

**REPORT TO THE TWENTY-SEVENTH HAWAII STATE  
LEGISLATURE 2013**

**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 2012 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, Session Laws of Hawaii 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 2011-2012</b>	
Balance on 7/1/11	\$729,807
Plus FY 2011-2012 revenues:	+\$283,422
Minus FY 2011-2012 expenditures:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• \$18,500 to DOH for Child Death Review</li> <li>• \$90,695 to Domestic Violence Services</li> <li>• \$15,371 Citizen Review Panel Training</li> <li>• \$100,000 for Special Fund Assessment</li> <li>• \$5,175 CWS Management Leadership Team Meeting</li> <li>• \$150 SFAI Summit</li> <li>• \$167,478 EPIC –Family Connections Grant</li> <li>• \$88,219 Catholic Charities (Infant &amp; Toddler Foster Care)</li> <li>• \$761 Miscellaneous</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>\$ 18,500</li> <li>\$ 90,695</li> <li>\$ 15,371</li> <li>\$100,000</li> <li>\$ 5,175</li> <li>\$ 150</li> <li>\$167,478</li> <li>\$ 88,219</li> <li>\$ 761</li> </ul>
Total FY 2011-2012 Expenditures	-\$486,349
Balance on 7/1/12	\$526,880
Anticipated Revenue SFY 2012	\$579,521
Planned FY 2012-2013 expenditures:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• \$245,000 to DAGS, Special Fund Assessment</li> <li>• \$20,000 to Support the Hawaii Statewide Citizen Review Panel</li> <li>• \$40,000 CWS Management Leadership Team</li> <li>• \$10,000 Prevention of Teen Pregnancy and Sexually Transmitted Infections</li> <li>• \$107,485 EPIC-Family Connections Grant</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>\$245,000</li> <li>\$ 20,000</li> <li>\$ 40,000</li> <li>\$ 10,000</li> <li>\$107,485</li> </ul>

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• \$141,863 Therapeutic Foster Care</li> <li>• \$137,152 Resource Caregiver Training</li> <li>• \$50,000 Investigator Training</li> <li>• \$75,000 Domestic Violence Services Capacity Building and Training</li> <li>• \$75,000 Human Trafficking Assessment Tool</li> <li>• \$100,000 Transitioning Youth to Successful Independence</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>\$141,863</li> <li>\$137,152</li> <li>\$ 50,000</li> <li>\$ 75,000</li> <li>\$ 75,000</li> <li>\$100,000</li> </ul>
Total Planned Expenditures for FY 2012-2013	-\$1,001,500
Estimated Balance 7/1/13	\$104,901

The current spending plan for SFY 2012-2013 will bring the Special Assessment Fee current as of September 30, 2012. This obligation was in arrears in the past years due to the State's financial crisis and the consequent need to prioritized use of the fund for services to ensure the health and safety of child and spouse abuse victims.

**PLANNED USE OF FUNDS FOR FY 2012-2013**

**A. Special Fund Assessment**

The Department will allocate \$245,000 to the Department of Accounting and General Services (DAGS) for the required Special Fund Assessment. With this payment, the Department will be current as of September 30, 2012, on this obligation.

**B. Citizen Review Panel Support**

The Department will allocate \$20,000 for Citizen Review Panel Support. This will provide support and encourage expansion of the Citizen Review Panels that are required by the Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act (CAPTA).

**C. CWS Management Leadership Team**

The Department will allocate \$40,000 for goods and services needed to support the CWS Management Leadership Team initiative which brings together CWS Section Administrators and Supervisors from all jurisdictions for Statewide meetings to discuss and plan for implementation of best practice services to improve services to CWS families and children, the most vulnerable and needy population in Hawaii. A portion of the funds will be used to increase CWS Branch and Section Administrators meetings to address the short and long term goals of CWS, improve communication and understanding of expectations, and develop a team approach.

**D. Prevention of Teen Pregnancy and Sexually Transmitted Infection**

The Department plans to allocate \$10,000 to support the Branch's participation, as one of only five jurisdictions throughout the nation, selected to participate in a grant sponsored by the National Association of Public Child Welfare Services Administrators (NAPCWA), the American Public Human Services Association (APHSA), and the National Campaign to Prevent Teen and Unplanned Pregnancy. The National Campaign, with support from the Annie E. Casey

Foundation, is a three-year “Integration of Teen Pregnancy and Sexually Transmitted Infection Prevention into State and Local Foster Care Systems” project.

**E. Family Connections Grant**

The allocation of \$107,485 is planned to support the Department's continuing efforts to sustain efforts to develop and implement enhanced services designed to provide stability for children referred to the Department through 'ohana conferencing at the inception of a case and enhanced family finding activities to ensure appropriate placement with relatives and connections with supportive family members.

**F. Therapeutic Foster Care**

The Department plans to allocate \$141,863 for specialized therapeutic placement services for children needing services above and beyond the ability of the Department's family-based foster care system.

**G. Resource Caregiver Training**

The Department plans to allocate \$137,152 for training for the Department's resource caregivers to support and enhance their ability to provide necessary and appropriate services to children placed in their care.

**H. Investigator Training**

The Department plans to allocate \$50,000 for staff training staff in collaboration with law enforcement, prosecutors, and service providers. This will cover expenses related to retaining speakers/trainers, as well as, direct costs for DHS staff to participate in these trainings. Training topics will include, but not be limited to, medical and legal investigations of child abuse injuries.

**I. Domestic Violence Services Capacity Building and Training**

The DHS plans to allocate \$75,000 to build the capacity of domestic violence services and improve system response by developing a domestic violence training plan and curriculum for CWS staff who work directly with children and families. A coordinated system response by well trained first responders will lessen the trauma to DV victims and their families.

**J. Human Trafficking Assessment Tool**

The DHS plans to allocate \$75,000 to research, develop and implement an assessment tool to improve our capacity to identify child victims of human trafficking and referrals to appropriate services. Increasing the knowledge base and skills of CWS staff to explore these sensitive areas with child victims will lead to better detection and linkage to appropriate services in a timely manner. Once the tool is completed, a training curriculum will be developed and provided to CWS staff and stakeholders.

**K. Transitioning Youth to Successful Independence**

The DHS plans to allocate \$100,000 to assist youth to become independent, self-sufficient, productive, capable adults. Collaborating with our youth, resource families, service providers, and CWS staff, the DHS will develop an integrated model to ensure the successful transition of our youth into adulthood.