17th Hawai`i International Virtual Summit: Preventing, Assessing & Treating Trauma Across the Lifespan April 14-17, 2020

Virtual Summit Tracks:
1. Adolescent Trauma and Youth Violence – Sponsored by the Hawai`i Department of Education
2. Child Trauma/Adverse Childhood Experiences
3. Criminal & Civil Justice Issues: Violence and Trauma
4. Healthcare Systems, Violence and Trauma
5. Intimate Partner Violence
6. Prevention and Early Intervention
7. Sex and Labor Trafficking
8. Sexual Victimization
9. Special Topics in Trauma
10. Trauma in Military Personnel, Veterans & Their Families
11. Trauma & First Responders
12. Vulnerable Adults & Elder Trauma

*Some cultural components sponsored by Kamehameha Schools

In 2004, the Family Violence & Sexual Assault Institute (FVASI) 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 collaborating organizations and agencies became actively involved each year.

This report provides several highlights from the 2020 Summit, which was moved to a virtual platform due to the COVID-19 worldwide pandemic. For the first time, IVAT staff, planning committee members, and volunteers created a condensed program to accommodate the critical training needs of those working to end violence and abuse, while sheltering-in-place and working remotely. In just a short timeframe of four weeks, the Summit was transitioned to an online learning and training
platform, allowing attendees to participate from any location with internet access. We are grateful and proud to share that nearly **850 people** attended the 2020 Summit virtually.

We thank all the planning committee members, collaborating organizations, volunteers, and staff for the many hours and contributions provided to create such a successful event, despite the unprecedented circumstances. In particular we would like to thank our sponsors: Hawai‘i Department of Education; Kamehameha Schools; Hawai‘i Department of Health - Child & Adolescent Mental Health Division; Catholic Charities; Chaminade University; Consuelo Foundation; Hawai‘i Department of Health -Executive Office on Aging; Hawai‘i Pacific Health/Kapi‘olani Medical Center; Parents & Children Together and HMSA. Special thanks to: Family Programs Hawai‘i, P.A.R.E.N.T.S. Inc. and our other partners for providing needed support for the Summit.

"The staff did a PHENOMENAL job setting up this conference to get it to go virtual at basically the last minute. You guys are all rock stars!"

"Very professional and courteous but informal in a way that made you feel comfortable and safe."

"Abundance of interesting topics, knowledgeable panelists, and easy interaction with the panelists and group."

Much of the success of this event can also be credited to the **44 Planning Committee Members**, the **48 Ho`omaluhia Advisory Council Members**, and the **8 volunteers** who graciously donated their time in this unprecedented period. Their tireless efforts in providing virtual assistance through session monitoring support were deeply appreciated by presenters and attendees alike.

**Summit Highlights**

Pre-Summit workshops were presented on Tuesday, April 14th. Half-day introductory trainings included: *Introduction to Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs) Science and Practical Applications* by Sandi Capuano Morrison, MA; *Delivering Services Through a Culturally Responsive Trauma Informed Lens* by Suganya Sockalingam, PhD and Rachele Espiritu, PhD; and *Resilience for Trauma-Informed Professionals: Protecting Ourselves from Secondary Traumatic Stress* by Patricia Kerig, PhD.

Wednesday, April 15th and Thursday, April 16th, featured blocks of 90-minute breakout sessions, based on the twelve topic tracks. Solo presenters, partners, trios or cadres of co-presenters combined to provide interesting and in-depth sharing of state-of-the-science information, intervention and prevention programs.

Friday, April 17th featured 3-hour training sessions at an advanced level, providing attendees the opportunity to receive more specified and in-depth training and featured seasoned mainland and local presenters, who addressed a variety of timely topics.

"The presenters were so knowledgeable and a pleasure to listen to! The topics were current and relevant to my work."
“This training was outstanding!!!! I will be back and plan to attend the training in San Diego, also.”

