

**REPORT TO THE TWENTY-SIXTH HAWAII STATE  
LEGISLATURE 2012**

**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 2011 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, SLH 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 YEARS 2010-2012</b>	
Balance on 7/1/10	\$776,597
Plus FY 2010-2011 revenues:	+\$472,515
Minus FY 2010-2011 expenditures:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• \$40,000 to DOH for Child Death Review Nurse Coordinator</li> <li>• \$36,570 to Women Helping Women (DV)</li> <li>• \$122,552 to Domestic Violence Services</li> <li>• \$500 for Training</li> <li>• \$7,394 Citizen Review Panel</li> <li>• \$213,238 for Voluntary Case Management Services</li> <li>• \$39,050 for Special Fund Assessment</li> </ul>	
Total FY 2010-2011 Expenditures	-\$459,304
Balance on 7/1/11	\$789,808
Planned FY 2011-2012 expenditures	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• \$40,000 to DOH for Child Death Review Nurse Coordinator</li> <li>• \$36,000 to DAGS, Special Fund Assessment</li> <li>• \$20,000 to Support the Hawaii Statewide Citizen Review Panel</li> <li>• \$400,000 to Family Strengthening Services</li> <li>• \$250,000 to Voluntary Case Management Services</li> </ul>	
Total Planned Expenditures for FY 2011-2012	-\$746,000*
Estimated Balance 7/1/12	\$43,808

\* Planned expenditures are above current allowed ceiling. The Department requested but was not granted the authorization of a ceiling increase to \$1,000,000 by the Legislature in the 2011

Legislative Session. This creates a situation where the Department has not been able to utilize existing funds to address arrears in the Special Assessment Fee due to an insufficient allotment.

The Special Assessment Fee is in arrears because the Department has 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 2011-2012**

### **A. Nurse Coordinator Position for Child Death Review Teams**

The Department plans to continue to provide \$40,000 of the SCASA funds to the Department of Health for a Nurse Coordinator for the Statewide Child Death Review system. The Nurse Coordinator schedules and coordinates the Counties and State level team meetings, engages in multi-disciplinary efforts to decrease child deaths, gathers information to identify risk factors associated with child deaths, and produces an annual report to the Legislature.

### **B. Special Fund Assessment**

The Department will pay \$36,000 to the Department of Accounting and General Services (DAGS) for the Special Fund Assessment required.

### **C. Citizen Review Panel Support**

The Department will pay \$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).

### **D. Family Strengthening Services**

The Department will pay \$400,000 to enhance Family Strengthening Services statewide to ensure adequate services are available to respond to reports of Child Abuse and Neglect by providing voluntary Family Strengthening services to prevent out-of-home placements and increased service needs due to an increased Child Protective Services workload due to the RIF and lost time due to the furloughs.

### **E. Voluntary Case Management Services**

The Department will pay \$250,000 to enhance Voluntary Case Management Services statewide to ensure adequate services are available to respond to reports of Child Abuse and Neglect by providing Voluntary Case management services to prevent out-of-home placements and address service needs due to an increased Child Protective Services workload due to the RIF and lost time due to the furloughs.