

## Mission Statement

Client Services & Family Counseling is a Division of the Judiciary of Guam. Its mission is to provide clinical services in support of the judicial process; to promote community activities that enhance a reasonable quality of life; to advance partnerships of equality; respect and peace among all people; and to foster social change.

## Internship Program

CSFC provides an intensive program to supervise and train college students and graduates in the helping professions.

## Community Outreach

CSFC takes a proactive role in the community by providing outreach services on issues relating to violence, trauma, stress, coping and other life skills.

## Family Violence Task Force

CSFC participates and coordinates events and educational activities with the Family Violence Information Network and Task Force.

## Interagency Case Reviews

CSFC participates in the Interagency Committee that reviews complex cases requiring intensive intervention.

## Historical Background

Chief Justice Joaquin Perez was instrumental in recognizing the need to provide counseling services for its clientele in the mid-1960's. As a result, the Diagnostic and Treatment Services Unit was created under the purview of the Probation Services Division.

As the Court's counseling needs increased, psychiatrists, psychologists and therapists were hired. Under the tenure of Presiding Judge Alberto Lamorena, III, Client Services and Family Counseling became a separate division in 1991 and was created under Public Law 20-221.

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## Forensic and Psychological Evaluations

The Court's Psychologist evaluates individuals who have raised the issue of mental illness in their case. These evaluations answer two main questions: (1) Is the person able to participate in the court hearings? (2) Does person know right from wrong? Sometimes two other questions are answered: (1) Can treatment help? (2) What kind of treatment should be used? These evaluations help the court know how to best proceed in a criminal case with psychological issues.

## Individual, Marriage and Family Counseling

Counseling is offered to children, adults, couples and families referred by the Court in various kinds of cases. Problems addressed in counseling may include self-esteem, anxiety, depression, identity, emotional functioning, stress, abuse, trauma, loss, relationships, separation, divorce, communication, conflict, effective parenting, and behavioral management.



## Family Violence Men's Groups

This men's group is for men who have been violent with their partners and have been ordered by the Judge to attend treatment. Men learn to promote safety and non-violence in relationships through changes in behavior and attitudes. Interpreters are used in groups for non-English speakers. Cost: \$300 per group cycle. \$10 per individual session.



## Sex Offender's Groups

This is a group counseling program for court referred men on probation or parole for sex related crimes. The group meets for 66 hours of group time and upon completion are enrolled in a six month aftercare program.

## Conciliation Counseling

Conciliation is counseling ordered by the court in a domestic case for those couples who want to preserve their relationship or resolve their differences. Even couples who later decide to permanently separate often find that counseling helps to ease the tension, conflict and transition associated with the divorce/separation.



## Women's Groups

T.H.R.I.V.E. (Teaching, Healing, and Recovery for Women in Violent Environments) is a group for women who are in or have been in a violent relationship. Women learn about violence, their own anger, power and control, equality in relationships, ways to handle avoid harm and increase safety.

## KIDS Groups

This is a support group for children between the ages of 5 to 12 years who have witnessed violence in their homes. It meets for 10 sessions and addresses safety, responsibility, anger, skill building, self esteem and socialization.

