

# Lessons Learned: Supporting Indigenous Children and Families Experiencing Domestic Violence

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# ESCYAP/Promising Futures Goals

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## Expanding Services for Children, Youth and Abused Parents:

- Increase the field's capacity to serve parent and child survivors of domestic violence
- Increase visibility and awareness on the need for effective, trauma informed, culturally relevant, and developmentally appropriate strategies that support children exposed to violence



### ***Capacity Building Center website:***

[www.promisingfutureswithoutviolence.org](http://www.promisingfutureswithoutviolence.org)

Resources, training curriculums, database of interventions and capacity building tools.



# Specialized Services for Abused Parents & Children (SSAPC)

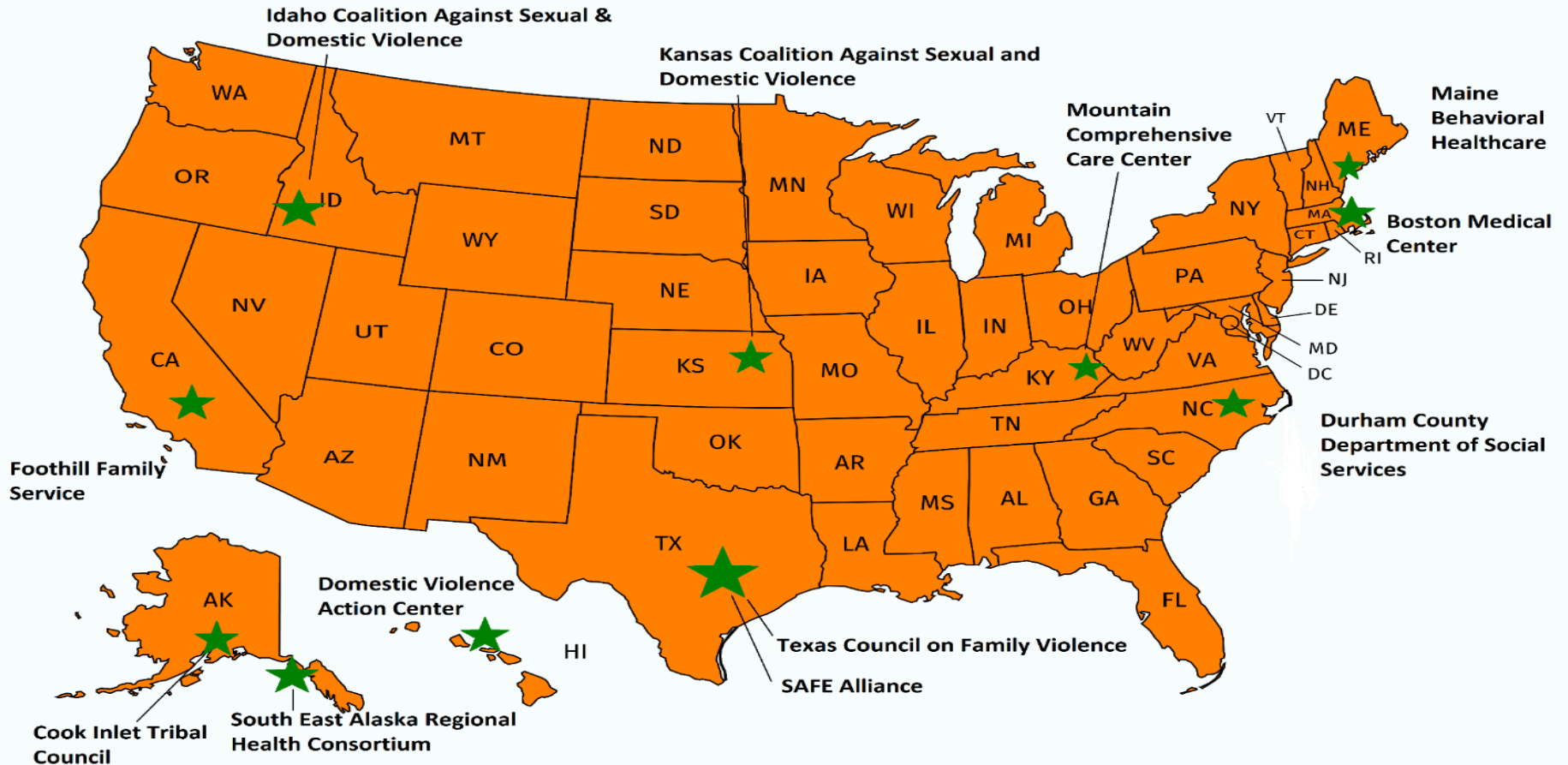
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## Goals:

