In 2004, the Family Violence & Sexual Assault Institute first joined with the Kapi’olani Child Protection Center to initiate a Summit that would specifically address issues of trauma in Hawai‘i. Since the 2004 collaboration, the Hawai‘i International Summit on Preventing, Assessing and Treating Trauma Across the Lifespan has grown tremendously, surpassing the expectations of the original Summit visionaries and planners, Drs. Robert Geffner and Steven Choy. In 2006, the Institute on Violence, Abuse and Trauma (IVAT) became a co-host and the main organizer of this unique Summit, and more co-hosts and collaborating organizations and agencies became actively involved during the following years.

The report below provides several highlights from the 2017 Summit. We thank all the planning committee members, collaborating organizations, volunteers, and staff for the many hours and contributions that they provided. In particular, we would like to thank our co-sponsors, Catholic Charities Hawaii, Argosy University Hawai‘i, Child and Adolescent Mental Health Division-Hawai‘i, Consuelo Foundation, Prevent Child Abuse Hawai‘i, Hawai‘i School of Professional Psychology at Argosy University, State of Hawai‘i Department of Human Services, State of Hawai‘i Department of Health, State of Hawai‘i Department of Health: Office of Youth Services, State of Hawai‘i Department of Education, Family Programs Hawai‘i, National Association of Social Workers-California, Parents &
“To take a painful and ostracizing event and present it in a way that is culturally relevant and sensitive was beautiful and inspiring.”

“This is such a holistic, well-rounded conference with so many facets, an excellent track system, lots of focus on cultural competence, and amazing people putting the whole thing together. Kudos!!!”

Much of the success of this event can also be credited to the 86 dedicated and gracious volunteers, the 104 Planning Committee Members and the 36 Ho`omaluhia Advisory Council Members. Their tireless efforts in providing set-up, registration, continuing education help, audio-visual equipment, as well as logistical and session monitoring support, were deeply appreciated by presenters and attendees alike.

**Summit Highlights**

Pre-Summit workshops were presented on Monday and Tuesday, March 27-28. They included two two-day, three all-day and sixteen half-day morning and afternoon sessions, and featured seasoned mainland and local presenters, who addressed a variety of timely topics.

Two–Day trainings included: **Trauma, Mental Health & the Pacific Church** Sponsored by HO`OMALUHIA by Mihamm Kim-Rauchholz, PhD; Oliver Williams, PhD, MPH, MSW; Fotu Soliai, MSW; Brenda Reed, MCN; Rev. Linda Hope, Manuel Rauchholz, PhD; Suzanna Tiapula, JD; Jacquelyn White, PhD; **Understanding & Assessing Trauma: Using a Culturally Appropriate Framework in American Samoa** (Annual Professional Development Workshop Sponsored by HO`OMALUHIA and the American Samoa Department of Human and Social Services) by Robert Geffner, PhD, ABN, ABPP; Suzanna Tiapula, JD; Fotu Soliai, MSW; Oliver Williams, PhD, MPH, MSW; Jacquelyn White, PhD

Half-Day trainings included: **Trauma-Informed Care & People with Disabilities** - Supporting the Recovery of Individuals with Intellectual & Developmental Disabilities - Marisol Acosta, Med; “But It’s Just Verbal Abuse” – Paul Needham, MBA; The Strength at Home Program: A Trauma-Informed, Evidence-Based Intimate Partner Violence Intervention for Veterans – Casey Taft, PhD; Ethical Issues in Mental Health Treatment & Forensic Evaluations – Steven F. Bucky, PhD, ABPP; and Sylvie Shuttleworth, PhD; **ACES, Toxic, Traumatic Stress, Biological Impacts & Resilience** – David Corwin, MD; Randy Alexander, MD, PhD & Michelle Madsen Thompson, PhD; **Using 12 Core Concepts in Implementing Best Practice in Trauma-Informed Care** – Leslie Anne Ross, PsyD; Research – Informed Youth Bullying Prevention: Social-Emotional Learning & School Climate Improvement Approaches– Dorothy Espelage, PhD; Ho`oponopono, Principles of Chiefly Leadership - Ramsay Taum; Psychological First Aid for People with Intellectual Disabilities Who Have Experienced Sexual Abuse - Aafke Scharlooo, PhD & Simone Ebbers, MSc., Martine Spijker, MSc; Emerging Trends in Prevention of Abuse of Older Persons – Bettye Mitchell, MA & Paul Needham, MBA; Five Stages of Healing for Victims of Domestic Violence – Oliver Williams, PhD, MPH, MSW; The Essential Ingredients of Ethical Attunement in the Treatment of Complex Development of Trauma – Mary Jo Barrett, MSW; Integrating Trauma Resiliency Awareness into Practice – 3 Current Cases - Kathy Franchek-Roa, MD; Vicki Corwin, MEd & Tasneem Ismailji, MD, MPH; Organizational Approaches to Reducing the Impact of Secondary
Traumatic Stress (STS) – Leslie Anne Ross, PsyD; Mele and Spirit – Jon Osorio, PhD; Tai Chi & Qigong for Stress Management Peak Performance, Survival, & Career Longevity – Terrence Dunn, PhD

