

Practicing Aloha to End Sexual Violence

A Community Approach to Preventing Sexual Violence in Hawai'i

RECOGNIZING OUR COLLECTIVE EXISTENCE

Sexual violence impacts everyone in Hawai'i and calls for everyone's kokua to prevent it. The Aloha Spirit Law ([Hawai'i Revised Statutes §5-7.5](#)) recognizes Aloha as the essence of relationships in which each person is important to every other person for collective existence.

A PUBLIC HEALTH FRAMEWORK FOR PREVENTION

The CDC's Connecting the Dots framework is an approach for understanding the interconnected nature of multiple forms of violence and indicators that increase or decrease the likelihood of violence.



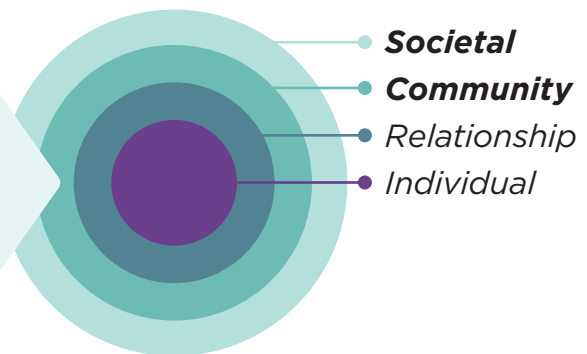
Risk factors introduce increased risk for perpetrating or experiencing multiple forms of violence



Protective factors help lessen the risk of perpetrating or experiencing multiple forms of violence

The **Social-Ecological Model (SEM)** is a way to examine the interaction of risk and protective factors at four levels: *societal, community, relationship, and individual*.

*Through the CDC's Rape Prevention and Education Grant, the Hawai'i Department of Health Sexual Violence Prevention Program focuses on **community** and **societal** level strategies for the primary prevention of sexual violence.*



Building Protective Factors With Aloha

Community support and connectedness is a protective factor for sexual violence. Taking a community level approach calls on everyone to collectively practice Aloha. Together, we can build healthier families and communities in Hawai'i.

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

[Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Injury Prevention & Control: Division of Violence Prevention Connections Selector](#)
[Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Rape Prevention Education Program](#)
[Connecting the Dots: An Overview of the Links Among Multiple Forms of Violence](#)