

**Introducing Pouhana O Nā Wāhine:
Native Hawaiian
Resource Center for Domestic Violence**



**July 24, 2023
National Indigenous Women's
Resource Center
Webinar**

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Intentions

- To formally introduce the very first Native Hawaiian Resource Center that focuses on Domestic Violence by and for Native Hawaiians
- To share progress and updates on the very first Native Hawaiian Resource Center that focuses on Domestic Violence by and for Native Hawaiians

Aloha Spirit Law

"Aloha" is more than a word of greeting or farewell or a salutation.

"Aloha" means mutual regard and affection and extends warmth in caring with no obligation in return.

"Aloha" is the essence of relationships in which each person is important to every other person for collective existence.

"Aloha" means to hear what is not said, to see what cannot be seen and to know the unknowable.





PONW Vision & Mission Statement

- **PONW's Vision is dedicated to restoring our NH way of life rooted in our beliefs, practices and ceremonies as our Indigenous relatives have done stateside.**
- **PONW's Mission is to provide technical assistance and training, partner at the community, state and national levels, and develop policies and resources to prevent, intervene and eliminate domestic violence and help survivors and their families increase their safety.**

Pouhana O Nā Wāhine Staff



Dr. Dayna Schultz,
Psy.D., LSW, CSAC
Executive Director
-Born and raised
O'ahu
-Former VP of
PONW &
transitioned to E.D.
in March 2023
-Fellow Survivor of
DV and Sexual
Trauma
-Kanaka 'Ōiwi



Jaki Knaus
**Communication
Specialist**
-Born in LV and
returned to O'ahu
with his Mākaha
native 'ohana in
early 2000s
-Joined PONW in
March 2023
- 12 years of
marketing
experience
-Kanaka 'Ōiwi



Dr. Nikki Cristobal,
Ph.D.
**Policy & Research
Specialist**
-Born and raised
Kaua'i
-Joined PONW in
March 2023
-Fellow survivor of
violence
-Experience in
social work,
counseling,
research,
community
organizing
-Kanaka 'Ōiwi



Vernon Viernes
MSW
**Training
Technical
Assistance**
-Born and Raised
O'ahu
-Joined PONW in
April 2023
-Over 20 years
experience in
social work in
incarceration,
addiction, and
kānaka 'ohana unit
health
-Kanaka 'Ōiwi

Pouhana O Nā Wāhine Board



**Dolly Tatofi, President; Michele Navarro Ishiki, Vice President; Velvet King, Secretary;
Leiana Kinnicut, Board Member; Aunty Nani Fay Paglinawan, Founding Board
Member**





Kinohi loa o Pouhana O Nā Wāhine

- **December 2015 Honolulu, O‘ahu, Hawai‘i meeting to collectively create solutions to violence across our pae ‘āina.**
 - **Community**
 - **Nonprofit**
 - **Government**
 - **National Indigenous Women’s Resource Center**



Kinohi loa o Pouhana O Nā Wāhine

- **Unique as we are by and for Kānaka
‘Ōiwi wāhine**
- **Started with 7 wāhine, currently at 4
wāhine who are now Pouhana O Nā
Wāhine**
- **Mānoa Valley**
- **Uncle Bruce and Aunty Kēhau**
- **7 Year journey of ALOHA**



NHRCDV

- **NIWRC**
- **Applied for FVPSA funding in Sept. 2022**
- **Awarded \$1,000,000 end of September 2022**
- **First NHRCDV est. 09/30/22**



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- **OBJECTIVE 1: Recognize, respect, and implement solutions/responses through TTA and PDSE designed by and for NHs that center the safety and healing of NH survivors of domestic violence, abuser accountability and rehabilitation, and the responsibility of the respective organization/agency receiving TTA**
- **OBJECTIVE 2: Indigenize local, state, and federal policies and practices and engage with systems to guide the fulfillment of the federal trust responsibility to Native Hawaiians, realize the full participation of NHs in their communities and rights to health and safety, and prevent further harm of NHs as recognized by the 1993 Apology**



