







➤ Child and Family Service/Developing Options to Violence (O'ahu)

The Developing Options to Violence program provided specialized domestic violence intervention services which included:

- group/individual counseling services for adult survivors of domestic violence;
- counseling services for children and youth who have been a victim or witness to family violence;
- domestic violence intervention services for juveniles who have been adjudicated by the Family Court for the charge of abuse of family or household member or a related charge, such as intimate partner violence;
- domestic violence intervention services for adults who perpetrate domestic violence.

➤ Domestic Violence Action Center (O'ahu)

The following advocacy services for victims of domestic violence were provided by the Domestic Violence Action Center:

- advocacy and support services for victims filing temporary restraining orders;
- court outreach at Family Court in Kapolei and Circuit Court in Honolulu as well as in criminal domestic violence matters;
- civil legal services;
- hotline services (information and referrals);
- case management.

➤ Parents and Children Together/Family Peace Center (O'ahu)

Funding was provided to the Family Peace Center on O'ahu for essential domestic violence services. The specific services provided included:

- victim advocacy and support groups;
- counseling and/or case management for adult survivors/victims;
- counseling for children and youth who have been a victim or witness to family violence;
- domestic violence intervention services for juveniles who have been adjudicated by the Family Court for the charge of abuse of family or household member or a related charge, such as intimate partner violence; efforts also involved outreach to engage family members of the juveniles in services;
- domestic violence intervention services for adults who perpetrate domestic violence.

➤ Parents and Children Together/Family Visitation Center (O'ahu)

Supervised child visitation and safe exchange services were provided to court-referred families on the island of O'ahu. The majority of referrals involved temporary restraining orders and orders of protection, however, other referrals involved divorce, child custody, and paternity cases. The Family Court of the First Circuit relies on the Family Visitation Center (FVC) services to provide safe, supervised visits and exchanges when there is a concern of domestic violence. The

FVC provides its services through a lens that specifically considers domestic violence, safety for victims and their children, and accountability for those who have committed domestic violence. The center itself has been modified to provide safety and security for all involved. PACT is the only provider of this type of service on the island of O'ahu.

## 2. Federal Grant Projects

Matching funds from the Judiciary's Special Account were used for the federally-funded Judiciary grant projects listed below:

### ➤ State Access and Visitation Program Grant

This formula grant is awarded to the Judiciary annually by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Office of Child Support Enforcement, to provide supervised child visitation and exchange services in a safe setting. The Federal grant funds and matching funds from the Special Account were used to provide these services on the islands of O'ahu and Hawai'i. Priority was given to cases involved in domestic violence or other high-conflict situations. The federal grant was awarded in the amount of \$100,000 and required a 10% match in funds; \$11,111 in matching funds from the Special Account were allocated to these services. Parents and Children Together/FVC on O'ahu received a purchase-of-service contract to provide these services.

### ➤ STOP Violence Against Women Act Grant, 19-WF-09 / "Sustaining Efforts to Address Domestic Violence Statewide"

This grant ended on May 31, 2022.

- Funds supported the 2021 annual *Domestic Violence 101: Fundamentals of Domestic Violence* training, a collaboration between the Departments of Health, Attorney General, and Human Services, as well as the Judiciary. Held in October (Domestic Violence Awareness Month), the virtual three-part series featured local experts who provided insight into the complexities of intimate partner violence to a predominantly Hawai'i audience. The array of participants included, but was not limited to, social workers, probation and parole officers, child welfare professionals, domestic violence advocates, education professionals, and substance abuse treatment professionals.
- Funds supported the attendance of domestic violence stakeholders from across the state to attend the virtual conference, *Institute for Coordinated Community Response*. Some conference sessions included the following: How to Build and Sustain Collaborative Relationships, How to Approach Repeat Calls, Overcoming Sociocultural Barriers in Advocacy and Counseling, Addressing Systemic Bias in Gender-Based Prosecution, Domestic Violence High Risk Teams in Rural Settings, Animal Abuse and Family Violence, and Addressing Systems and Institutions to Promote an Equitable Criminal Legal System Response to Intimate

Partner Violence.

- Funds supported trauma-informed care training for court officers who provide assistance to persons involved in the court's domestic abuse temporary restraining order/order for protection process.
- Funds supported efforts regarding the revision of the standards that guide batterer intervention programs across state. There was a statewide meeting with agencies that provide intervention services for those who perpetrate intimate partner violence, a statewide meeting that included domestic violence advocates and a statewide training entitled, *Trauma-Informed and Culturally Responsive Approaches to Abusive Partner Intervention*.
- Funds supported the attendance of Family Court judges, domestic violence probation officers, and temporary restraining order court officers to the annual *Hawai'i Summit of the Institute on Violence Abuse and Trauma*. The primary goal of the summit was to bring together local, national, and international stakeholders, at all levels, including those working on the front lines with children, adults, and families to learn from each other. Topics included current research, best practices, and multidisciplinary solutions. Summit tracks included, but were not limited to, Criminal and Civil Justice Systems, Intimate Partner Violence, and Adverse Childhood Experiences.
- Funds supported the attendance of juvenile and adult probation staff from across the state to attend two webinars regarding supervision and treatment of persons on probation for sex offenses.

### **3. Trainings, Meetings, Other Expenses**

- Maintenance of an electronic database containing assessment scores of those on probation for domestic violence related offenses.

### **Special Fund Assessment (Act 34, SLH 1964)**

The Special Fund Assessment fee for FY 2022 was \$16,473.

### **Summary**

The Judiciary's Spouse and Child Abuse Special Account continues to enable the Judiciary to develop, implement, and maintain a proactive stance in achieving the mission of HRS § 601-3.6, to support and provide spouse or child abuse intervention or prevention in the State of Hawai'i. One of the major strengths in the establishment of the Special Account has been the discretion given to the Judiciary, which has encouraged and allowed funding for a comprehensive range of services and activities that would not have been possible otherwise. As a result, services for victims of domestic violence have been maintained, and appropriate and effective intervention services for victims, children, and offenders remain available.







