

**REPORT TO THE TWENTY-FIFTH HAWAII STATE  
LEGISLATURE 2010**

**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 2009 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.

<b>EXPENDITURES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2009</b>	
Balance on 7/1/08	\$749,760.00
Plus FY 09 revenues:	+\$477,366.32
Minus FY 09 expenditures:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• \$45, 375 for Special Fund Assessment</li> <li>• \$40,000 to DOH for Child Death Review Nurse Coordinator</li> <li>• \$106,154 to Women Helping Women (Domestic Violence, DV)</li> <li>• \$2,917 to Child and Family Service (DV)</li> <li>• \$49,666 to Domestic Violence Clearinghouse (DV)</li> <li>• \$80,000 to Insights to Success (fingerprinting services)</li> <li>• \$2,921 for Sign Language Interpreter Services (for CPS cases)</li> </ul>	
Total FY 2009 Expenditures	-\$327,032
Planned FY 10 expenditures	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• \$40,000.00 to DOH for Child Death Review Nurse Coordinator</li> <li>• \$106,154.00 to Women Helping Women (DV)</li> <li>• \$50,000 to DAGS, Special Fund Assessment</li> <li>• \$80,000.00 to Insights to Success – Fingerprinting</li> <li>• \$200,000 to Family Programs Hawaii – Waianae Receiving Home for foster children</li> <li>• \$10,000 to Support of Citizen Review Panels</li> <li>• \$120,000 to Family Strengthening Services</li> </ul>	
Total Planned Expenditures for FY 2010	-\$606,154

## **PLANNED USE OF FUNDS FOR FY 2010**

### **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 \$106,154 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 resource (foster) families and caregivers 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 was built in partnership with the Michael Woods Foundation to provide a new placement option for foster children in Waianae when they are initially removed from their family homes due to abuse or neglect. This new facility enables 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 \$50,000 to DAGS for the Special Fund Assessment required by Act 232.

### **F. Citizen Review Panel Support**

The Department will pay \$10,000 for Citizen Review Panel Support. This will provide support and encourage expansion of Citizen Review Panels that are required by the federal Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act (CAPTA).

### **H. Family Strengthening Services**

The Department will pay \$120,000 to enhance Family Strengthening Services on Oahu to ensure services are available to respond to reports of Child Abuse and Neglect.