PEACE ON EARTH BEGINS AT HOME
With the world, state and community in flux, families are destabilized. There is much to be said for the trickle down effect. This is not the cause, by any stretch of the imagination, of abuse and harm – the avenues for escape, however, as well as the barriers to overcome and the decision-making becomes more complicated by external forces. At DVAC, we endeavor to ease the burdens, soothe the suffering, and facilitate the healing of those whose lived experience is impacted by domestic violence.

In 2019 we pursued solid management of the economic, political, community, and organizational variables on our path during the year. Community based organizations are impacted by endless challenges that could be destabilizing, debilitating or devastating. We avoided all those outcomes – we usually do! ONE YEAR AT A TIME.

We have every intention of continuing to support our community’s families with our high quality program services, build stronger collaborations with our natural allies, enhance relationships with other sectors and focus on creating better understanding of the complexity of abuse and harm.

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Community Initiatives

There are so many ways the Domestic Violence Action Center works to sustain its visibility in the community. This is necessary to let survivors know we are here to help, and offer information to others who may know someone being harmed. It is also how we generate interest in the agency’s specialized, unduplicated work that needs ongoing financial support.

Our staff participated in an array of campus based events (57) by advocates who work in the Campus Survivor Advocacy Program.

DVAC had a robust presence at the PRIDE Parade, participated in the community Pro Bono Celebration, attended the Hawaii Justice Foundation Annual Meeting, set up tables at the Access to Justice Summit, the Hawaii State Bar Convention, Children and Youth Day at the Honolulu State Capitol, Council for Native Hawaiian Advancement, Language Access Conference, Fatality Review Summit Conference, Honolulu and Marshallese Ministry Conference. DVAC played a pivotal role in the coordination of the Men’s March Against Violence, featuring HGEA Executive Director, Randy Perreira, and honoring Justin Kollar, Kauai County Prosecutor. The agency joined the Delivery of Legal Services Committee of the Hawaii State Bar Association, the Hawaii Children’s Trust Fund, coordinated by Hawaii Community Foundation, initiated the Oahu Firearms Coordinating Council with assistance from the National Center on Protection Orders and Full Faith and Credit, participated in the American Judicature Society Criminal Justice Committee and accepted an invitation to participate again as a mentor for the Punahou School Student Global Leadership Institute.

Domestic Violence Action Center entered into a collaboration with the Federal Bar Association, federal District Court, Hawaii State Bar Association, Hawaii Women Lawyers and the Hawaii State Judiciary to bring to life the mandate of the POWER ACT (all communities under the leadership of federal District Court judge will conceive a project focused on domestic violence).

DVAC conducted training for many agencies and audiences during FY 2019. Two members of the management team were invited to become members of a statewide training team organized by the Department of Health, Department of the Attorney General, Department of Human Services and the Judiciary; the team travelled to each island and provided daylong sessions for state and county employees.

Funded by the Department of Health, DVAC completed an 8 Session Training Series for varied audiences (ie. Susannah Wesley, Sacred Hearts School, First Judicial Circuit Probation, and Public Safety Parole, etc.) to improve understanding about domestic violence. DVAC staff was also invited to present its culturally-based work with native Hawaiian families during the Asian Pacific Institute on Gender Based Violence Summit in California. DVAC met with the Chief and Deputy Chiefs of the Honolulu Fire Department as well as EMS and representatives of the Department of Health to explore the development of training for these first responders; and coordinated a training focused on safety planning with immigrant survivors, supported by the Department of the Attorney General.

Other training offered included training for health care practitioner allies at Koku’s Kamali Valley, Kaiser Permanente Health Plan Employer subscribers, Community Navigator (of Access to Justice Equal Justice initiative) attendees, inclusivity training to social workers and case managers at Gregory House, Villages of Maili, Parents and Children Together shelters, Hina Mauka. Four separate 4-day DV 101 training Series were conducted for staff and community in FY 2019.

DVAC sustains a commitment to training for staff, to assure the level of practice and expertise is sophisticated; DVAC staff attended a total of 101 different trainings totaling 1300 hours. This year staff travelled to the Asian Pacific Institute on Gender Based Violence Gender Democracy conference, attended training on strangulation, participated in community and in-service training about the Immigrant Crime Act of 2019, the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act, crisis intervention, victims with substance abuse issues, fair housing, crime victim compensation, and internet crimes, military justice system, the evolving workspace, trauma informed and culturally relevant assessment, trauma informed care, and the Secrets of the Bulletproof Spirit; How to Bounce Back from Life’s Hardest Hits.
DVAC was invited to join the Managing Director of Omidyar Group and Community Leadership Partners to explore Hawaii’s community and political landscape historically pertaining to domestic violence, present at a Hawaii State Commission on the Status of Women meeting to dialogue about law enforcement, and meet with the ACLU Smart Justice Director to examine bail reform issues as they pertain to survivors of partner abuse. DVAC met with a law enforcement officer from New Zealand to learn about Hawaii’s law enforcement response and share their approach to the crimes resulting in harm to survivors and families. The agency’s CEO was invited to participate in the Doris Duke Shangri-La Community Change Supper Series.