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- **OBJECTIVE 3: Change social norms tolerating domestic violence as the norm through the development and promotion of multimedia resources and a public awareness campaign**
- **OBJECTIVE 4: Support our kuleana (responsibility) and capacity to serve as the NHRCDV, by developing, nurturing, and maturing our organizational infrastructure**



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- **Curriculum Development:**
 - **victim / community safety and abuser accountability**
 - **grassroots organizing and systems advocacy and social change, including participating in MMIW state task force**
 - **understanding federal and state laws and policies and the history of violence against Native Hawaiian women**
 - **indigenous, federal and state responses to violence against women.**



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- **Conversations with the field:**
 - **Conduct up to two/year CWTF to learn more about systemic barriers facing NH survivors of domestic violence and needs for TTA, PDSE, and research addressing those barriers**

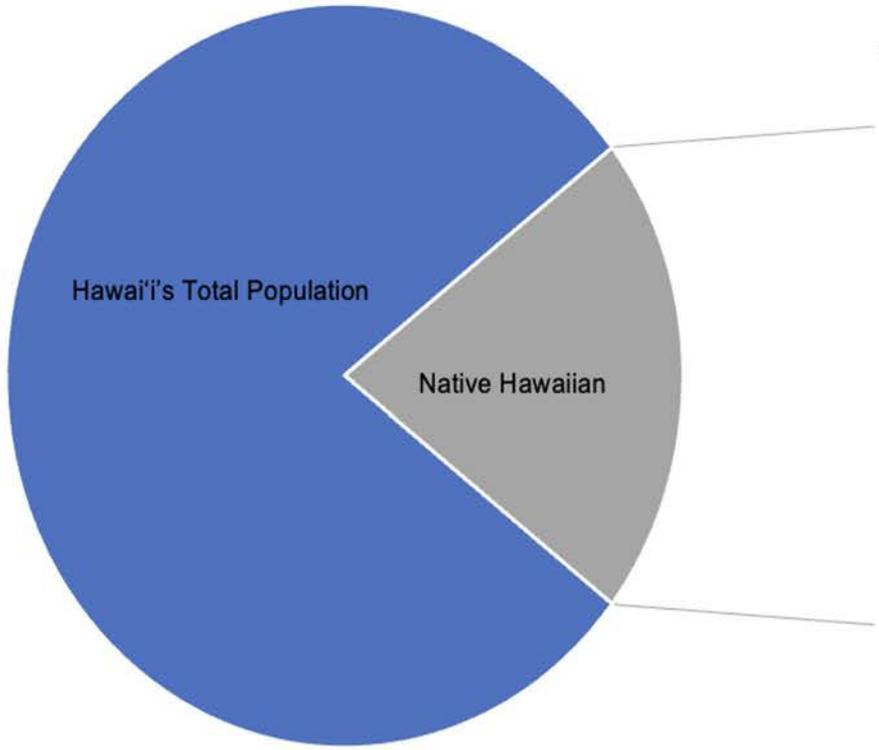
Identifying communities & individuals with whom to hold these conversations

Survivors, advocates, social workers, therapists, medical professionals, legal professionals

