

PREVENTING, ASSESSING & TREATING CHILD, ADOLESCENT AND ADULT TRAUMA



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Conference Summary Report

In 2004, the Family Violence & Sexual Assault Institute first joined with the Kapi`olani Child Protection Center to initiate a Conference that would specifically address issues of trauma in Hawai`i. Since the 2004 collaboration, the Annual Hawai`i Trauma Conference has grown tremendously, surpassing the expectations of the original Conference visionaries and planners, Drs. Robert Geffner and Steven Choy. In 2006, the Institute on Violence, Abuse & Trauma (IVAT) at Alliant International University became a co-host and the main organizer of this unique conference, and more co-hosts and collaborating organizations and agencies became actively involved during the next 4 years.

The report below provides a number of highlights from the 2011 Conference, which was deemed an immense success by the planning committee, attendees, sponsors, and collaborators. We thank all the planning committee members and collaborating organizations for the many hours and contributions that they provided in order to make this Conference such a great success. In particular, we would like to thank our co-hosts, Kapi`olani Child Protection Center-Hawaii Pacific Health, Family Violence & Sexual Assault Institute (FVSAI) and the National Partnership to End Interpersonal Violence Across the Lifespan (NPEIV). Our co-sponsors, A&B Foundation, Alvarado Hospital, Catholic Charities Hawai`i, Consuelo Foundation, Child Law Section of the HI chapter of the American Bar Association, Hawai`i Child & Adolescent Mental Health Division, Children`s Justice Center of O`ahu, Family Programs Hawai`i, First Hawaiian Bank, Hawai`i Children`s Trust Fund, Hawai`i Court Improvement Program, Hawai`i Medical Services Association, National Center for PTSD, National Center for Trauma Informed Care, Office of Hawaiian Affairs, Project Kealahou and our other partners for providing needed funding and support for the Conference. Without the support of our many collaborators, the expansion of this Conference would not have been possible! Much of the success of this event can also be credited to the 64 dedicated and gracious volunteers. Their tireless efforts in providing set-up, registration, continuing education help, audio-visual equipment, as well as logistical and session monitoring support were deeply appreciated by presenters and attendees alike.

Conference Highlights

Pre-conference workshops were presented on Tuesday, March 8. They included three all-day and six, half-day sessions, and featured seasoned mainland and local presenters, who addressed a variety of timely topics.

“Every year, better and more diverse topics and professionals” – an attendee

Catholic Charities and the State Department of Health, Child and Adolescent Mental Health Division sponsored an all-day Advanced Training on *Trauma Focused-Cognitive Behavior Therapy for Children*, the Children’s Justice Center for O`ahu sponsored an all-day workshop on the *Assessment and Treatment of Children Who Sexually Abuse*, and the National Center for PTSD sponsored the all-day workshop on the *Treatment of Combat-Related Post Traumatic Stress Disorder*. The National Association of Social Workers-Hawai`i sponsored two half-day workshops on *Multiculturalism in Service Delivery Systems* and *Natural Disaster: Anytime, Anywhere -Your Role in Helping and Healing*. Other half-day workshops included topics of: *Attachment Disorders, Balancing Therapeutic and Judicial Approaches with Substance Abusing Offenders, Child Custody Evaluations of Domestic Violence and Child Abuse*, and *Trauma-Informed Care in the Criminal Justice System*. Nearly 454 people attended the pre-conference workshops, the largest crowd or these in the 8 years!

The **2011 Hawai`i Trauma Conference** was honored to have traditional Hawaiian preservationist Lynette Paglinawan and the Hawaiian Learning Program lead the pule (blessing) to open the conference itself on Wednesday, March 9. The Opening Ceremonies also included Richard Bell and the Kani Pu (conch shell) and Joe Recca, Oli (welcome chant). Following the Hawaiian protocol opening, IVAT Founder and President, Robert Geffner, Ph.D. welcomed the audience. The first Opening Plenary speaker, Frances Ashe-Goins, RN, MPH, Acting Director Office of Women’s Health, U.S. Department of Health & Human Services spoke about “Intimate Partner Violence & HIV/AIDS.” She both entertained the audience as well as provided important information concerning ways to work more efficiently, communicate better, and interact collaboratively in dealing with these important issues. The second Plenary Speaker was consumer/survivor advocate Tonier Cain from the National Center for Trauma Informed Care. Ms. Cain shared her personal story of poly-victimization and how she has used her experiences and the pain she endured through numerous traumatic experiences to help improve the systems of care that other survivors engage in.

