



**DOMESTIC VIOLENCE  
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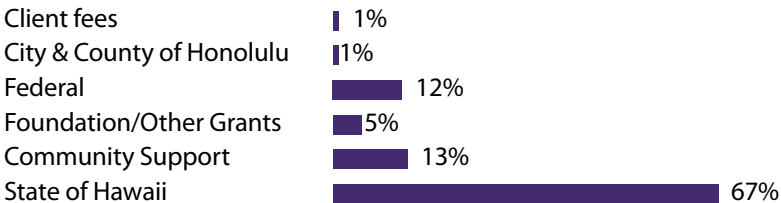


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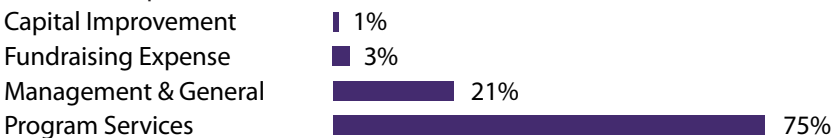
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## Fiscal Year 2012 Revenue/Expenses

### 2011-2012 Revenues



### 2011-2012 Expenses



### Unaudited Financial Statements

Net Assets ending June 30, 2012 - \$2,546,187.



## Aloha,

What do we say three years into the challenges of the “new normal?” We want to be uplifting, encouraging, optimistic and enthusiastic about addressing the challenges we face. Our approach to this work has always been to share honestly what we experience. Here it is: the new normal is hard to live in.

We are not lacking good ideas, conviction, compassion or commitment. The struggles are hard and unending. The mandate delivered in the mid-90’s, do more with less, is a harsh sentence when the future shows no signs of bright change.

This is not as gloomy as it sounds. Domestic Violence Action Center has not faltered. In fact, the opportunities and the invitations, the gifts and the presence of new and expanding allies continue streaming toward us. It is these things that make us enjoy the good fortune that is ours, and the reinforcement that we must be doing something right!!!

We muster creativity, remain steadfast in our vision and work with inspired collegiality in service to our island families.

It is the enduring light we embrace to overcome the obstacles, face the suffering that we see and seize the prospects that will continue to carry us forward. We listen for laughter and reach deep within to surround one another with the inspired promise that we make a difference every day in the lives of many.

We know our voices and our ideas are key to reaching the goal of safe homes in our beautiful island community.

Nanci Kreidman, M.A.  
Chief Executive Officer



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## Programs

The staff persistence is admirable. Of course, nothing less would be acceptable. Strong leadership, effective problem solving, and brave maneuvering are a foundation of employee practice at DVAC. All programs are still intact, even after the expiration of Rainy Day Funds-which had provided a partial restoration of funds originally lost at the time of Hawaii's, and the nation's, economic setback. Staffing for programs is smaller, which means fewer victims have the benefit of the unique and unduplicated program services available from DVAC.

Two members of the legal staff were on maternity leave during the year. Despite a smaller staff due to maternity and budget reductions not entirely offset by Rainy Day Fund, DVAC services were robust in the community. Helpline received 2,688 calls FY 2012. Legal staff opened 289 Family Court cases and closed 243 cases; 563 requests for legal representation were received. Agency attorneys made 333 court appearances at Family Court in FY 2012. Advocates opened 200 long term advocacy cases and closed a total of 183 advocacy cases. DVAC staff assisted with the completion of 5,004 safety plans and 3,369 risk assessments for agency clients and Helpline callers. DVAC staff had telephone contact with 16,081 callers, which includes those who inquire about domestic violence, survivors, clients on agency caseload and other community agencies working with DVAC clients. Staff made 911 accompaniments with clients to community agencies, pertinent appointments or court hearings.

The Teen Alert Program (TAP) maintained its broad outreach statewide. 4,235 students, educators & service providers were trained by staff at 33 Public schools and 15 Private schools. Research in collaboration with the University of Hawaii was conducted which documented the success of the TAP in changing social norms. Requests for presentations by neighbor island teachers and counselors grew in 2012 which translates to more teens on the neighbor islands in the audience digesting information about healthy relationships. Teen Alert Program worked collaboratively with interns at Ma'o Farm and created a PSA on the issue of teen dating violence. In FY 2012 our TAP advocate was converted to a 40 hour FTE position resulting in a larger caseload.

EXPO program services were examined to maximize efficiency, fortify program services and accommodate community needs given the adjustments made with Family Court restraining order services currently available in two locations: Kapolei and downtown Honolulu. EXPO is on site at Family Court to assist petitioners in obtaining restraining orders and those who appear at order to show cause



hearings for Protection Orders. EXPO Court Outreach staff opened 1,869 Cases and closed 607 cases.