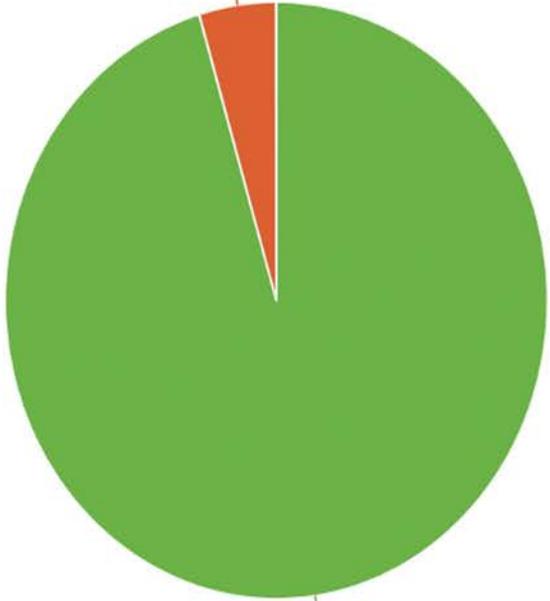


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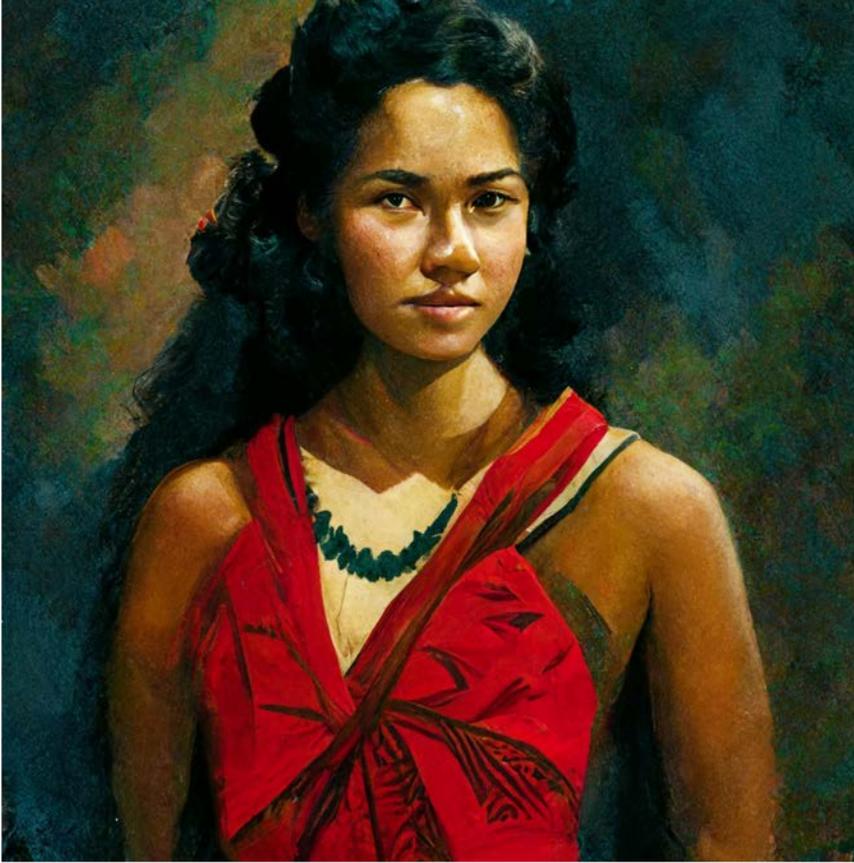
- **DVRN National Meeting, January 2023**
- **UN Parallel Summit, January 2023**
- **National Workgroup on Safe Housing for American Indian and Alaska Native Survivors of Gender-Based Violence Organizations and Individuals, April 2023**
- **IVAT Conference, April 2023**
- **PONW Grand Opening, April 23, 2023**
- **MMIW Week of Action, May 1-6th, 2023**
- **AMERIND NAIHC Conference, May 2023**
- **OFVPS Regional Meeting, June 2023**
- **CNHA Conference, June 2023**
- **WAS Conference, June 2023**
- **NIWRC Webinar, July 2023**