“Tonier Cain was very impactful” - a typical comment about the Opening speaker

The Conference Plenary Panel Discussion took place on Thursday, March 10: the topic of focus was *“Resiliency, Recovery & Healing.”* The distinguished panel was comprised of agency and institution leadership who have been survivors of various types of violence or abuse: moderator, Steven Choy (Kapi`olani Child Protection Center), co-moderator, Robert Geffner (IVAT at Alliant), Tonier Cain (National Center for Trauma Informed Care), Fran O’Leary Duntz (Kapi`olani Child Protection Center), David Louis (Heart Gallery Hawai`i), Juliet Lighter (former Miss Hawai`i) and Myla Haider (Organization for Military Accountability).

Both Wednesday, March 9 and Thursday, March 10, featured blocks of 90-minute breakout sessions, based on the eight topic tracks. Solo presenters, partners, trios or cadres of support presenters combined to provide interest and in-depth sharing of state-of-the science information, intervention and prevention programs. Responding to past attendee requests, there were culturally-themed sessions in each block as well as one substance-abuse related topic in each time slot.

“Informative, enriched with information and updated evidence based work, and diverse in its professional target- multidisciplinary professionals & workers within this field.”

During the luncheon on Thursday the Jon Won Memorial Award for Child Maltreatment Prevention, which was presented by Jon’s daughter, Laura, was awarded to **Aileen Deese** of Prevent Child Abuse Hawaii. Aileen has worked with Prevent Child Abuse America for a number of years. During this time, she has organized countless Prevent Child Abuse events, met with legislators to talk about prevention of child abuse, distributed thousands of pinwheels, organized prevention conferences and assisted with the IVAT conference. Aileen has been a tireless advocate for prevention and her work is appreciated in the community. The Volunteer of the Year award was presented to **Keith Kuboyama**, Clinical Director of Family Programs Hawai`i (FPH). Keith is a tireless volunteer! He is dedicated to his profession and always willing to devote time to teaching social workers and students. He has been devoted to the community for what seems like forever! Keith has been a key volunteer and planning committee member for a number of years as well as the lead audio visual equipment organizer volunteer for the conference. Without Keith’s help and his calm and caring manner, this conference would not be what it is.

The Conference closed with a performance by the Halau Hula O Olana – Na Keiki (Children) Hula, as well as a special presentation by **Noreen Mokuau**, DWS, MSW, Interim Dean and Professor at the University of Hawai`i at Manoa, Myron B. Thompson School of Social Work. She presented *“From Trauma to Triumph: A Perspective on a Native People.”* Highlighted at the closing also were remarks by Representative George Fontaine, of the State of Hawai`i House of Representatives.

“Very inspirational speakers”- typical attendee response on the evaluation form

This year’s Conference again included a total of eight tracks: Child Trauma, Adolescent Trauma/Youth Violence, Adult/Family Trauma, Prevention/Early Intervention, Intimate Partner Violence, Trauma in Military Personnel, Veterans & Their Families, Healthcare Professionals Dealing with Trauma, and Criminal Justice & Legal Issues. Evidenced by the session evaluations, the most popular were often those that involved a Cultural and/or Native Hawaiian emphasis. **The Conference evaluations were quite high, with the Overall rating of 4.5 on a 5-point scale.** None of the overall ratings on several dimensions were below 4.3.

“I keep hearing people talk about how many conferences regurgitate information all the time, but we were happy this conference did not! This is a huge strength!”

The uniqueness of this Conference has always been the meaningful integration and networking of presenters from the mainland, along with those from the islands. This combination enabled a lively sharing of intervention techniques, evidence-based and promising practices, current research, and innovative prevention programs. Additional information on the specific presentations and workshops can be found in the attached Schedule-at-a-Glance.

