



GUAM COALITION AGAINST SEXUAL ASSAULT & FAMILY VIOLENCE

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GCASAFV Regional Summit 2011: Creating Safe, Healthy, & Violence-Free Island Communities

HAGÁTÑA, Guam (March 6, 2011) – The Guam Coalition Against Sexual Assault & Family Violence will open its week-long activities at the Greet and Meet Exchange (GAME) Night, on March 6th 2011, at the Latte of Freedom, from 5pm – 7pm.

This event welcomes representatives from all Territory Domestic Violence Coalitions – Puerto Rico, US Virgin Islands, American Samoa, the Commonwealth of Northern Mariana Islands, and the District of Columbia. Community leaders, service providers, and other Coalition partners along with representatives from regional and national organizations (such as Women United Together in the Marshall Islands [WUTMI], National Network to End Domestic Violence [NNEDV], National Center on Domestic and Sexual Violence [NCDSV] and the Texas Council on Family Violence) will be on hand to celebrate the Regional Summit activities and the inaugural call to the National Domestic Violence Hotline [NDVH] from Guam. (Prior to January 2011, calls from Guam to NDVH were not accepted.)

This event marks the first day of a week-long of activities – from March 6 at the Latte of Freedom and March 7 to March 10 at the Sheraton Laguna Guam Resort's Ocean Sirena Ballroom.

- ◆ March 7 (8am to 5pm): Representatives from all the Territory Domestic Violence Coalitions and the Coalition's partners will hold Roundtable Discussions, including presentations on "Making the Movement Matter," "Coordinated Community Response," "Community Collaboration," and highlighting Coalition efforts to address Domestic Violence among the territories.
- ◆ March 8 (8am to 5pm): Workshops on "Dealing with Technology, Confidentiality & Partnerships," "Military Response to Domestic Violence," "Sexual Assault Response Team in Collaboration with the Military" and "Domestic Violence in the RMI: Breaking a Culture of Silence"
- ◆ March 9 (8am to 1pm) or March 10 (4pm to 8pm): "Community Advocate Training" to train community advocates assist with conducting community presentations to raise awareness of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault, on victim's rights, civil and criminal laws relating to domestic/sexual violence, and cultural competency.
- ◆ March 10 (8am to 1pm): Celebrating **National Women & Girls HIV/AIDS Awareness Day** with Project Session on Stepping Stones and WUTMI & its Vision for the RMI Women.

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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. Website – <http://guamcoalition.org/>

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