First 100 participants to sign up will receive a [ r e s p e c t ]™ hat or t-shirt.
Contact: University of Hawaii PAU Violence, (808) 956-8059

♦ Leeward Community College: Alcohol and Drug Awareness Event by Love Pono
Contact: Lexer Chou, (808) 455-0248

April 17

♦ Kapi‘olani Community College: Shots Screening, Panel Discussion and Tabling Event with David Nisthal from Sex Abuse Treatment Center
12:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.
The “Shots” film, presentation, and discussion will be facilitated for all our students on the KCC campus. The event will take a look at the factors in alcohol-related sexual assault, and discussion will focus on how KCC student, faculty, and staff can be active by standers in preventing sexual violence.
Private event for UH college students.
Contact: Cathy Wehrmen, 808-734-9504
Kauaʻi Community College: Video Screening and Discussion for [respect] Campaign  
Contact: Cheryl Stiglmeier, (808)-245-8351

April 18

Honolulu Mayor and City Council Proclamation Ceremony @ Honolulu Hale, Council Chamber 3rd Floor, 12:30-2:30 p.m.  
Six honorees nominated by the Department of Health’s Community Action Teams will be recognized in both the Mayor’s proclamation and the Council’s Certificates. This is the largest proclamation /certificate event of the year. **Open for everyone to attend.**

Leeward Community College: Respect Happy Hour @ Pearl City The Concourse, 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.  
Contact: Lexer Chou, (808) 455-0248

Kapiʻolani Community College: Open Mic and Tabling Event  
Contact: Cathy Wehrmen, 808-734-9504

April 19

Hawaiʻi Community College: [respect] Campaign Tabling Event, 9:00 a.m.– 1:00 p.m.  
Contact: Karren Crowell, Phone: (808) 934-2724

Leeward Community College: “Shots” Screening, 10:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m.  
During this presentation the film “Shots” will be screened, and serve as a catalyst for discussion. The film looks at common incident of alcohol related sexual violence, and the participants will then enter into discussion about how they can be active bystanders in preventing sexual violence.  
**Private event for UH college students.**  
Contact: Lexer Chou, (808) 455-0248

April 20

Military Motorcycle Ride @ Wheeler Army Airfield and around O‘ahu Island, 8:00 a.m.  
Event for military personnel and their families only.  
Contact: SFC Vance, 808-655-9442

Kauaʻi Community College: Tabling Event @ YWCA’s Women’s Financial Empowerment Conference  
Contact: Cheryl Stiglmeier, (808)-245-8351

Leeward Community College: “Shots” Screening, 10:00 a.m.-10:50 a.m.  
During this presentation the film “Shots” will be screened, and serve as a catalyst for discussion. The film looks at common incident of alcohol related sexual violence, and the participants will then enter into discussion about how they can be active bystanders in preventing sexual violence.  
**Private event for UH college students.**  
Contact: Lexer Chou, (808) 455-0248

Moving from Conflict to Cooperation for Hawaii’s Keiki and their Communities Training @ Maui Beach Hotel, 8:30 a.m.– 4:30 p.m.  
Presented by the Maui County Children's Justice Committee and funded by the Federal Children’s Justice Act Grant. Registration is $50. Limited travel scholarships for RT airfare or boat fare will be provided to Lana‘i and Moloka‘i. Deadline to register is Monday April, 2nd, 2018 (or until class is full).  
Contact Maui Children's Justice Committee to register, mccjc11@gmail.com

April 21

Keiki Fest: Celebrating Our Keiki @ Mitchell Pauole Center, 9:00 a.m.– 12:00 p.m.  
Contact: Andrea Hernandez, 808-213-5551
April 22

- Honolulu AIDS Walk: Photo Booth Opportunity at The Kua’ana tent for National Transgender HIV Testing Day and Sexual Assault Awareness Month @ Kapi'olani Park, 8:00 a.m.-Noon
  Contact: Maddie Sesepasara, 808-853-3257

April 23

April 24

- University of Hawai‘i West O‘ahu: “Shots” Screening, 8:00 a.m.-9:00 a.m.
  During this presentation the film “Shots” will be screened, and serve as a catalyst for discussion. The film looks at common incident of alcohol related sexual violence, and the participants will then enter into discussion about how they can be active bystanders in preventing sexual violence.
  Private event for UH college students.
  Contact: Trudy Asato, (808) 689-2936

- Child Abuse Awareness Month Pinwheel Garden with Kaua‘i Police Department @ 3:30 p.m.

April 25

- Denim Day in Wai‘anae
  Contact: Wai‘anae Neighborhood Place: 808-696-4598

- SHARP SAAM Awareness Event 9:30 a.m.–3:30 p.m.
  This event will provide military persons and their families resources and information on sexual violence prevention. Social service agencies will be presenting and providing educational material and other resources for participants.
  Event only for military personnel and their families
  Contact: Chelsea Cross, 808-535-7137

- Kaua‘i Community College: National Denim Day Awareness @ Kauai Community College
  Contact: Cheryl Stiglmeier, (808)-245-8351

- Leeward Community College: Respect Happy Hour @ Wai‘anae Moku: The Lani 12:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.
  Contact: Lexer Chou, (808) 455-0248

- Child Abuse Awareness Pinwheel Garden and Denim Day/ Sexual Assault Awareness @ YWCA Kaua‘i Women’s Center 3:00 p.m.

April 26

- Military Festival of Healing: From Victim to Survivor, From Survivor to Thriver @ Scholfield Barracks Health Clinic, 12:00 p.m.-3:00 p.m.
  Event only for military personnel and their families.
  Contact: Juan Almonte-Done, 808-433-9300

April 27

- Sticker Shock Project– Alcohol Awareness @ County of Kaua‘i, 4:30 p.m.

- #MeToo Movement and Beyond @ St. Michael's Church, Lihue, 7:00 p.m,

- Stand Against Racism @ YWCA Kaua‘i, Women’s Center, 5:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m.
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