“Excellent sessions that should be repeated in future conferences”

The success of a Conference can be reflected in the attendance and distance traveled by the Conference attendees. This year, we are pleased to announce that **641** individuals attended and participated in the Hawai'i Trauma Conference during the 3 days. There were over 500 participants from Honolulu and from neighboring islands, while at least 70 people came from the mainland. In addition, people attended from 5 other countries or territories, including American Samoa, Canada, Germany, Taipei and Guam. For those who were from the mainland, 20 states were represented, with California claiming the largest number. People in the United States came from as far away as Alaska, North Carolina, and Washington D.C.

“Brought together a wide variety of professionals & those from other countries and states”

As a piggyback event, we held a two-day training sponsored through the U.S. Office of Victims of Crime grant to IVAT, “American Recovery and Reinvestment Act” - *Improving the Response to Child Abuse Victims with Disabilities: A National Training & Support Project*. The training was held on March 7-8, 2011, with **42** attendees. Thus, for the four days, **over 680 people** participated in one or more of the events.

Continuing Education:

Continuing education credits (CEs) were provided for 134 professionals. These included Psychologists, Marriage & Family Therapists, Social Workers, Nurses, Substance Abuse and other Counselors, Attorneys and Physicians. The Conference and Pre-Conference workshops provided up to 18.0 hours of Continuing Education credits. Alvarado Hospital in San Diego provided the Continuing Medical Education (CME) credits as part of their co-sponsorship. This was the first time we were able to provide CMEs at this conference.

Future Steps

In May 2011, the Conference Planning Committee will begin to recruit more members, laying the groundwork for our 9th Annual Conference to be held on March 13 – March 15, 2012, again at the Ala Moana Hotel. We are continually looking for feedback, additional co-sponsors and volunteers to help in planning and improving our Conference. We appreciate the feedback, contributions, and the efforts of all those who helped in this major endeavor. We anticipate increasing our number of collaborators and additional national, state and local agencies as we work together to end abuse and reduce trauma in our families and communities.

For more information, please contact Malou Indon, IVAT's Marketing & Events Coordinator, at mindon@alliant.edu. We hope to see you again in the future! Mahalo!

With Aloha - The Conference Organizers at IVAT, Alliant International University

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8th ANNUAL Hawaii CONFERENCE Schedule-at-a-Glance