Native Hawaiian Female >18 years old: 0.49



Native Hawaiian Female: 10.2



Sex Trafficking Stats

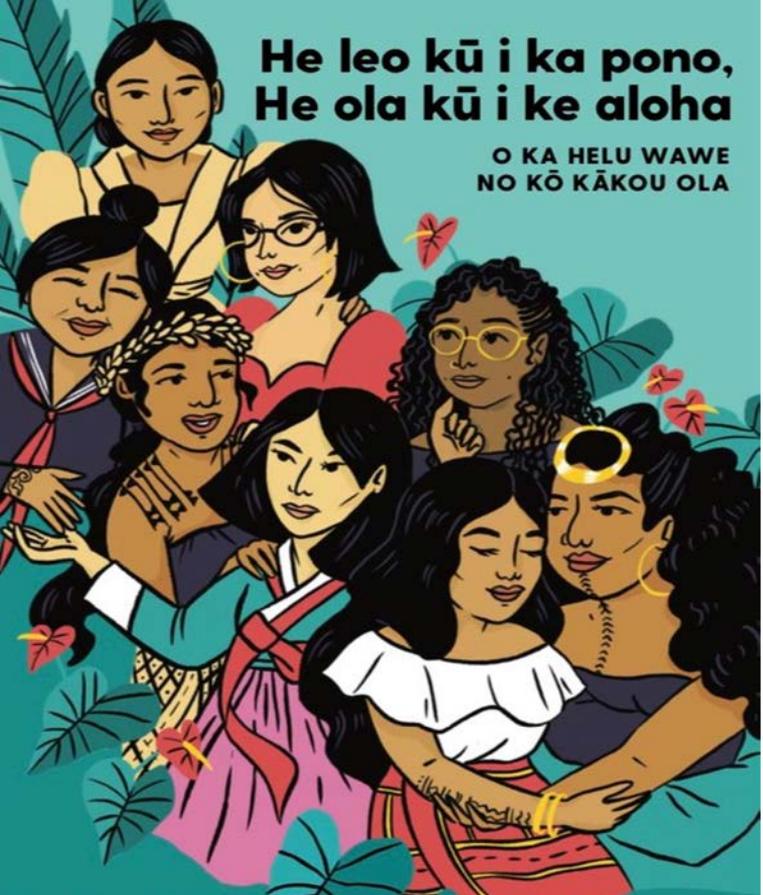
- 64% of sex trafficking victims are Native Hawaiian (HSCSW, 2019).
- 23% of sex trafficked victims reported being a child when they were first trafficked (HSCSW, 2019).
- $\frac{2}{3}$ of sex trafficking victims reported being homeless (HSCSW, 2019).
- 45% of sex trafficking victims are Native Hawaiian (SWCC, 2022).
- 71% of all trafficking victims are below the age of 19 (SWCC, 2022)
- 46.8% of trafficking victims are Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children and Child Sex Trafficking cases (SWCC, 2020).
- In 2019, majority of arrested adult sex offenders were white males (DAG, 2019).

A.I. image of average missing child in Hawai'i: 15 year old, female, native hawaiian missing from O'ahu) (Cristobal, 2022)



Domestic Violence Stats

- In 2019, 25% of contacts from the Domestic Violence Action Center's Helpline were from Native Hawaiians.
- 27% of all Helpline contacts requesting advocacy services were Native Hawaiian. Of these, 78% need housing services.
- 22% of domestic violence survivors filing for a Temporary Restraining Order (TRO) were Native Hawaiian.
- Only 20% of Hawai'i's population is Native Hawaiian, indicating that Native Hawaiians are overrepresented in all reported data from the Domestic Violence Action Center's Helpline.



He leo kū i ka pono,
He ola kū i ke aloha

O KA HELU WAVE
NO KŌ KĀKOU OLA

Intimate Partner Violence Stats

- 37.6% of adults who experience physical violence by an intimate partner in Hawai'i are Native.
- 20.6% of Native Hawaiian women between 18 to 29 years old report experiencing IPV, compared to 13.3% of non-Hawaiian women of the same age range.
- 19.6% of Native Hawaiian women between 30 to 44 years old report experiencing IPV, compared to 13.3% of non-Hawaiian women of the same age range.
- 21.0% of Native Hawaiian women between 45 and 59 years old report experiencing IPV, compared to 12.60% of non-Hawaiian women.