- Improve systems and responses to parent and child survivors of DV
- Develop or enhance residential and non-residential services for children and youth
- Enhance evidence-informed and practice-informed services, strategies, advocacy and interventions for child and youth survivors of DV



# Map of SSAPC Sites



# SSAPC Grantee Activities

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- Community engagement
- Capacity building (e.g. T/TA, peer to peer)
- Support to non-abusing parent and child *and* child-parent bond
- Prevention and community outreach
- Coordination of services and cross-system partnerships
- Evidence building
- Trauma informed
- Developmentally *and* culturally appropriate
- Strength and resilience focused



# SSAPC Expected Outcomes

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By the end of the grant, each grantee will have:

- Improved outcomes for parent and child survivors of DV
- Expanded community capacity to prevent future domestic violence by addressing the needs of child survivors



# Promising Futures: Best Practices for Serving Children and Youth Experiencing Domestic Violence

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## Website Includes:

- Resources for DV programs/Advocates to enhance children's programming
- Capacity Building resources
- Bridging Research with Practice
- Interventions for Children and Youth
- Trauma-Informed Strategies
- Practical tools and resources

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# I'll See you at Sweat:

The Confluence of Ceremony, Healing & Sovereignty in  
Indigenous Domestic Violence Work

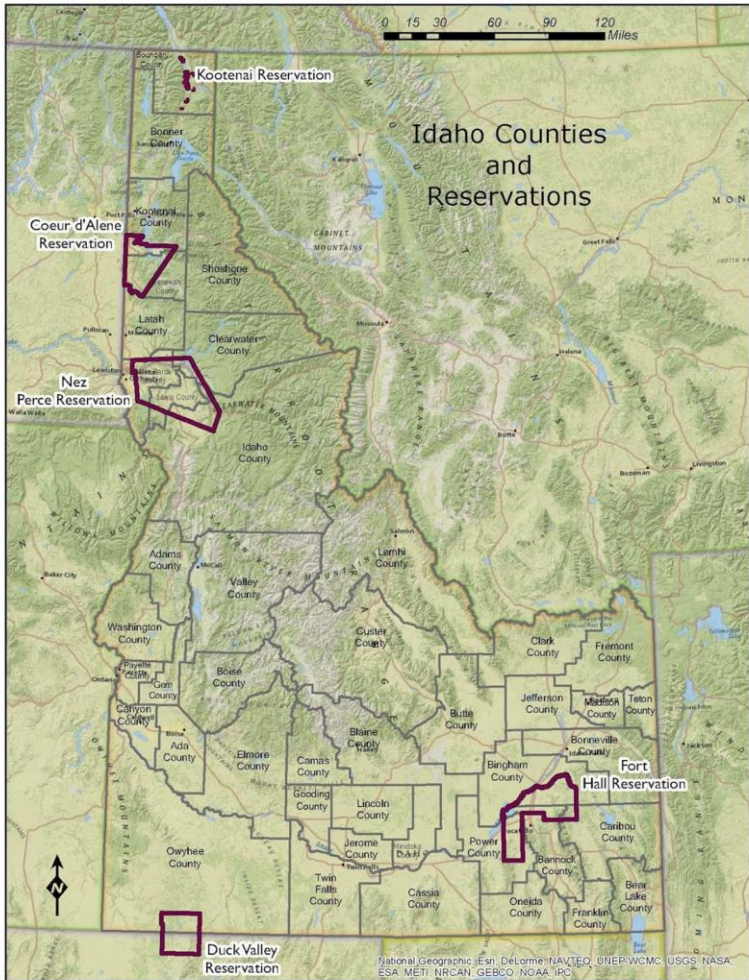