3/8 Tuesday All-Day Pre-Conference Workshops 9:30 AM - 4:30 PM	Speakers	Room
Day 2 of Improving the Response to Child Abuse Victims with Disabilities: A National Training & Support Project Pilot Training	<i>Bob Geffer, Candace Heisler, Mike Hertica, Gerald Stone, Scott Modell</i>	Carnation
1. Advanced Training in Trauma Focused-Cognitive Behavior Therapy	<i>Kelly Wilson, George "Tripp" Ake</i>	Garden Lanai
2. Assessment & Treatment of Children who Sexually Abuse	<i>Lucinda Rasmussen</i>	Hibiscus I
3. New Areas of Focus in Combat-Related Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) Treatment	<i>James Spira, Allison Aosved, David Johnson Julia Whealin, Alyssa Mansfield, Casey Taft, Leslie Morland, Sandra Bozik Lyman, Dawna Darden</i>	Pakalana/Anthurium
Half-Day Morning Workshops 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM		
4. Disorders of Attachment: Causes, Prevention & Treatment	<i>Keith Kuboyama</i>	Ilima
5. Valuing Differences: Multiculturalism in Service Delivery Systems	<i>Bettye Mitchell</i>	Plumeria
6. Balancing Therapeutic & Judicial Approaches with Adolescent & Adult Substance Abusing Offenders	<i>Ann Yabusaki, Cheri Tarutani</i>	Gardenia
Half-Day Afternoon Workshops 1:30 PM - 4:30 PM		
7. Child Custody Evaluations with Allegations of Domestic Violence & Child Abuse	<i>Richard Ducote, Dara Carlin, Trina Yamada, Robert Geffner</i>	Ilima
8. Natural Disasters: Anytime, Anywhere – Your Role in Helping & Healing	<i>Raymond Scurfield</i>	Gardenia
9. Survivor Leadership in Developing Trauma-Informed Systems	<i>Tonier Cain, Sharon Wise, David Fuller, & Mike Skinner</i>	Plumeria
3/9 Wednesday Morning Breakout Session A 8:30 AM-10:00 AM		
A1: Case Management & Policies Dealing with Sexually Reactive Children	<i>Lucinda Rasmussen</i>	Hibiscus II
A2: The Effect of Intergenerational & Historical Trauma on Girls	<i>Kai Duponte, Tia Roberts</i>	Ilima
A3: Recognizing, Assessing & Treating Elder Abuse & Neglect	<i>Bettye Mitchell, Candace Heisler</i>	Gardenia
A4: Using Trauma -Informed Child Welfare Practices to Improve Foster Placement Stability	<i>Leslie Ross, George "Tripp" Ake</i>	Pakalana/Anthurium
A5: Using a Hawaiian Cultural Approach for Healing & Accountability from Domestic Violence	<i>Valli Kalei Kanuha, Kata Issari</i>	Carnation
A6: Mindfulness in Stress Reduction & Psychotherapy	<i>Richard Hennessey</i>	Hibiscus I
A7: Challenges in Identifying & Servicing Children with Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders (FASD)	<i>Naomi Imai, Laurie Seaver, Bunny Carl Matsuura</i>	Plumeria
A8: Specialty Courts - Drug Court, Girls Court, Family Drug Court & Zero to Three	<i>Judge Bode Uale, Judge Jennifer Ching, Judge Christine Kuriyama, Judge Matthew Viola, Moderator Sandie Kato</i>	Garden Lanai
Opening Plenary and Ceremonies 10:30 AM- 12:00 PM		
Healing & Recovery from Trauma & Abuse: Trauma-Informed Systems of Care; Intimate Partner Violence & HIV/AIDS	<i>Tonier Cain, Frances Ashe-Goins</i>	Hibiscus Ballroom
3/9 Afternoon Breakout Sessions B 1:30 PM-3:00 PM		
B1: Use of the Lōkahi Wheel as a Cultural Approach to Engage Traumatized Children & Families in Treatment	<i>Tammy Martin</i>	Hibiscus I
B2: Failure is Not an Option	<i>Bob Geniess, Alisa Dale</i>	Pakalana/Anthurium
B3: Protecting Vulnerable Adults: The Aging Network	<i>Bettye Mitchell</i>	Gardenia
B4: Supporting the Social Emotional Development of Drug Affected Infants & Toddlers	<i>Linda Rich, Candace Pang</i>	Carnation
B5: Teaching Parenting for Victims & Offenders of Domestic Violence	<i>Dara Carlin, Edwina Reyes</i>	Hibiscus II
B6: Army Social Work: Current Issues & Trends	<i>Col. Derrick Arincorayan</i>	Ilima
B7: Vulnerable Youths: GLBTQ Trauma	<i>Keith Kuboyama, Kintaro Yonekura</i>	Plumeria
B8: Empowering Families Through the Utilization of Mediation in Child Welfare Cases - Hawai'i Family Court	<i>Barbara Higa Rogers, Judge Christine Kuriyama, Thomas Haia, Scott Hashimoto, Tracy Ober, Iokona Baker, Kristl Ishikane, Malcolm Hong</i>	Garden Lanai