SEXUAL ABUSE/ASSAULT:
808-524-7273

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE:
808-531-3771

SEX TRAFFICKING:
888-373-7888

HAWAII STATE
COMMISSION ON THE
STATUS OF WOMEN:
808-586-5757



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(OHA, 2022; 2018)



Sexual Assault Stats

- Native Hawaiian girls are more likely than Native Hawaiian high school boys and girls of all other races to experience sexual violence:
 - Being physically forced to have sexual intercourse when they did not want while in high school.
 - Being sexual abused by anyone in the last 12 months while in middle school.
 - Being physically forced to have sexual intercourse when they did not want to while in middle school

Gender Based Violence intersection with homelessness

- Domestic violence is the leading cause of homelessness for women and children (NNEDV, 2022).
- In the 2021 Domestic Violence Counts Report for Hawai'i, 950 adult and keiki survivors were served in a single day: 58% sought transitional or other supportive housing. 42% were seeking children's support and advocacy services (NNEDV, 2022).
- In 2019, 22% of O'ahu's homeless Native Hawaiians report experiencing intimate partner violence compared to 18% of non-Hawaiians (HSCADV, 2019).
- Of the 22%, 14% are unsheltered compared 11% of non-Hawaiians (HSCADV, 2019).
- For the 18% of homeless non-Hawaiians, 11% are unsheltered and 7% are sheltered (HSCADV, 2019).



Akua Wāhine- Hina



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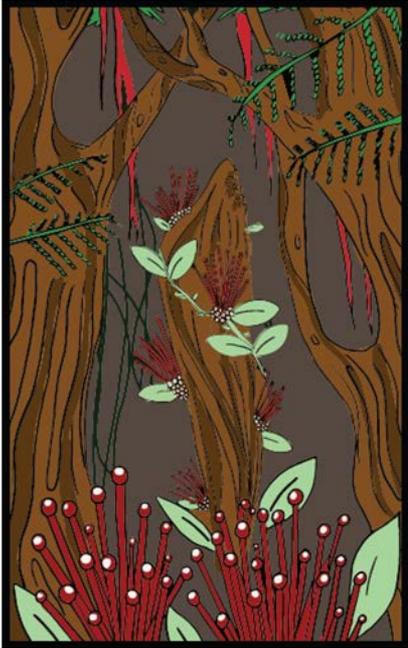
The cost of colonization

- Ongoing crisis
- Increase in remote workers and overseas investment property owners
- Economic refugeeism:
 - 50% of Native Hawaiians live on continent (ACS, 2021).
 - Highest cost of living, lowest minimum wage (DBEDT, 2020).
 - Our lāhui are being run out our own ‘āina
- Tourism and military over consume, abuse, commodify our culture and people without adequate accountability.
- “Cultural prostitution” -Dr. Haunani Kay Trask (rest in power)
- Violations to wāhine and ‘āina are interwoven
- Keeping Kānaka‘Ōiwi home *practicing* genuine Kānaka ‘Ōiwi culture, has become a endless fight

However...

**We have our ALOHA, mana, uhane, and kūpuna to guide
us**

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Mahalo nui loa!!

- Nā Akua
- Nā 'aumakua
- Na 'ohana
- Ka Honua
- Nā Kūpuna
mai ka po mai
a me ke ao
- NIWRC
STTARS
Housing
Workgroup
- NIWRC
- FVPSA
- AKNWRC
- NNEDV
- ATCEV
- Collective
network and
relationships that
support our
mission and vision
toward healing
our lahui

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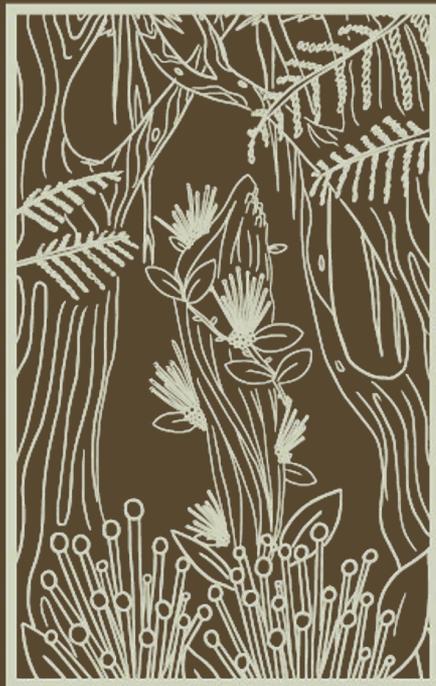
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