# Story your Connection



# Thriving Families

Informing Idaho  
Domestic Violence  
Service Providers

- Listening sessions with LatinX community in Idaho
  - Listening sessions with Idaho Tribes
  - Build awareness campaign with focused support for LatinX and Indigenous communities
  - Mistakes made, lessons learned
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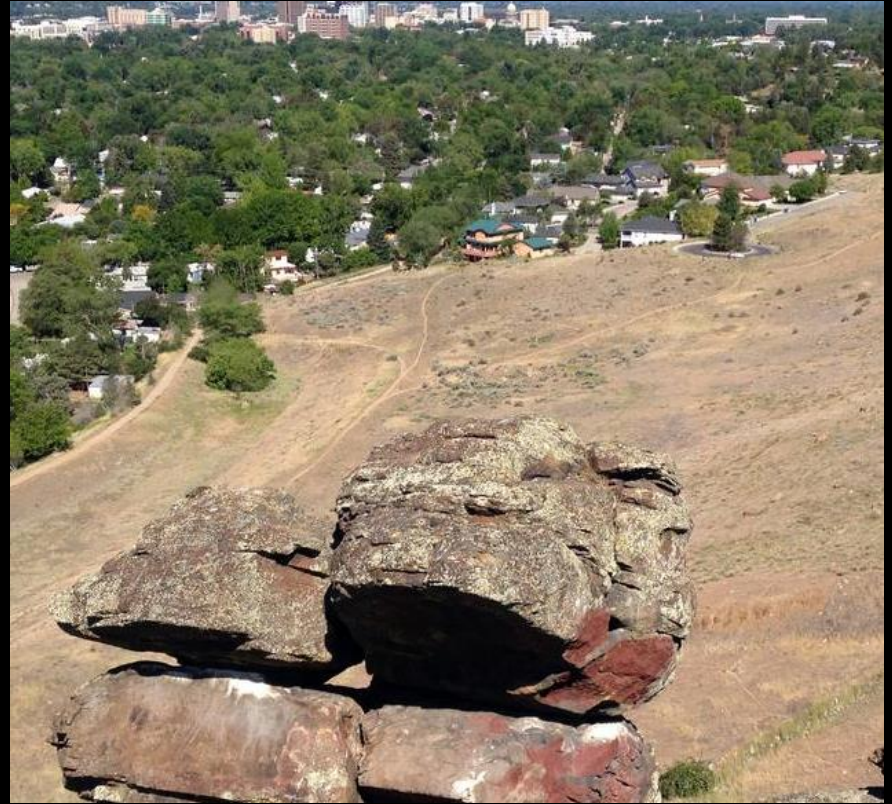
- # In Community with:
- Coeur D'Alene Tribe
  - Nez Perce Tribe
  - Shoshone-Bannock Tribe
  - Boise Urban Indian community

# Themes

# 1. Learn Sovereignty

“Land is our  
First Teacher.  
Water is Life.”

-Linda Smith, K. Wayne Yang  
Indigenous and Decolonizing  
Studies in Education: Mapping  
the Long View, 2019



# 2. Matriarchs: The Holders of Knowledge and Stories





# 3. For our Non- Indigenous Tiospaye: Storying Connection

# 4. Ceremony



# 5. Elder Mentors



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CULTURE: CONSULTATION, COLLABORATION,  
COORDINATION  
*WORKING TO BRING SAFETY, PEACE, AND HEALING TO  
ISLAND FAMILIES*

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**DVAC, a 501 (c) not-for-profit organization, is a community based, non-residential program**

**DVAC is the only agency of its kind, with unduplicated programs key to the community's response to domestic violence. The Domestic Violence Action Center fulfills this need with its legal and advocacy expertise spanning 28 years.**





The Domestic Violence Action Center is committed to addressing domestic violence and other forms of harm through leadership, unique services, legal representation, survivor and system advocacy, community education and social change work.