3/9 Afternoon Breakout Sessions C 3:30 PM-5:00 PM		
C1: Approaches & Practices in Treating Child Trauma	<i>Kelly Wilson, George "Tripp" Ake</i>	Hibiscus I
C2: The Reality of Homeless Teens: Addressing the Social, Emotional, Physical Health & Survival Needs of Oahu's Homeless Teens	<i>Jeff Kaplan, Judith Wilhoite, Sen. Suzanne Chun-Oakland, Lowell Kalapa</i>	Carnation
C3: Multidisciplinary Responses to Elder Abuse	<i>Candace Heisler</i>	Plumeria
C4: ABC/Dozier Project	<i>Patria Weston Lee & Victoria Schneider</i>	Pakalana/Anthurium
C5: Storytelling as Creative Intervention for Ending Violence	<i>Jennifer Rose, Grace Caligtan, & Innocenta Sound-Kikku</i>	Garden Lanai
C6: Strength at Home Men's Program: Pilot Data Results	<i>Casey Taft</i>	Gardenia
C7: Project HOPE & Hawai'i Methamphetamine Project	<i>Judge Steven Alm, Cindy Adams</i>	Ilima
C8: Child Custody Issues with Allegations of Domestic Violence & Child Abuse: A Panel Discussion	<i>Richard Ducote, Hon. R. Mark Browning, Mike Hertica, Dara Carlin, Trina Yamada, & Robert Geffner</i>	Hibiscus II
3/10 Thursday Morning Breakout Sessions D 8:30 AM-10:00 AM		
D1: Speaking for Themselves - Hope for Children Caught in Domestic Violence Custody & Access Disputes	<i>Jean Dunbar, Dale Hensley</i>	Hibiscus II
D2: Structured Psychotherapy for Adolescents Responding to Chronic Stress (SPARCS): Overview of an Evidence-Based Group Intervention	<i>Kelly Wilson</i>	Hibiscus I
D3: Tutu & Me: An Innovative Early Childhood & Family Support Program	<i>Lora Perry, Jan Dill, Gail Omoto, Danny Goyo</i>	Gardenia
D4: The Peace Warrior Curriculum – Elua	<i>Lynette Paglinawan, Laulani Teale, Jaylin Kauwale, Kaipō Kukahiko</i>	Ilima
D5: Current Research & Treatment Approaches for Domestic Violence Victims & Offenders with Substance Abuse Issues	<i>Robert Geffner, Leslie Ross, Adrian Molina, Dianna Linares</i>	Garden Lanai
D6: Clinical Training on Military Sexual Trauma	<i>Elizabeth Stinson, Myla Haider</i>	Pakalana/Anthurium
D7: How to Convert Systems of Care to be Trauma Informed	<i>Lesley Slavin, Sharlene Chun-Lum, Eva Kishimoto, David Drews, & Warden Mark Patterson. Discussant - Steve Onken, Moderator - Sandi Capuano Morrison</i>	Plumeria
D8: Child Sexual Abuse Offenders – The Interview	<i>Michael Hertica</i>	Carnation
Conference Plenary Panel and Discussion 10:30 AM- 12:00 PM		
"Resiliency, Recovery & Healing"	<i>Tonier Cain, Fran O'Leary Duntz, Juliet Lighter, David Louis & Myla Haider; Moderators: Bob Geffner & Steve Choy</i>	Garden Lanai
Networking and Awards Lunch - 12:00 PM - 1:20 PM		
		Hibiscus Ballroom
3/10 Thursday Afternoon Breakout Sessions E 1:30 PM-3:00 PM		
E1: "It's Cultural": Prevention, Disclosure, and Interventions in Child Abuse and Neglect.	<i>Carol Plummer</i>	Hibiscus I
E2: Survivor-Foster Care Island: Surviving Foster Care	<i>Steven Choy, Judy Adviento</i>	Carnation
E3: New Beginnings: A Pathway for Parenting Children Previously Traumatized by Abuse; Grandparents as Parents	<i>Gerald Stone, Tom Bellows</i>	Pakalana/Anthurium
E4: Pregnancy & Addiction: An Opportunity for a Way Forward	<i>Rene Schuetter</i>	Gardenia
E5: Treating Children Exposed to Domestic Violence	<i>Robert Geffner</i>	Hibiscus II
E6: Treating Polytrauma: Post Traumatic Stress Disorder with Co-Morbid Post-Concussive Symptoms or Pain Disorders	<i>James Spira</i>	Plumeria
E7: Healthcare through Cooperative Collaboration between Professionals & Cultural Healers	<i>Richard Paglinawan, Lynette Paglinawan, Ken Kawachi, Halnette Chartrand, Kekukuna Tringali, Warren Walker</i>	Ilima
E8: Resilience through Trauma-Informed Care in the Criminal Justice System	<i>Laurette DeMandel -Schaller, Lorraine Robinson, Steven Onken, Warden Mark Patterson</i>	Garden Lanai
Closing Conference Plenary and Ceremonies 3:15 PM - 4:30 PM		
	<i>Noreen Mokuau</i>	Hibiscus Ballroom