More than 500 people attended the Pre-Summit workshops!

The 2017 Hawai‘i Summit was honored to have traditional Hawaiian preservationist Richard Bell, Joe Recca, and Malina Kaulukukui led the pule (blessing) to open the Summit itself on Wednesday, March 30th. The Opening Plenary speakers, Meleanna Meyer and Manulani Meyer presented “Na Ao Koa: Warriors of Light”.

Both Wednesday, March 29th and Thursday, March 30th, featured blocks of 90-minute breakout sessions, based on the eleven topic tracks. Solo presenters, partners, trios or cadres of support presenters combined to provide interest and in-depth sharing of state-of-the science information, intervention and prevention programs.

“We speakers were top-notch. Obviously very well organized. At a location that seemingly couldn’t be matched elsewhere.”

“It’s such a positive, collaborative, exciting environment! Everyone is sharing knowledge, running into old friends, spending time with colleagues, meeting new people and making new connections, and really going to the conference with the mindset of getting something out of it to bring back to their personal lives and their work.”

The Summit Plenary Panel Discussion took place on Thursday, March 30th focusing on the topic of “Provider Well-Being within Trauma-Informed Care.” The distinguished panel was comprised of agency and institution leadership: Moderators, Robert Geffner and Steven Choy; Panelists: Leslie Ross, Mary Jo Barrett, Elizabeth Power, Merton Chinen, Jasmine Mau-Makai, Uncle Bruce Keaulani, and Kaito Gakko.

During Thursday’s Awards and Networking Luncheon, the work of three individuals was celebrated during our award presentations. The Loretta “Deliana” Fuddy Lifetime Achievement Award was presented to Sid Rosen. The Jon Won Memorial Award for Child Maltreatment Prevention was presented to Suzanne Chun Oakland. The Lynnette and Richard Paglinawan Volunteer of the Year award was presented to Mary Burgess.

Gordon Miyamoto, Acting Director, Project HI-AWARE Comprehensive Student Support Services Section, assisted in the presentation of the youth art contest awards. Winners included: (Pre-K-Grade 2): Kyler Fernandez, Moanalua Elementary,(Grades 3-5) Alexis Monina, Millani Ike Elementary, (Grades 6-8) Malisa Lo Kapolei Middle School, and (Grades 9-12) Kathleen Bareisus, Moanalua High School.

A special thank you to Prevent Child Abuse Hawaii for donating the beautiful centerpieces, with pinwheels which is the national symbol of child abuse prevention, for the Awards and Networking Luncheon.

The Poster Session included performances of native Hawaiian music by Jimmy Burgess. Posters were reviewed by a panel of experts from the Planning Committee and awards were presented to the top
four winners, who each received a $10,000 check to Argosy University. Halau Hula Kamaluokukui from the women’s prison presented dance routines for the presentation.

Closing Ceremony plenary speakers Ipu Lefiti, addressed how victims of violence are assisted through the Samoan culture. and Mary Jo Barrett, spoke about how we are all in this together regarding the work we have to do to address the diversity of experience for survivors of interpersonal violence. Halau Hula Olana performed the Na Keiki Hula before the closing `Oli was given by Malina Kaulukukui.

