

The National Domestic Violence
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Guam Gets Another Valuable Lifeline for Victims of Domestic Violence

The National Domestic Violence Hotline Adds Another Resource for Guam

Guam – March 6, 2011 – Today, local leaders and community based service providers join the Executive Director of the Guam Coalition Against Sexual Assault and Family Violence and the CEO of the National Domestic Violence Hotline to celebrate that citizens of Guam can now call a national hotline to seek help if they are in an abusive relationship. Survivors of domestic violence can call the National Domestic Violence Hotline (The Hotline) at 1-800-799-SAFE if they need assistance.

“It takes a lot of courage and bravery to come forward and make a call for help. The Hotline will be there anytime, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week,” said Cynthia Cabot, Executive Director, Guam Coalition Against Sexual Assault & Family Violence. “I am honored to work in partnership with the National Domestic Violence Hotline. With budget cuts across all areas of government, this is one more resource Guam can access to maximize our dollars by tapping national resources to meet the needs of the community.”

“The Hotline is a live voice on the line, a compassionate and caring voice – with people who want to help those who are in abusive relationships,” said Dyanne Purcell, CEO of The National Domestic Violence Hotline. “I am honored to work in partnership with the Guam coalition and offer another resource of help and hope to the citizens of Guam.”

The National Domestic Violence Hotline is the only hotline of its kind. It operates 24 hours a day 7 days a week in 170 languages connecting people in crisis to more than 4,000 sources of help in local communities across the US, Guam, Puerto Rico and the US Virgin Islands. The Hotline will be an additional resource to the local Victim Advocates Reaching Out (VARO) Hotline at 671-477-5552.

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About us:

Guam Coalition Against Sexual Assault and Family Violence

The Guam Coalition Against Sexual Assault & Family Violence, established in 2006, is comprised of non-profit organizations, government allies, community individuals and other Coalition partners who aim to stop sexual assault and family violence. The Guam Coalition focuses on community outreach, education, and training.

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About us:

The National Domestic Violence Hotline

The National Domestic Violence Hotline was established in 1996 as a component of the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) passed by Congress. The Hotline is a nonprofit organization that provides crisis intervention, information and referral to victims of domestic violence, perpetrators, friends and families. The Hotline also answers a variety of other calls and is a resource for domestic violence advocates government officials, law enforcement agencies and the general public.

<http://www.thehotline.org/>