The agency maintained its partnership with Legal Aid Society of Hawaii (LASH) to provide Family Court representation for immigrant survivors and through funding support to DVAC from Office of Violence Against Women, an arrangement is in place for DVAC clients to receive services from LASH in matters other than Family Court cases; established a partnership with Parents and Children Together to provide legal services to families using the Visitation Center and offer assistance to PACT with their agency’s inclusivity training and policy development; continued its partnership with University of Hawaii to continue the Campus Survivor Advocacy Program (to place advocates on each of the Oahu campuses and YWCA to host a Candidate Forum for Democratic Primary candidates for the Lieutenant Governor’s Race. At the annual fundraiser of Advocates for Public Interest Law recognized the Domestic Violence Action Center was recognized for its service to the community.

Members of the DVAC staff participate on a variety of Committees, in addition to those mentioned previously. These include: VOCA Training Advisory Committee, Fatality Review Team, Victim Assistance Academy, Justice Reinvestment Act Subcommittee, Language Access Advisory Council, Special Division Quarterly meeting (Family Court), Family Law Section of the Bar, Access to Justice Commission and its Committee Overcoming Barriers for Access to Justice. Beyond established Committees, DVAC creates opportunities to examine and resolve system challenges impacting survivors and families with community allies – this year that work included dialogue with Mediation Center of the Pacific, Epic ‘Ohana Inc. and Child and Family Service.
Survivor Advocacy Services

The staff directly providing support, safety planning, legal representation, long term advocacy, crisis support, and access to financial and stabilizing resources are incredible people: bearing witness to the suffering, with compassion, patience and no judgment as the decisions, danger and dread glare into the faces of clients. Agency programs are unduplicated and designed with the needs of survivors and island families in sharp focus. Adults, children and youth can expect trauma informed, inclusive and client centered support when they work with us. Helpline received 1857 calls. On site EXPO Court Outreach program worked with 2,074 survivors during the two stage process of obtaining a protection order. Staff at court also provided 178 outreach services to survivors in Criminal Court involving misdemeanor domestic violence cases. AlaKa’i advocacy team opened and closed a total of 489 cases. Attorneys made 256 court appearances. 5,675 teens and educators across Hawaii had the benefit of 280 presentations from TAP808 (Teen Alert Program). 5,517 safety plans were completed by DVAC survivor advocacy staff. Safe on Scene advocacy presence at the police response to-the-scene ended mid way through FY 2019; 303 safety plans were completed as a result of on scene support and follow up contact. Support groups (Pulama i Ka Ohana and Ho’oikaika ‘Ohana) for adult survivors and children were facilitated across Oahu, including at Women’s Correctional Community Center, Manoa, Nuuanu, Salvation Army, Wahiawa, and Waipahu; these support groups are embedded in the Ho’oikaika ‘Ohana and Pulama i Ka Ohana programs which are culturally specific and centered around re-building relationships between non-offending survivor parent, their children and their ohana. Support groups were also convened for LGBTQ clients. Academic scholarships, bus vouchers, rent and utility support, emergency cash grants and financial assistance for child care and litigation costs were available to one hundred and forty two clients (142).

Heart to Heart, a luncheon event for mothers and their daughters was hosted at the Oahu Country Club, supported by agency allies, Dianne Winter Brookins, Lisa Maruyama, Sara Buehler, Melissa Pavlicek, Ikaika Hussey, Wendy Nakasone, Aimee Chung, David Tanaka, Rex Fujichaku, Scot Matayoshi, Marsha Bolson, David Tumilowicz, Suzanne Young, Cheryl and Ray Soon, Loretta Sheehan, Hawaii Women’s Legal Foundation, Dawn Yoshimura, Vera Wright and Joy Bliss….With the exquisite presence of a survivor, Amber and her mom, Cyd, sharing their personal experiences suffering the abuse by the young woman’s boyfriend, guests were able to understand this victimization can happen to anyone. Jennifer Rose, Director of UH Office of Institutional Equity and her daughter, Jisella Saito, facilitated experiential moments for the guests, based on their family’s commitment and pursuit of understanding about the complex ways young women are impacted.

Free to Be Me hosted by DVAC, emceed by (HNN) Ashley Nagaoka and supported by an anonymous donor, provided the opportunity for survivors who had received programs support to CELEBRATE their resilience, escape and healing at an event at the Royal Hawaiian Monarch Room. With hairstyling by Monika of Envy Salon, fashion donated by Manaheal’i and Yireh, and monies donated by Kim Coco Iwamoto and Beth Whitehead. Poems, music, testimonials, dancing, and sisterhood made the evening an incredible and memorable delight.
Fiscal Year 2019 Revenue & Expenses

**Revenues**
- State of Hawaii 54.7%
- Federal 26%
- Foundation/Other Grants 14%
- Community Support 4.6%
- Client 0.7%

**Expenses**
- Fundraising Expense 3.6%
- Operations 16.8%
- Program Services 79.6%
Looking Forward

We remain grateful for the beloved community we are a part of. Our effort and advocacy is sought after; we can be counted on to continue examining ourselves, supporting others and pursuing safety, freedom and opportunities for survivors and island families. Seek us out, send money or show others that we are here to provide assistance. There is hope and there is help!
There's no excuse for domestic violence.
## Government Funding

**Consulate General of Japan**

**Department of Health and Human Services – Administration for Children and Families**

**Department of Justice – Office of Violence against Women**

**Hawai’i Department of the Attorney General**

**Hawai’i Department of Health**

**Hawai’i Department of Human Services**

**Hawai’i State Judiciary**

**University of Hawai’i**

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