REPORT TO THE TWENTY-THIRD HAWAII STATE LEGISLATURE 2006

IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF SECTION 346-7.5, HAWAII REVISED STATUTES, ON THE SPOUSE AND CHILD ABUSE SPECIAL ACCOUNT

DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES
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ANNUAL REPORT FY2005 ON THE SPOUSE AND CHILD ABUSE SPECIAL ACCOUNT PURSUANT TO SECTION 346-7.5, HAWAII REVISED STATUTES

Act 232 of the Seventeenth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, 1994, created a Spouse and Child Abuse Special Account (SCASA) in the Department of Human Services (DHS), codified as Section 346-7.5, Hawaii Revised Statutes. The Act specified "the proceeds of the account shall be reserved for use by the department of human services for staff programs and grants or purchases of service . . . that support or provide spouse or child abuse intervention or prevention as authorized by law." The funds came from fees for marriage licenses.

Act 216 of the Nineteenth Legislature, 1997, increased the Department's Spouse and Child Abuse Special Account by adding revenues from increased fees for certified copies of birth and death certificates and marriage licenses.

Act 177 of the Twenty-First Legislature, 2002, increased the Department's Spouse and Child Abuse Special Account by raising the ceiling from $300,000 to $450,000 to allow the Department to fund additional program needs.

The Department is required to submit an annual report to the Legislature, providing an accounting of the receipts and expenditures from the account.

EXPENDITURES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2005

Balance on 7/1/04 (adjusted for late FY 04 expenditures):	$504,859.98
Plus FY 05 revenues:	+$406,167.50
Minus FY 05 expenditures: ? $318,000.00 for Oahu Comprehensive Counseling ? $92,000.00 for Teen Dating Violence ? $40,000.00 to DOH for Child Death Review Nurse Coordinator	-$450,000.00
Minus FY 05 statutory assessment fees:	-$15,794.00
Balance on 6/30/05:	$445,233.48

Account balance for FY 2006 on July 1, 2005 was $445,233.48.

PLANNED USE OF FUNDS FOR FY 2006

A. Nurse Coordinator Position for Child Death Review Teams

The Department plans to continue to provide $40,000 of these funds to the Department of Health for a Nurse Coordinator for the Statewide Child Death Review system. The Nurse Coordinator schedules and coordinates the county and State level team meetings, engages in multidisciplinary efforts to decrease child deaths, gathers information to identify risk factors associated with child deaths, and produces an annual report to the Legislature.

B. Teenage Victims of Domestic Violence

The Department worked with a Special Committee on Youth Violence (SCYV) to develop a statewide program to address the needs of teenage victims of domestic violence. The Committee included representatives of the Hawaii State Coalition Against Domestic Violence, the Domestic Violence Clearinghouse and Legal Hotline, the Hawaii Youth Services Network, and a number of provider agencies. The SCYV also sought input from members of the Women's Coalition and the Commission on the Status of Women. The Department plans to spend $92,000 of the SCASA funds to ensure that the needs of teenage victims of domestic violence are met. With these funds, the Department's purchase of service programs will provide outreach services to prevent or decrease the occurrence or reoccurrence of dating violence and support to victims of dating violence by providing a 24-hour hotline, assessment, case management, advocacy, and school and community presentations.

C. Comprehensive Counseling Services

Families under the Department's jurisdiction are provided services through the Department's comprehensive counseling contract. We plan to spend $318,000 of these funds to expand the Oahu contract. The comprehensive contract combines traditional services into a single seamless service system that maximizes the Department's service expenditures.

Children and families who participate in the comprehensive counseling program receive services including, but not limited to, an assessment of service needs, individualized program planning, crisis intervention services, supervised visitation, parenting education, and parental life skills and support activities to assist in maintaining children safely in the family home, to enable timely reunification of children in foster care with their families, or to assist in moving towards alternative permanent placements for children.

BUDGETED USE OF AVAILABLE FUNDS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2006

ACTIVITY	**FUNDING**
Child Death Review Nurse Coordinator	$40,000
Teenage Victims of Domestic Violence	$92,000
Oahu Comprehensive Counseling	$318,000
TOTAL:	$450,000

Any funds that need to be adjusted so that the Department stays within the budgeted amount will be taken from the Teenage Victims of Domestic Violence or Oahu Comprehensive Counseling programs.