

GOVERNMENT OF GUAM  
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR  
AGANA, GUAM

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 86-6

GUAM TASK FORCE ON CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE

WHEREAS, the family is the heart and soul of our island and our future; and,

WHEREAS, child sexual abuse attacks the very fiber of the family and acts as a cancer upon normal, traditional family life; and,

WHEREAS, child sexual abuse causes long term psychological distress to the victims and their families, and, ultimately upon our entire island community; and,

WHEREAS, along with the psychological suffering and the negative sociological implications of child sexual abuse, child sexual abuse creates a heavy economic burden on the government, due to increased public assistance benefits for separate maintenance of family members, increased foster care costs for children who have been removed from their home, increased costs to the criminal justice system due to additional court proceedings, increased costs of Public Health and Social Services and Mental Health due to the need for crisis intervention and long term counseling; and,

WHEREAS, it has been found that if not treated, child sexual abuse may lead to a cycle of sexual abuse; and,

WHEREAS, child sexual abuse may also contribute to other anti-social behavior which requires intervention by the family court; and

WHEREAS, there are no comprehensive assessment or treatment programs currently available for the victims and families of child sexual abuse within the community; and,

WHEREAS, there are no comprehensive training programs available to educate professionals involved with child sexual abuse; and

WHEREAS, there has been a 300% increase in the report of sexual abuse on Guam in the last two years and an alarming increase of child sexual abuse;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, RICARDO J. BORDALLO, do hereby establish the GUAM TASK FORCE ON CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE to be composed of not more than twenty (20) persons to be appointed by the Governor from the following agencies:

The Department of Public Health and Social Services; the Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Agency; the Department of Youth Affairs; the Department of Law; the Department of Education; the Guam Police Department;

the Department of Corrections; the Office of the Governor; the Eighteenth Guam Legislature; the Superior Court of Guam; the Public Defender Service Corporation; the Guam Legal Services Corporation; each of the branches of the armed forces; and from any private, civic, or volunteer organization in the community having as its particular concern child sexual abuse.

The Task Force shall issue a report to the Governor within 120 days of the enactment of this order. The Task Force will hold public meetings to gather information as well as rely on all resources available in preparing their report. The report shall address all of the aforementioned issues. The Task Force will terminate when their report is completed and submitted to the Governor.

SIGNED AND PROMULGATED at Agaña, Guam, this 4th day of APRIL, 1986.



RICARDO J. BORDALLO  
Governor of Guam

COUNTERSIGNED:



EDWARD D. REYES  
Lieutenant Governor of Guam