

Community-Based Organizations

A Guide to Community-Based Organizations Serving
Asian Americans & Pacific Islanders in
Southern California

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Introduction

The inspiration to start this project happened because of the Asian American Studies Civic Engagement class (ASAM 230) I took at Cal State Fullerton. The course was taught by Dr. Jennifer A. Yee and was taken during my spring semester of 2016. Through the course, I learned about community based organizations (CBOs) and was able to develop a passion for civic engagement and activism as a result of it. However, after I took the course, I found that students who wanted to continue volunteering were having a difficult time finding and connecting with other CBOs in the area.

To help these students, I created this archive consisting of 20 CBOs in Los Angeles and Orange County. In order to give students a wide range of selection, I intentionally chose ten CBOs for each of the counties. These organizations were established to provide support and resources to the Asian American and Pacific Islander community. Services range from youth programs to affordable housing developments, these organizations help sustain the people and the community that they live in.

Although this document contains a wide range of organizations, I did not include all of the AAPI serving CBOs in Los Angeles and Orange County below. The

The CBOs listed below include the following information:

- **Mission Statement:** a statement about the organizations' vision
- **Location:** is not the service site, but it is where the organization's headquarter is located at. Some may not have a specific location, so they are listed under their city.
- **Target Population:** the population that the organization is serving
- **Programs /Services:** programs and services that the organizations offer
- **Volunteer Opportunities:** contact information on any volunteering/internship opportunities at the organization
- **Contact Information:** include address, phone number, email, and website, but some who do not have the information mentioned above will be listed with a website URL

Additionally, I modified some for clarification purposes. Only the mission statements are direct quote from each of the organization's website.

Orange County, California

Facts on Orange County:

- *Approximately 35 miles south of Los Angeles*
- Has a population of 3,010,232 based on the 2010 census
- 20 % Asian population
- Roughly 0.4% Native Hawaiian and other Pacific Islander
- Has the largest population of Vietnamese Americans in the country, with most residing in ethnic enclaves like Westminster and Garden Grove
- Median income ranges about \$76, 509 from 2011-2015
- Home to Disneyland

Asian Americans for Advancing Justice

Mission Statement

"Asian Americans Advancing Justice - Los Angeles is the nation's largest legal and civil rights organization for Asian Americans, Native Hawaiians, and Pacific Islanders (NHPI). The organization serves more than 15,000 individuals and organizations every year. Through direct services, impact litigation, policy advocacy, leadership development, and capacity building, Advancing Justice focuses on the most vulnerable members of the Asian American and NHPI communities while also building a strong voice for civil rights and social justice. In partnership with the Orange County courts, Advancing Justice - LA holds regular Vietnamese language family law workshops as well as providing legal assistance to a limited number of Orange County-based immigrant survivors of domestic violence."

Location

626 East 4th Street
Santa Ana, CA 92701

Target Population

Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders

Programs/Services

Immigration Assistance

Through clinics and individual representation, the organization provides free assistance to AANHPIs who are in detention or have deportation orders. The organization also help undocumented immigrants who are eligible for the President's executive relief program.

Citizenship Assistance

Building on the past successful workshops in Los Angeles County, the organization will increase free assistance to Orange County residents seeking to naturalize.

Healthcare Access

Asian Americans for Advancing Justice will work with community partners to outreach to and enroll low-income undocumented youth into a new state health insurance program, as well as continue to outreach and enroll AAPIs in Covered California and Medi-Cal programs.

Voting rights and Voter Engagement

The organization will continue to support AAPI leaders and community groups in Fullerton and other Orange County cities facing district election challenges.

Volunteer Opportunities

For volunteering and internship opportunities, please go to

<https://www.advancingjustice-la.org/get-involved/volunteer-us>

Contact Information

626 East 4th Street

Santa Ana, CA 92701

www.advancingjustice-la.org

Asian Pacific AIDS Intervention Team

Mission Statement

"To positively impact the quality of life for medically underserved communities living with or at risk for HIV/AIDS and other health disparities through culturally competent and linguistically appropriate programs in Southern California."

Location

12900 Garden Grove Blvd.
Suite 220A
Garden Grove, CA 92843

Target Population

Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders who are affected by HIV/AIDS

Programs/Services

HIV Care Programs

- HIV Testing
APAIT offers free, confidential, and rapid HIV tests with results delivered in less than 20 minutes.
- Partner and Family Notification
APAIT have available counselors that will be able to give options on how to inform partners and family members about health status.
- James Sakakura Family Room
A social support group that meets every Wednesday from 12:00 p.m. to 2 p.m. Come and enjoy a light lunch, and learn how to live well and thrive with HIV/AIDS.
- Linkage to Care
The Linkage to Care Specialists are able to assist in linking individuals living with HIV/AIDS to HIV medical care, by helping individuals overcome barriers that may prevent them from sustaining the medical care and treatment that they need. Our specialists help make accessing care as easy and efficient as possible so that clients can achieve a better quality of life.

