



OUR MISSION

WestCare's mission
is to empower everyone whom
we come into contact with
to engage in a process of healing,
growth and change,
benefiting themselves,
their families, coworkers and
communities.

“UPLIFTING THE HUMAN SPIRIT”

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WestCare Pacific Islands – Project Isa-ta – “Our Rainbow”

Purpose

WestCare Pacific Islands' Project Isa-Ta, "Our Rainbow," provides girls in Guam an opportunity to improve their quality of life by using gender specific, youth informed approaches to reduce sexually risky behaviors. The *Isa-Ta* network provides health, mental health, substance abuse, family planning, mentoring, tutoring, and public assistance services to Pacific Island girls that might otherwise not receive them. The program hopes to increase self-esteem, body image, critical thinking, overall health and wellness and decrease early sexual activity and other risky behavior among girls at-risk ages 12-17 years, thereby decreasing the likelihood of this population of contracting HIV/AIDS and STIs.

Services and Scope

Isa-Ta is designed to enhance prevention and support activities for girls ages 9 to 17 years who are at risk of juvenile delinquency to reduce their participation in sexually risky behaviors that lead to STDs/HIV. Services to females are provided in a safe, supportive, and warm environment with foundations built on safety, acceptance, and trust; and that treat each girl with dignity and respect. With program staff as positive role models, *Isa-Ta* sets a tone of trust and acceptance by providing a forum for girls in a non-judgmental atmosphere.

Project Isa-Ta activities combine a 15-month prevention education program of interactive curriculum-based groups and positive social/recreational activities that achieve positive outcomes for girls, community awareness events, and community and parent training. Capacity building and community awareness activities change the community, family, and peer normative environments and attitudes on issues of HIV/STDs and violence, and reduce stigma towards safe sex and discussions of HIV/AIDS/STDs. Prevention education and supportive groups meet weekly at various sites throughout Guam using several curricula that include Girls Circle, Street Smart, Teen Health Project and Safe Dates.

Funding Source(s)

Project Isa-Ta is funded by a grant from the Office on Women's Health under the U.S. Department of Health & Human Services.

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WestCare Pacific Islands – Early Intervention & Transition Assistance Program for Veterans (EITAP)

Purpose

The emphasis of the *Early Intervention & Transition Assistance Program for Veterans (EITAP)* is to break down barriers for OEF/OIF veterans to access to benefits, care, housing and family support where they exist, and to help enhance the level of care available. WestCare's priority will be to first reconnect veterans with the Guam Vet Center and their available benefits and services. If our staff can still be helpful after that important linkage is made during follow up outreach sessions with additional referrals or transition assistance we will do so.

Services and Scope

The Early Intervention & Transition Assistance Program for Veterans (EITAP) provides brief interventions, referrals, outreach and follow-up for OEF/OIF veterans in Guam and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands. In conducting extensive, culturally competent outreach activities at community health fairs, family fun events, job fairs and other local activities, the *EITAP* will attract veterans in need of services and link them with the appropriate community resource.

Funding Source(s)

The Early Intervention & Transition Assistance Program for Veterans (EITAP) is funded by the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs

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WestCare Pacific Islands – Sagan Mami Drop-in Enrichment Center

Purpose

This program is a resource center for persons with mental illness or individuals at-risk for homelessness. It is a place for respite, healing and our hope is that it will be the path to better access to services and a better quality of life for consumers.

Services and Scope

The Sagan Mami Drop-in Enrichment Center is a source for various media, such as magazines, newspapers, DVDs, videos, brochures, and pamphlets on information about mental illnesses, disabilities, benefits, community resources and more.

The Supported Employment Program is for a select, pre-screened group of individuals with a mental illness to undergo pre-employment training and participate in the Work Enrichment Program, also known as the WEP. The WEP is designed to place consumers in external places of employment to gain skills doing such work as in clerical work, janitorial services, landscaping, customer service, call centers, reception areas, waitstaff and countless others.

The Peer Mentorship program operates on the premise of peer support, that people who have faced, endured and overcome challenges can offer useful encouragement, hope and mentorship to others facing similar situations. This program offers members in Sagan Mami the opportunity to do just that. Through this mentorship consumers will be able to develop positive life skills to cope with life's challenges in the road to recovery and healing. Training to peers by peers is conducted on such topics as self-advocacy, goal-setting, the Americans with Disabilities Act, public speaking, the fundamentals of recovery and more.

The Drop-in Center component seeks to serve homeless individuals in need of assistance by providing referrals for shelter, medical care and other services, offering a light meal and place of respite from the streets.

Funding Source(s)

The Sagan Mami Drop-in Enrichment Center is funded by the Guam Department of Mental Health & Substance Abuse



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WestCare Pacific Islands – The GUAHAN Project

Purpose

The GUAHAN Project, with its roots as an HIV/AIDS service organization in the last decade, continues its life-saving work, now under WestCare Pacific Islands. Building upon its legacy as the only HIV/AIDS service organization in the Western Pacific, *the GUAHAN Project* seeks to promote the vital importance of knowing your HIV/AIDS status, reducing shame and stigma associated with getting tested and educating members of at-risk populations on Guam, which include young people ages 18-24 years, men who have sex with men (MSM) and women of Chuukese descent.

Services and Scope

The GUAHAN Project offers confidential HIV testing and counseling, outreach and specialized training throughout the Western Pacific.

Funding Source(s)

The GUAHAN Project is funded by Office of Minority Health, U.S. Department of Health & Human Services; Life Foundation Hawai'i; Guam Department of Public Health & Social Services.



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