The Center on Disability Studies is proud to host a three hour session at the Pulama I ka ‘Ohana conference to be held on September 10th and 11th, 2012. Entitled Women, Disability and Violence, this informative and inspiration track will include a keynote presentation by a world renowned leader in disability and violence, a panel discussion between different local stakeholders and a facilitated discussion on next steps for Hawaii as it relates to ensuring the safety and well-being of girls and women with disabilities. How do we streamline health data? How do we prevent abuses from occurring? How do we build bridges between the disability communities and the DV communities? These and many more issues will be discussed in this intense and productive afternoon track at the conference. We have a lot of work to do to right the wrongs! Let’s do it together.

Agenda

1.30 pm  Welcome  Dr. Robert Stodden (invited) Center on Disability Studies

1:40 pm  Nothing about us, Without us  Abbey Dameg

1:50 pm  KEYNOTE ADDRESS: Women, Disability and Violence  Dr. Rosemary Hughes

3:00 pm  PANEL DISCUSSION: The State of Things: Past, Present and Future  Dr. David Fray, Lillian Gonzalez Brown, Carol Plummer, Tori Demotta and R. Malia Taum-Deenik

3:45 pm  FACILITATED GROUP DISCUSSION: Positive Island Futures for Girls and Women with Disabilities: Next steps  R. Malia Taum-Deenik

4:30 pm  Aloha!

Biographies

KEYNOTE: Rosemary Hughes, Ph.D., is a Senior Research Scientist at the Rural Institute on Disabilities, and Research Professor in the Department of Psychology at The University of Montana in Missoula. A licensed psychologist in Texas, she holds a Ph.D. in counseling psychology from the University of Houston. During the past 13 years, Dr. Hughes has served and continues to serve as principal
investigator (P.I.) and other key positions on federally-funded projects focused on investigating interpersonal violence against people with diverse disabilities. She is widely published and has presented nationally and internationally on violence in the context of disability. Most recently, Dr. Hughes and colleagues published, "Prevalence of Violence Against Community-Living Adults with Disabilities: A Literature Review" in the Journal of Rehabilitation Psychology. Dr. Hughes is the P.I. of a large community-based participatory research project, "Partnering with People with Developmental Disabilities to Address Violence." She has served as the University of Montana site P.I. for Portland State University's "Field Test of the Internet-based Safer and Stronger Program for Women with Disabilities" and the "Development of a Safety Planning Tool for Men with Disabilities." She served as Montana P.I. for Oregon Health and Science University's "Identification and Reporting of Violence by People with Disabilities." She was also P.I. of a study involving a nationally-tested intervention, "Center for Independent Living-based Abuse Education and Safety Planning Program for Women with Disabilities." She collaborates closely on her violence work with SafePlace Disability Services in Austin, Texas, and researchers from Portland State University, Oregon Health and Science University, and Baylor College of Medicine.

Prior to joining the University of Montana, Dr. Hughes was the Director of the Center for Research on Women with Disabilities and Assistant Professor in the Department of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation at Baylor College of Medicine in Houston, Texas. While at Baylor, she served as Co-P.I. of the project, Violence against Women with Physical Disabilities" and co-investigator of "Reducing Risk Factors for Abuse Among Low Income Minority Women with Disabilities." Dr. Hughes delivered the keynote, "Women, Disability, and Violence" at the 1st International Conference on Women with Disabilities in Valencia, Spain, in 2003. She has also served as a consultant to Safe Place's project, "Strategic Planning Program for Partners to Increase Service Access for People with Disabilities" and consultant for the National Disability Authority of Ireland.

