

**REPORT TO THE TWENTY-FOURTH HAWAII STATE
LEGISLATURE 2008**

**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
SOCIAL SERVICES DIVISION
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ANNUAL REPORT FY2007 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 2007

Balance on 7/1/06	\$578,452.15
Plus FY 07 revenues:	+\$395,986.06
FY 07 expenditures: \$180,845.50 for Oahu Comprehensive Counseling and Family Support \$106,154 to Women Helping Women \$ 69,000 for Teen Dating Violence \$ 54,000 for CAN Diversion \$ 40,000 to DOH for Child Death Review Nurse Coordinator	
Total FY 07 expenditures	-\$449,999.50
Planned FY 08 expenditures \$293,000 for Oahu Comprehensive Counseling and Family Support \$106,154 to Women Helping Women \$ 92,000 for Services for Teenage Victims of Domestic Violence \$ 40,000 to DOH for Child Death Review Nurse Coordinator \$ 35,367 for Lanai Integrated Service System \$ 26,479 Special Fund Assessment Fee to DAGS	
Total Planned Expenditures for FY 08	\$450,000*

*The \$450,000 account ceiling allows the Department to only spend up to this ceiling amount.

PLANNED USE OF FUNDS FOR FY 2008

A. Oahu Comprehensive Counseling and Support Services

Families under the Department's jurisdiction are provided services through the Department's comprehensive counseling contract. We plan to spend \$293,000 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.

B. Women Helping Women Program

The Department plans to continue to provide \$106, 154 to the Women Helping Women program to provide services to victims of domestic violence including the following service activities:

- 24-hour hotline;
- Emergency shelter;
- Individual services for adults and children;
- Group sessions;
- Socialization activities; and
- Outreach, follow-up, and transportation.

C. 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.

D. 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.

E. Lanai Integrated Services System

Families on Lanai under the Department's jurisdiction are provided services through the Department's Lanai Integrated Services System (LISS). We plan to spend \$35,367 of these funds to expand the contract. This integrated and 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 LISS 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

F. Special Fund Assessment

The Department plans to use \$26,479 to apply to the DAGS Special Fund Assessment.