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### Expert on Trauma Facilitates Victim Advocacy Training

September 28, 2018, Tamuning, Guam- The Office of the Attorney General hosted a victim advocacy professional training on September 20-21, 2018 at the Guam Westin Resort. Over 100 people comprised of government, judiciary, law enforcement, military and non-profit organizations participated.

Dr. Robert Geffner, a licensed clinician and Founding President of the Institute on Violence, Abuse and Trauma, facilitated the training made possible through funding from a Fiscal Year 2015 Victim Assistance Discretionary Grant, Grant Award No. 2015-VF-GX-0015. This comprehensive, interactive professional training conference focused on effects of trauma on the brain, adverse childhood experiences, trauma informed systems of care, and discussions on client resiliency. The second day focused vicarious trauma, compassion, fatigue, self-care, and avoiding burnout particularly for professionals who provide direct victim assistance services.

The following agencies participated in the interactive and hands-on training: Air Force Family Advocacy Program; Air Force Airman and Family Readiness Center; Catholic Social Services; Department of Corrections; Department of Public Health and Social Services Adult Protective Services and Child Protective Services; Department of Youth Affairs; Erica's House; Guam Police Department; Healing Hearts Crisis Center; Judiciary of Guam; Navy Fleet and Family Support Center; Navy Regional Family Readiness; the Office of the Attorney General's Consumer Protection Division, Family Division, Prosecution Division and Victim Service Center; Sanctuary, Inc.; and Victim Advocates Reaching Out.

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