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

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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 Oʻahu  
-Former VP of PONW & transitioned to E.D. in March 2023  
-Fellow Survivor of DV and Sexual Trauma  
-Kanaka ʻŌiwi

Jaki Knaus  
Communication Specialist  
-Born in LV and returned to Oʻahu with his Mākaha native ʻohana in early 2000s  
-Joined PONW in March 2023  
-12 years of marketing experience  
-Kanaka ʻŌiwi

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

Vernon Viernes, MSW  
Training Technical Assistance  
-Born and Raised Oʻahu  
-Joined PONW in April 2023  
-Over 20 years experience in social work in incarceration, addiction, and kānaka ʻohana unit health  
-Kanaka ʻŌiwi
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, Oʻahu, Hawaiʻi meeting to collectively create solutions to violence across our pae ʻāina.
  - Community
  - Nonprofit
  - Government
  - National Indigenous Women’s Resource Center
Kinohi loa o Pouhana O Nā Wāhine

- Unique as we are by and for Kānaka ʻŌiwi 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
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.
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 NHRCDOV, by developing, nurturing, and maturing our organizational infrastructure.
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.
He Kuleana no NHRCVD

- 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
He Kuleana no NHRCDV

- 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
(N= 1,441,553) (U.S. Census Bureau, 2021).
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).
- ⅔ 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).
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.

(HSCADV, 2019)
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.

(OHA, 2022; 2018)
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

(YRBS, 2019)
Gender Based Violence intersection with houselessness

- 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

Hina na Herb Kane
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
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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Mahalo

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