

**REPORT TO THE TWENTY-FIFTH HAWAII STATE
LEGISLATURE 2009**

**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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FY 2008 ANNUAL REPORT 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 ceiling was further raised to \$610,000 per Act 158, SLH 2008.

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 2008	
Balance on 7/1/08	\$703,888.00
Plus FY 07 revenues:	+\$489,906.32
Minus FY 08 expenditures:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$6,970.10 for CWS Training • \$40,000.00 to DOH for Child Death Review Nurse Coordinator • \$53,077.00 to Women Helping Women (DV) • \$23,333.34 to Child and Family Service (DV) • \$92,000.00 to Domestic Violence Clearinghouse (DV) • \$35,267.00 Parents and Children Together (DV) 	
Total FY 2008 Expenditures	-\$250,647.44
Planned FY 09 expenditures	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$40,000.00 to DOH for Child Death Review Nurse Coordinator • \$106,154.00 to Women Helping Women (DV) • \$57,000 to Domestic Violence Clearinghouse (DV) • \$126,846 to DAGS, Special Fund Assessment • \$80,000.00 top Insights to Success – Fingerprinting • \$200,000 to Family Programs Hawaii – Waianae Receiving Home 	
Total Planned Expenditures for FY 2009	-\$610,000

PLANNED USE OF FUNDS FOR FY 2009

A. Nurse Coordinator Position for Child Death Review Teams

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

B. Service to Victims of Domestic Violence

The Department plans to spend \$163,154 of the SCASA funds to ensure that the needs of 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. Insights to Success

The Department plans to spend \$80,000 to provide fingerprinting services to potential foster parents and applicants to ensure that candidates do not have a criminal or Child Abuse or Neglect history that would pose a risk to children.

D. Family Programs Hawaii – Waianae Receiving Home

The Department plans to spend \$200,000 to provide funding for the new Waianae Receiving Home that is being built in partnership with the Michael Woods Foundation to provide a new placement option for children in Waianae when they are initially removed from their family homes due to abuse or neglect. This new facility will enable the Department to keep children safely in their community, ensure safe on-going contact and connection with the children's Ohana, and keep sibling groups together while the Department makes efforts to return the children to a safe home, or place the children with members of their extended family.

E. Special Fund Assessment

The Department will pay \$45,375.42 to DAGS for the Special Fund Assessment required by Act 232.