“It is diverse, well organized and meets the needs of professionals at all levels of experience”

“Great staff, great choices, efficient and organized!”

This year’s Summit included a total of eleven tracks: Child Trauma/Maltreatment, Adolescent Trauma/Youth Violence, Adult/Family Trauma, Prevention/Early Intervention, Intimate Partner Violence, Trauma in Military Personnel - Veterans and their Families, Healthcare Professionals Dealing with Violence and Trauma, Criminal Justice and Legal Issues, Sex and Labor Trafficking, and Trauma within Socially & Culturally Marginalized & Underserved Populations – Indigenous People & LGBTQIA, and Trauma within Socially & Culturally Marginalized & Underserved Populations: Homelessness, Elder Abuse & People with Disabilities. Evidenced by the session evaluations, the most popular were often those that involved a Cultural and/or Native Hawaiian emphasis. The Summit evaluations were quite high, with more than 96% of respondents stating they would recommend this Summit to others, and the Overall rating of 4.57 on a 5-point scale. The evaluations also showed that 94% of respondents felt that the Summit content extended their knowledge. Over 85% reported that their learning objectives were met and 85% indicated that the Summit challenged their thinking and that they learned new techniques and applications as a result of the Summit. None of the overall ratings on several dimensions were below 4.07.

“Dynamic speakers, great flow to the Summit and very organized.”

“Loved the book sales!!!”

The uniqueness of this Summit has always been the meaningful integration and networking of presenters from the mainland, along with those from the islands. This combination enabled a lively sharing of intervention techniques, evidence-based and promising practices, current research, and innovative prevention programs.

The success of a Summit can be reflected in the attendance and distance traveled by the attendees. This year, we are pleased to announce that over 900 individuals attended and participated in the Hawai`i International Summit during the 3 days. There were over 600 participants from Honolulu and from neighboring islands, while at least 108 people came from the mainland. In addition, people attended from 16 other countries or territories, including American Samoa, Australia, Canada, Cook Islands, Germany, Guam, Hong Kong, Japan, Micronesia, Netherlands, New Zealand, Northern Mariana Islands, Philippines, South Korea, Tanzania, and the US Minor Outlying Islands. For those who were from the mainland, 35 states were represented, with California claiming the largest number.

“This is a great summit and I always look forward to it. It gets better every year!”
Scholarships generously provided by the following organizations:
- Child & Adolescent Mental Health Division
  - Kealahou Services-21
  - Kaeru Services-31
- Department of Youth Services -15
- Department of Human Services – 75
- Department of Education - 85
- Parents & Children Together - 7

Continuing Education:
Continuing education credits (CEs) were provided for 186 professionals. These included Psychologists, Marriage and Family Therapists, Social Workers, Nurses, Physicians, Substance Abuse and other Counselors and Attorneys. The Summit and Pre-Summit workshops provided up to 28.0 hours of Continuing Education credits.

Bookstore:
The IVAT Bookstore sold over 107 books. The bestselling books were: “Entering the Thriver Zone” by Susan Omilian and the Youth Art Contest Calendar.

“Dynamic presenters, variety of topics and a lot to choose from for people new to the field!”

Future Steps
The Summit Planning Committee has begun to recruit more members, laying the groundwork for our 15th Hawai`i International Summit to be held on April 16-19, 2018, at the Hawai`i Convention Center. We are continually looking for feedback, additional co-sponsors and volunteers to help in planning and improving our Summit. We appreciate the feedback, contributions, and the efforts of all those who helped in this major endeavor. We anticipate increasing our number of collaborators and additional national, state and local agencies as we work together to end abuse and reduce trauma in our families and communities.

For more information, please contact our Summit department, IVAT@ivatcenters.org. We hope to see you again in the future! Mahalo!

With Aloha - The Summit Organizers at IVAT

“AMAZING IVAT staff and volunteers who were positive, knowledgeable, and always willing to help or answer questions!”

“The content of the closing presentation and the dance at the end was like a summary of how a person is stripped of identity/status/authority/dreams due to/ by abuse/trauma and then resurrected through healing, love and support and there is a celebration of joy by the whole family and community as this happens.”

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