A new program component, **Survivors Thrive**, was added to compliment other agency program services. Private funding from Atherton Family Foundation enabled DVAC to contract with a psychologist and a psychiatrist for therapeutic services to clients on the agency caseload.

DVAC legal staff also provided services to residents at Oahu shelters, operated by Parents and Children Together and Child and Family Services.



## Gifts Streaming To Us

One of the many blessings received during FY 2012 was DVAC's being selected by a panel of judges to receive public relations services valued at \$25,000 by Becker Communications in celebration of their 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

During February, **Vagina Monologues** is staged throughout the country, and Hawaii is one community that brings this powerful performance to audiences. In 2012, it was produced at Arts at Marks Garage with proceeds donated to DVAC.

The generosity of **Helping Hands** made it possible for DVAC agency clients to receive school supplies for their children, and Aloha Medical Mission's, **Give Back a Smile** program benefitted DVAC clients by providing cosmetic dental services.

In FY 2012, DVAC was also one of ten sites selected in the country to receive funding by the Office on Women's Health as part of the **Coalition for a Healthier Community** initiative, enabling us to enter into a five year effort working with Pilipino and Native Hawaiian communities on the leeward coast. This followed a one year planning grant producing a successful needs assessment and strategic action plan.

The Spiritual Counseling and Guidance Center honored Domestic Violence Action Center with its Ho'olele (Compassion) Award. The Filipino Women's League made gifts for 200 clients in honor of Mother's Day.

## We are in the Community

DVAC actively participated in meetings to shape administration and legislative dialog about substantive and budget matters related to domestic violence. Other involvement by DVAC in community discourse included attendance at Family Justice Center planning meetings, VAWA Planning Committee, Justice Reinvestment Roundtable, Legal Service Provider Consortium, Access to Justice Commission, Child Welfare Services Screening and Assessment Working Groups, Oahu Domestic Violence Task Force and Hawaii State Coalition Against Domestic Violence Oversight Body meetings to maintain collaborative efforts aimed at strengthening the system response to domestic violence as a civil, criminal, social service and community issue that requires attention.

The 2012 **Men's March against Violence** recognized Jay Kimura, Former Prosecutor of Hawaii County, for his work addressing domestic violence. New sponsors joined the Planning Committee, including PHOCUSED and the City and County of Honolulu Department of Community Services. The Teen Alert Program joined others in **Walk a Mile in Her Shoes** coordinated by the University of Hawaii PAU Violence program, a partner of DVAC, and also at Honolulu Community College and Kapiolani Community College. A **Love and Violence** event sponsored at Leeward Community College worked with Teen Alert to provide students a forum to share their personal experiences and learn from one another. DVAC participated in focused dialogue on social justice issues with the Community Cinema, and joined a panel to address issues presented in documentary film shown by Community Cinema.

The Domestic Violence Action Center developed in response to the enactment of Act 206, which prohibits employers from discriminating against victims of sexual and domestic violence. **DV Action Ready** will assist companies in becoming equipped to support employees suffering victimization, offer training for supervisors, guidance developing company policy and dissemination of materials for display-conveying to employees the company's capacity to address the issue, should it be necessary.

The **Consortium for Health Safety and Support (CHSS)** during Year 1 of Phase 2 pursued stability through community events, sustained communication and a dedicated approach to building relationships on the leeward coast with Filipino and Native Hawaiian communities. CHSS is assisting communities in West Oahu to change social norms, inspire coalition building, and impact health policy and practice in relation to violence against women and girls in these two ethnic communities. Successful partnerships were established with four community based non-profits (Women of Waianae, Hui Aloha Aina Momona, Making Progress Now and Ewa Beach Community Development Organization), to assist in carrying out community directed initiatives. Research materials were developed, mandatory training was conducted for Talkstory facilitators and IRB approval was granted to advance the implementation of research which is a part of the CHSS supported by Office of Women's Health. CHSS members come from a variety of backgrounds including social service providers, members of Hawaiian civic clubs, cosmetology field, LGBTQ/transgendered community educators, Pilipino scholars and educators, public health professionals, church leaders, IPV survivors and community members.

The Department of Health reached out to DVAC to conduct training statewide for practitioners in family planning and community clinics to strengthen

understanding and competence in screening patients. Fourteen trainings were completed by DVAC's Vice President of Survivor and Community Programs. Training and presentations were also provided to Child Protective Services, Salvation Army, Rotary Club of Honolulu, Women in Higher Education, Organization of Republican Women, Kapiolani Medical Center Grand Rounds, Honpa Hongwanji Buddhist Monks, Keiki O Ka Aina, Family Court Judges, Kaiser Permanente Social Workers, and two sessions at Wahine Forum, sponsored by Hawaii Business Magazine, Hawaii State Judiciary Volunteer Guardian Ad Litem, Honolulu Community College, Waianae CHSS and community, KTM Services Inc., Healthy Mothers, Healthy Babies Health Practitioner. DVAC participated in the coordination and training of a two day Interfaith Domestic Violence Conference.

