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**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](http://ag.hawaii.gov) to see a list of activities.

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



Hawaii Coalition Against Sexual Assault

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	<b>Mar 26</b> Wai'anae: Teal Ribbon Distribution 3/26-3/30	<b>Mar 27</b>	<b>Mar 28</b>	<b>Mar 29</b>	<b>Mar 30</b>	<b>Mar 31</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>2</b> HCC: SAAM Flag Display/Tabling Event Kaua'i Joint Mayor Proclamation/Rally Maui Alcohol Awareness Proclamation Military: SAAPM Proclamation	<b>3</b> HCC: Safe Zone Trainings UH Mānoa: Latex Project Schofield SAAM Kick-Off Proclamation Event / 3 Mile Run	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> [respect] Showcase Military: Golf Scramble Military: 2nd Annual Glow Run Pinwheel Garden at EMS	<b>6</b> KCC: Safe Zone Training	<b>7</b> KCC: Tabling Event at the Garden Fair
<b>8</b>	<b>9</b> Mayor's Proclamation for Child Abuse Prevention Month	<b>10</b> HCC: Take Back the Night Pinwheel Garden at CJC Equal Pay Day Proclamation Lana'i Child Abuse Prevention Month Community Event	<b>11</b> UH Mānoa: [Respect] Campaign Tabling Event Pinwheel Garden at DOH CFS Sexual Assault Tabling Event Molokai Child Abuse Prevention Month Community Event	<b>12</b> Hilo Mayor's CAN Awareness Proclamation and Free Workshop Training	<b>13</b> <u>Governor's SAAM Proclamation Ceremony</u> *BY INVITATION ONLY HPU: It Starts With Us Fair 13th Annual Keiki Spring Fest	<b>14</b> S-T-E-P-S Fair Maui Keiki Fest at UHMC
<b>15</b> HONOLULU HALE WILL BE LIT TEAL ALL WEEK! 4/15-4/21	<b>16</b> UH Mānoa: [respect] Walk LCC: Alcohol and Drug Awareness Event	<b>17</b> KCC: Shots Screening, Panel Discussion and Tabling Event KCC: Video Screening & Discussion for [respect] campaign	<b>18</b> <u>Honolulu Mayor and City Council SAAM Proclamation Ceremony</u> LCC: Respect Happy Hour KCC: Open Mike, Tabling Event	<b>19</b> HCC: [respect] Tabling Event LCC: Shots Screening	<b>20</b> Military: Motorbike Ride KCC: Tabling Event LCC: Shots Screening "Moving from Conflict to Cooperation for Hawaii's Keiki & their Communities"	<b>21</b> Molokai Keiki Fest: Celebrating Our Keiki
<b>22</b> Honolulu AIDS Walk: Photo Booth	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> UHWO: Shots Screening Pinwheel Garden at KPD	<b>25</b> Wai'anae: Denim Day Military: SHARP SAAM Awareness Event KCC: Denim Day LCC: Respect Happy Hour Pinwheel Garden & Open House	<b>26</b> Military: Festival of Healing	<b>27</b> Sticker Shock Project #MeToo and Beyond Stand Against Racism	<b>28</b>
<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>					

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

- ◆ **Wai‘anae teal ribbon distribution all week long**  
Contact: Wai‘anae Neighborhood Place: 808-696-4598

### April 1

### April 2

- ◆ **Hawai‘i 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

- ◆ **Hawai‘i 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. Loudon 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](http://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. and 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](http://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

- ◆ **Kaua'i 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
- ◆ **Kapi'olani Community College: Open Mic and Tabling Event**  
Contact: Cathy Wehrmen, 808-734-9504

#### April 19

- ◆ **Hawai'i 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.-11:30a.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
- ◆ **Kaua'i 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.-10:50a.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.– 4:30p.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, mcccjcl1@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 Seseasara, 808-853-3257

#### **April 23**

#### **April 24**

- ◆ **University of Hawai'i West O'ahu: "Shots" Screening, 8:00 a.m.-9:00a.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.**

**April 28**

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