We believe all persons should be treated with equality, dignity and fairness. With high quality and culturally sensitive programs, delivered with integrity and compassion we are creating safety and self-sufficiency for survivors and their children.



DVAC clients reflect Hawaii's multi-cultural population.

No other agency on Oahu provides intensive client advocacy shaped by cultural considerations, and holistic attention to safety and sufficiency long-term— with specialized legal services.

# Population by race/ethnicity

**Asian**

**37.7%**

compared to 5.3% nationally

**White**

**26.6%**

compared to 77% nationally

**Native Hawaiian**

**10%**

compared to .02% nationally

# Population by race/ethnicity

**Latino/Hispanic**

**9.8%**

compared to 17.1% nationally

**Black or African American**

**2.3%**

compared to 13.2% nationally

Two of the fastest growing groups in Hawaii are the Hispanic and COFA

# Quick Facts

- Based on the most recent estimates released by the US Census, we estimate the **2018 population** of **Hawaii** at 1.43 million
- Foreign born population 17.9% compared to 12.9% nationally

Per census estimate 2013 - 2014

# Culturally Adaptive Work

- Pilipina Rural Project (PRP): Rural Grant
- Consortium for Health Safety and Support (CHSS): (OWH)
- Project Connect with the native Hawaiian Health at Queens Medical Center
- Ho`oikaika 'Ohana and Pulama I Ka 'Ohana Program (FVPSA)
- Japanese (Japanese Consulate)
- LGBTQ (VOCA; GIA)
- Korean and FSM communities (VOCA)

**Native Hawaiians makeup the largest ethnic group receiving services at DVAC**



# The Need

The incidence of domestic violence among native Hawaiians is higher than any other ethnic group in Hawai'i, as is the rate of child abuse.

(Child Abuse and Neglect in Hawaii 2011-DHS Management Services Office)

Within the last 4 years, DVAC has provided support and services to more native Hawaiians than any other ethnic population.

**2018 28%**

**2017 31%**

**2016 35%**

**2015 34%**





# **Cultural Considerations**

# Assessment and Planning

*Convened the following:*

HUI (group)

Survivor Focus Group

Listening Tour:

