Lessons Learned: Supporting Indigenous Children and Families Experiencing Domestic Violence

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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

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

- 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

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

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
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

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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 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.

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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
‘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.

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

The ability to bounce back through difficult situations.
Helps parents deal with their children positively through hard times.

Enjoying being with your child.
Communicating effectively with your child.

Understanding what your child needs as they grow.
Helps your child learn as they grow and develop.

Someone you can count on no matter what.
Someone who will be there for you in time of need.
Someone who will listen to you and be there for you when you need them.

Knowing ways to help your child be healthy, happy and do well in school.
Understanding how children grow up to be healthy and happy adults.

Knowing where to go for help.
Knowing who in your community to call in times of need.

Promote Healthy Parent-Child Relationships
Knowledge of Parenting and Child Development
Social Connections
Social and Emotional Competence
Concrete Support in Times of Need
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”.
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