The Domestic Violence Action Center continuously seeks and accepts invitations to discuss domestic violence. This year brought those opportunities at Hawaii State Bar Convention, Community Briefings in Makiki and Kaneohe, hosted by the Access to Justice Commission.

Active partnerships to meet the complex needs of survivors are in place and include work with the YWCA, Parents and Children Together, Child and Family Services, and the Hawaii State Coalition Against Domestic Violence to implement **Wahine Moving Forward**- a financial literacy and mentoring program. The collaboration which was funded by Office on Violence funded by Office on Violence Against Women, with Legal Aid continued through FY 2012.

With active leadership by the Planning Committee, **Girls Just Wanna Have Fun** brought young women and their moms (or guardians) to a beautiful event at the Plaza Club. Students from Sacred Hearts, Mid Pacific Institute and Punahou created an event to remember, emceed by Jill Kuramoto, featuring two survivors and plenty of fashion. Vendors and supporters participated to create an exciting shopping experience for event guests.

This year, the Domestic Violence Action Center sponsored an award category in the **HMSA Teen Video Contest**. The Teen Alert program and agency management viewed the PSA's submitted for the category, selected the winner and presented the award at the Teen Video Awards Ceremony at the Hawaii Convention Center. The Teen Alert Program also collaborated with **Women in Filmmaking** to create a summer workshop for teen girls that resulted in thirteen short films made by these young women. Two of these short films were debuted at the Honolulu International Film Festival.

Support was received from the Office on Women's Health to plan a national conference, titled **Pūlama I Ka 'Ohana**, on violence against women in Asian and Pacific Island communities. A Planning Committee was formed with partnering sponsors, including Department of Human Services, Department of Health, Queens Medical Center, Hawaii State Coalition Against Domestic Violence, Kooka Kalihi Valley and Medical Legal Partnership for Children in Hawaii.

## Media Presence

DVAC appeared in broadcast and print media throughout the year, including appearances on KHET Insight, Hawaii News Now, Olelo, KHON 2 News, KNDI (in Tagalog and Ilocano dialects), Town Square and The Conversation on HPR. Several pieces were published on the editorial pages of the Honolulu Star Advertiser. The CEO of DVAC was featured on KHET's LongStoryShort with Leslie Wilcox.

## Trainings Attended In FY 2012

DVAC participates in training, Webinars and conferences to stay abreast of developments and sharpen analysis about the issues. This year staff travelled to the Futures Without Violence Health Care Conference and the API Conference From Gender Violence to Gender Democracy. Other training sessions staff attended included:



- 2012 National Conference on Health & Domestic Violence
- ACT 206 In-Service Training
- Advanced Military Family Law Seminar
- Adventure Facilitation with Youth
- Anti-Bullying Seminar
- ASISTA Representing U Visa Clients with Complex Issues (part 2)
- Challenging Clients: Changing Paradigms
- Civil Unions
- Coming Together to Prevent Child Abuse
- Creating a Safety-Net for LGBT Youth Conference
- Custody Evaluation
- Custody Issues & Military Families webinar
- Divorce and Paternity
- Domestic Violence (DV) 101
- DV Expo
- Expanding Access to Justice (ATJ) in Challenging Economic Times
- Fringe Benefits – Tax Issues for Employers
- The Future of Batterer Intervention Programs (BIPS)
- Grant Recipient Training
- Grant-Writing Training
- Hawaii Youth Services Network Annual Meeting
- Helpline & Safety Planning
- High Tech Revolution in the Workplace
- How to Identify Human Trafficking Victims in a Medical Setting
- Immigrant Victims of DV webinar
- Intimate Partner Violence (IPV): What Health Care Providers Need to Know
- Issues to be Aware of when Dealing with CSEA
- Kuku Kumuhana
- Legal Help Line Training
- Military & Veteran Cultural Competence for Civilian Attorneys and Legal Advocates
- NITA Basic Trial Skills Program
- ODC 101
- Protection Order Practice for Attorneys and Advocates
- Public Benefits Training
- QDRO
- Representing DV Survivors Experiencing Trauma & Other Mental Health Challenges
- Services Programs & Procedures/ Helping Hands Hawaii
- Sex Education 101 for Educators
- Sexual Violence Primary Prevention Community Action Seminar: Engaging the Community to Prevent Sexual Violence
- Shaping the Future for Youth: Knowledge, Strategies, Connections
- Trauma Informed Services/Care Training/Catholic Charities HI
- Understanding Trauma & Mental Health in the Context of DV
- VAWA OVW Representing U Visa Clients with Complex Issues (part 1)



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