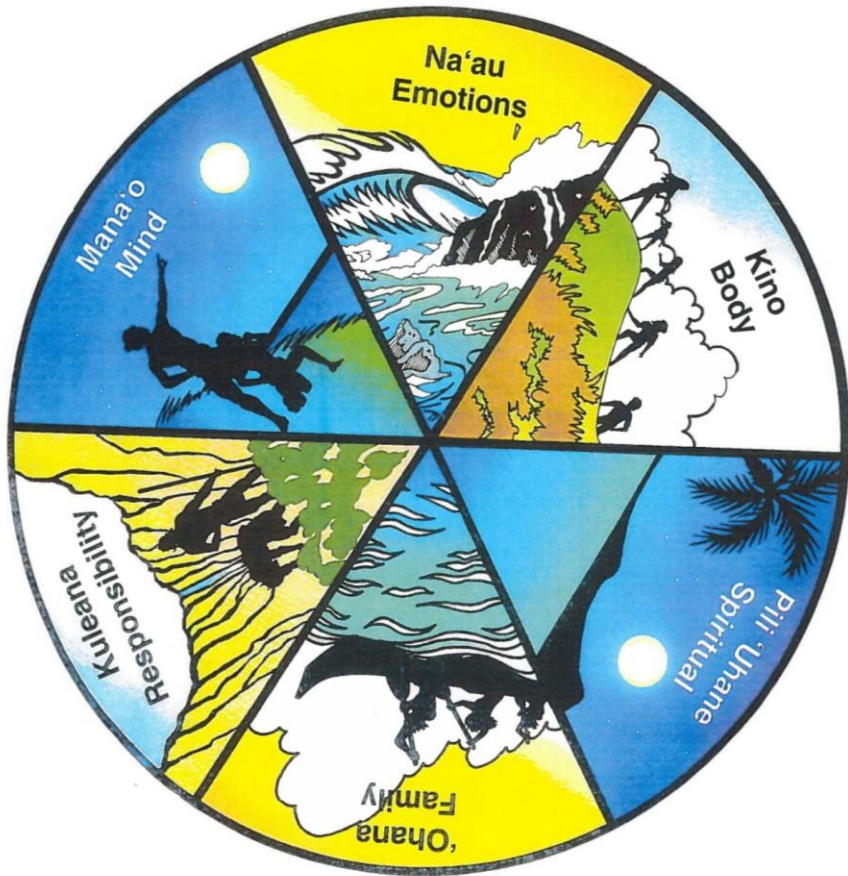
Service Providers Focus Group

Native Hawaiian elders (Kupuna)

Community Peace polls


- development of framework
- development of curriculum

# Lokahi Wheel







A group of approximately ten people, including women, men, and children of various ages, are standing in a circle on a grassy area. They are holding hands, suggesting a community or family gathering. The background shows a beach with people sitting on the sand, a large tree on the right, and the ocean in the distance. The text is overlaid in the center of the image.

**'Ohana Means Family  
Multi-Generational  
Approach**

# “Talk Story”

*Sharing Stories, Culture, and Support*



# Pulama I Ka ‘Ohana (PIKO) “Cherish the Family”



PIKO was developed to provide trauma-informed, age-appropriate, and culturally aligned services to survivors and their children.



# Advocacy

Our PIKO Advocates support individuals on their journey of healing and empowerment.

YOU HAVE A SPECIAL STRENGTH INSIDE YOU  
I HEAR YOU I BELIEVE YOU  
YOU'RE NOT ALONE  
**IT ISN'T YOUR FAULT**  
A CHILD IS NEVER RESPONSIBLE FOR THE ACTIONS OF AN ADULT  
IT'S NOT YOUR JOB TO STOP IT  
YOU HAVE HAD TO OVERCOME OBSTACLES THAT OTHER CHILDREN NEVER HAD TO  
YOU HAVE A SPECIAL STRENGTH INSIDE YOU  
I BELIEVE YOU

The recruited PIKO staff mirror the ethnicities and/or cultures of Hawaii's diverse island community.

# Support Groups

Provide a safe and comfortable way for parent and children to learn, heal, and grow.