“Able to attend virtually from home. Especially at this time - very helpful for planning committee to quickly respond to what was happening w/ COVID 19 and still be able to offer the summit in a different format. Thank you!”

This year’s Youth Art Challenge winners include Kailey Hardey, Savannah Bonilla, Jaden Monzon, Elizabeth-Marie Matamua-Fraser, Julie Kang, Lilinoe Kehano, Sharie Mamauad, Sara King, Cynthia Louchez, Aileen Kang, Jared Ubando, Kyler Fernandez, and Karina Sky. The theme celebrated these students work in “No Hurting, Show Aloha.” An in-person celebration with the students and their families will be set for a future date.
Although we were disappointed that we were unable to gather in person and recognize the work of our poster presenters, all were offered the opportunity to present in the 18th Hawai`i Summit in 2021. We are pleased to announce that out of the 51 Posters that were accepted, 11 plan to present their posters this fall during our annual San Diego International Summit.

“I will always attend IVAT! :) Been attending for a few years now. I love it. Thank you!”

“Top three strengths of the Summit: Diversity of speakers from a cultural perspective, length of presentations, and topic variety.”

“Professional networking among participants.”

“The presenters were extremely knowledgeable and provided valuable information.”

This year’s Summit included a total of twelve tracks: Adolescent Trauma and Youth Violence; Child Trauma/Adverse Childhood Experiences; Criminal and Civil Justice Issues: Violence and Trauma; Health Care Systems, Violence and Trauma; Intimate Partner Violence; Prevention and Early Intervention; Sex and Labor Trafficking; Sexual Victimization; Special Topics in Trauma; Trauma Among Military Personnel, Veterans, and their Families; Trauma and First Responders; and Vulnerable Adults and Elder Trauma. The Summit evaluations were quite high, with more than 99.54% of respondents stating they would recommend this Summit to others, and an overall rating of 95.39 % (Favorable) on a 4-point scale. The evaluations also showed that on a 5-point scale, 94.93% respondents agreed that the Summit content extended their overall knowledge. Over 88.43 % reported that the Summit challenged their thinking and 89.86 % indicated that they learned new techniques and applications as a result of the Summit.

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 historically we see over 1200 individuals attend throughout the 3 ½ days. This year, we saw nearly 850 attendees participate virtually, with over 364 new registrations within the two weeks prior to the start of the Summit. Over 500 participants were from Honolulu and neighboring islands, and at least 350 people attended from the mainland. Additionally, participants and speakers utilized the Zoom platform to attend from around the world, canvasing over 36 states and territories and 4 countries: Canada, Iceland, United Kingdom, and United Arab Emirates.
At the close of the **2020 Hawai`i Summit** we were honored to have C. Malina Kaulukukui, MSW, share a closing pule that we disseminated through our social media and mobile event app.

"Thanks so much for your help! I did enjoy the conference! You all did a GREAT job!"

"All topics were intriguing. Will want to come back next year."

Scholarships were generously provided by the Department of Education for 29 employees and we hope to continue to secure other funding for future Summits to support travel and registration expenses for attendees from neighbor-islands.

**Continuing Education:**
Continuing education credits (CEs) were provided for **136** professionals. These included Psychologists, Marriage and Family Therapists, Social Workers, Nurses, Physicians, Substance Abuse and other Counselors and Attorneys. Continuing Medical Education credits were available through the partnership with Hawai`i Pacific Health/Kapi`olani Medical Center. The Summit and Pre-Summit workshops provided up to **18** hours of Continuing Education credits.

**Future Steps:**
The Summit Planning Committee has begun to recruit more members, laying the groundwork for our **18th Hawai`i International Summit** to be held on April 27-30, 2021, at the Hawai`i Convention Center. We are continually looking for feedback, additional co-sponsors, exhibitors 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 violence and abuse and reduce trauma in our families and communities.

For more information, please contact our Summit department at IVAT@ivatcenters.org. We hope to see you again in the future! Mahalo! **With Aloha - The Summit Organizers at IVAT**
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