R. Malia Taum-Deenik, J.D., serves as the Community Coordinator for the Honolulu ZERO TO THREE Court Team Project for Maltreated Infants & Toddlers. In this role, she works to improve service coordination for infants and toddlers and their families involved in the Child Welfare System. Previously, Malia worked for 11 years as the Managing Attorney of the Waianae Branch of the Legal Aid Society of Hawaii. Malia is currently a fellow with the 2012-2013 University of Massachusetts Boston Infant-Parent Mental Health Post-Graduate Certificate Program in Napa. Malia's wondering questions revolve around how to improve system responses for families and children in crisis and improving the way professionals interact with families and communities they serve.

Tori Demotta is a case manager for the State of Hawaii, Department of Health, Developmental Disabilities Division.

Abigail Dameg, was born and raised on the Big Island of Hawai‘i and has been employed as a Web/Compliance Administrator for the Center on Disabilities Studies at UH Manoa for 7 years. She is active as a Public Relation coordinator for GirlFest Hawaii, a non-profit organization and member of the Pacific Alliance to Stop Slavery for the prevention of domestic violence and human trafficking. She has co-
facilitated a trainers workshop and conference on teen violence in the community, including people with disabilities. Dameg says, “my disability has given me the courage to address and engage all other stakeholders in the community when bringing awareness and recognition of these common social issues, of domestic violence, abuse, and youth related issues.” Her advocacy and dedication for people with disabilities and abused women, led the Mayor’s committee to nominate her as the official model of advocacy for persons with disabilities.

Carol A. Plummer, Ph.D., L.C.S.W., received her Masters in Social Work from Western Michigan University, her Masters in Psychology from University of Michigan, and her PhD in Social Work and Personality Psychology from the University of Michigan. She is the author of Preventing Sexual Abuse, a prevention curriculum first published in 1984 and revised in 1997. She has conducted several studies on child sexual abuse prevention programs and on program effectiveness. More recently, her research and writing has focused on the coping of nonabusive mothers of sexually abused children, disaster trauma in the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina, and international and cultural issues in child abuse and neglect. She is currently an Associate Professor at the Myron B. Thompson School of Social Work (UH Manoa) and a Research Affiliate with the Consuelo Foundation. She has recently completed a statewide Hawaii research study entitled, “And How Are the Children” and is next focusing program development and research work on the island of Moloka‘i.

David Fray DDS, MBA is the Chief of the Developmental Disabilities Division for the Hawai‘i Department of Health since 2002. He holds a Long Term Care Administrator's Board (NAB), is a licensed Hawai‘i Nursing Home Administrator, and is the Vice President for Education for the American Academy of Developmental Medicine and Dentistry. His past positions include Assistant Director of Mental Health, Arkansas Department of Human Services, Director of the Arkansas Health Center, Director of the Arkansas Children's Medical Services (Title V), Arkansas Early Intervention and Arkansas Division of Developmental Disabilities Services. His interests include Emergency Preparedness, Scuba Diving and becoming a safer pilot.
More about the Conference

Pulama I Ka 'Ohana | Honolulu, Hawaii

September 10 and 11 at the Hilton Waikiki Beach Hotel

The Asian American population in the United States grew 46% between 2000 and 2010, faster than any other racial group nationwide. Native Hawaiians, are also steadily growing in population. For both communities this can create implications towards understanding violence in families, as well as the need to generate innovative and responsive programming, policies, and partnerships.

Pulama I Ka 'Ohana plans to strengthen the dialogue and deepen understanding about the roles that historical trauma, cultural norms and gender have in contributing to violence against women in Asian and Pacific Island communities. Conference organizers agree that further understanding about the social, economic and cultural determinants that create and sustain health disparities is needed.

Convening partners include: Domestic Violence Action Center, Hawaii Department of Health, Hawaii Department of Human Services, Kokua Kalihi Valley, Medical Legal Partnership for Children in Hawaii, Hawaii State Coalition Against Domestic Violence, The Queen’s Medical Center.

Registration Information:

Conference Fees: $225 per person

One Day Rate: $110 per person

Group Rate: $150, for groups of 3 from same agency

To register please visit this link: Pulama I Ka 'Ohana Registration

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