# Support Group Characteristics



Culturally and Linguistically based groups



Food



Child care

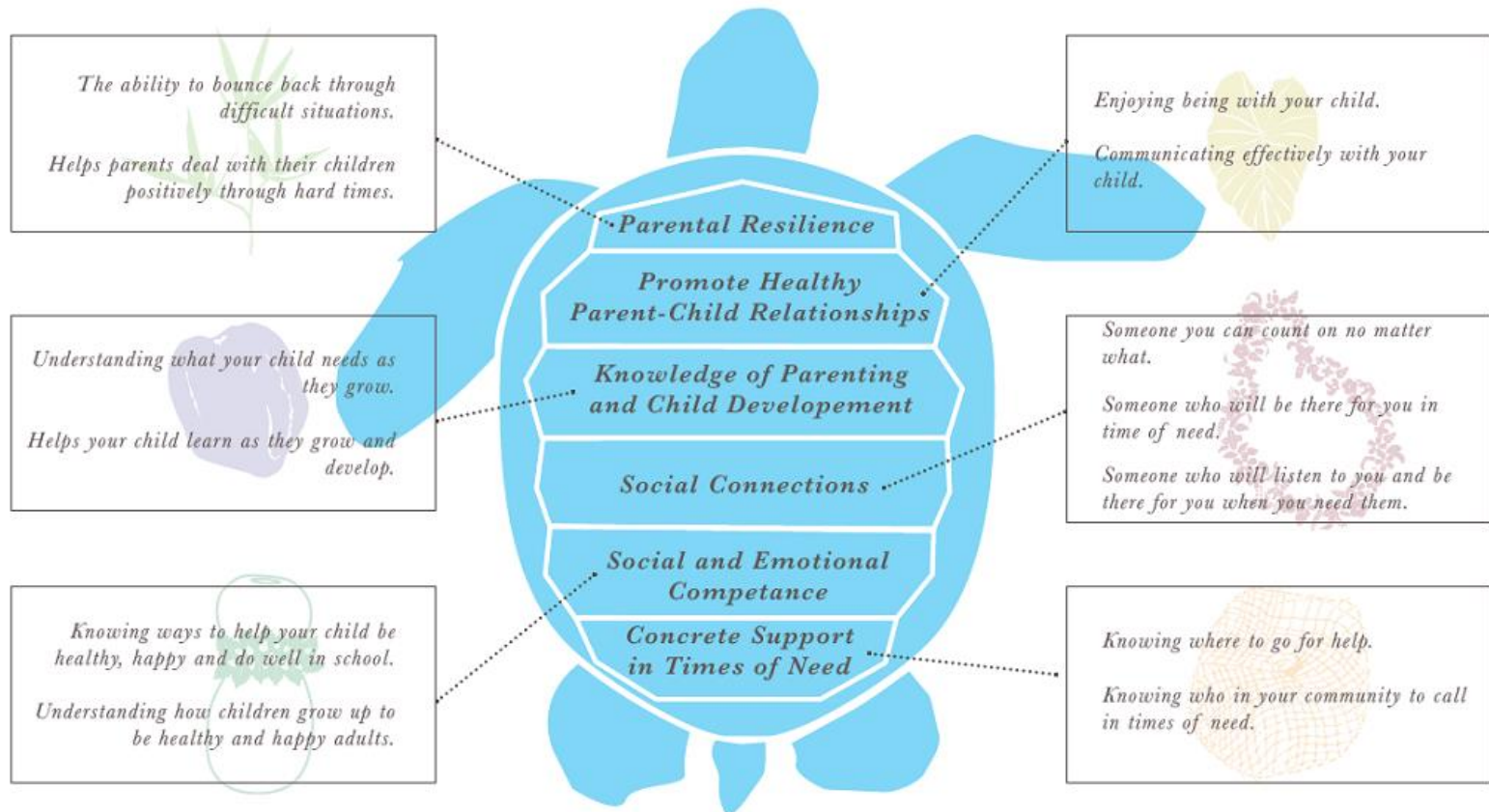


Transportation



Mirroring curriculum

# Protective Factors



# Best Practices & Lessons Learned

## Research & Design



Survivors making specific connections to the program from the very start.



First meeting impressions motivating interests



Others with similar experiences of DV



Knowledge and understanding of culture demonstrated by facilitator



Easy access to host-sites



Availability of youth and teen activities

# Participant Quotes

- *“I’m not always there. PIKO showed me what to teach my children about safety”.*
- *“I had to stop my concern for the abuser; My top concern became survival for my kids and me”.*
- *“I had to protect my kids. I was abused growing up now my kids were being abused. I had to have faith I could break the cycle”.*
- *“PIKO has freed me from abuse”.*
- *“It is important not just to say “I love you,” but show it. Doing something for them, spending time with them, they feel love”.*
- *“Taking care of myself is the basic foundation to doing what I have to do as mother, employee, plaintiff. We were taught the value of self-care”.*

# MAHALO!



# Q&A







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