- Patient Navigation
 The program's patient navigators can provide individuals with consultations and health information, assess eligibility for public health coverage and other benefits programs. The program will also assist with the application process, schedule appointments with providers, obtain translation and interpretation services, help plan next steps, and follow up with pending application statuses and/or upcoming appointments.
- Behavioral Services
 Trained and licensed mental health professionals provide short-term or sustained therapeutic interventions if you experience acute and/or ongoing mental health disorders.
- Housing Case Management
 The program's housing case managers work through Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA) to assist individuals with housing programs such as: Short Term Rent, Mortgage, and Utilities (STRMU), Permanent Housing Placement (PHP), and Section We can also help with referrals for emergency shelters, food pantries, and other community resources.
- INSPIRE
 A counseling program that provides one-on-one, weekly sessions to address sexual risk for HIV and sexually transmitted infections (STIs), adherence to HIV medical treatments, societal/cultural stigma, substance abuse avoidance, health care access, and disclosure of status. This program is free and open to both HIV-positive and HIV-negative individuals.
- Medical Retention Services
 Providing medical case management services for individuals who are not HIV medication adherent, medically compromised or have a viral load greater than 100,00 copies/mL, and dealing with medical and/or behavioral health co-morbidities that impeded medical care adherence.
- Medical Transportation
 The organization can provide free bus tokens if individuals have trouble attending medical appointments.

- Non-Medical Case Management
The organization can provide food pantry, client advocacy, and client support services
- Emergency Financial Assistance Housing
If participants are living with HIV/AIDS and need help with housing, the program can offer emergency rental, deposit, and/or utilities assistance.

Behavioral Health Services

- Mind Body Spirit Wellness
A one-on-one cognitive-behavioral therapy (CBT)-based, short-term or sustained therapy for HIV-positive individuals experiencing acute and/or ongoing co-occurring mental health disorders.
- L.E.T.S (Learn, Educate, Trust, and Support) Talk Support Group
L.E.T.S. talk is a weekly social support group for people living with HIV/AIDS. L.E.T.S. talk promotes wellness and support while providing individuals with the opportunity to talk in a safe and confidential atmosphere.

Volunteering Opportunities

For volunteering and internship opportunities, go to <http://apaitonline.org/contact-us/>

Contact Information

12900 Garden Grove Blvd, Suite 220A

Garden Grove, CA 92843

(714) 636-1349

www.apaitonline.org

Common Ground

Mission Statement

“Common Ground is organized by progressive Vietnamese American community members, artists, and activists committed to cultivating a positive and safe healing space for artistic growth and community empowerment. The common ground collective builds collaborations across communities and supports the work of social justice spaces.”

Location

1600 N. Broadway, Suite 210
Santa Ana, CA 92706

Target Population

Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders

Programs/Services

Open Mic Series

Common Ground follows in the tradition of One Mic, an open mic series that was coordinated by the spoken word group, Mai Piece, and ran from January 2004 to February 2006 throughout Orange County. Following transitions and location challenges, One Mic went on permanent hiatus.

In 2010, there was a statewide gathering of over 50 people who identified as Viet and progressive to learn, share, and explore what it means to build a vision for social justice in the Viet community. This gathering sparked renewed interest in recreating an open mic series in the region. And this seemed like an opportune moment coinciding with VAALA's Cultural Center opening in Santa Ana the previous year. Shortly after the gathering, local activists, artists, and organizers met to discuss and develop what would be known as common ground, which kicked off its inaugural show at the VAALA Cultural Center in August of 2010.

Volunteer Opportunities

For volunteering and internship opportunities, go to <http://www.commongroundoc.com/how-to-get-involved.html>

Contact Information

1600 N. Broadway, Suite 210

Santa Ana, CA 92706

www.commongroundoc.com

Korean Resource Center

Mission Statement

"The Korean Resource Center was founded in 1983 to empower low-income, immigrant, Asian American and Pacific Islander, and people of color communities in Southern California. Using a holistic approach, KRC strives to empower our community by integrating services, education, culture, organizing, and coalition building, all of which seek to improve the life of the individual and the community."

Location

6301 Beach Boulevard, Suite 211
Buena Park, CA 90621

Target Population

Korean Americans

Programs/Services

Civic Engagement Program

Korean Resource Center pursues an integrated civic engagement program by bringing its holistic model of organizing, which combines services, education, culture, organizing and advocacy, into civic engagement. Korean Resource Center trains and involves its staffs, board of members in its organizing work that encompasses both electoral and non-electoral cycles, including voter engagement, legislative visits to congress members on immigration reform, town halls, public testimony at hearings, rallies assisting community members through social services, and educational workshops.

Immigrant Rights

- Immigration Legal Services:
Provide legal services on naturalization, Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA), Deferred Action for Parental of Americans and Lawful Permanent Residents (DAPA)

- Immigration Rights Education:
Provide information on in-state tuition for undocumented students (AB 540), California Dream Act, and driver's licenses for immigrants. It also hosts College Access Series and Youth Power Academy

Health Access Program

Korean Resource Center provides low-income families, seniors and children with free consultation on accessing to federal or state government sponsored health care programs which include Healthy Families, Healthy Kids, and Medi-Cal for applying for several services sponsored by County of Los Angeles.

Education

Korean Resource Center provides education in the community by holding on-going community education forums that address the social and political issues that impact Korean Americans. Moreover, KRC partners with the National Korean American Service and Education Consortium (NAKASEC) to publish educational materials on critical issues such as hate crimes, census 2000, and immigrant-related legislation & policies.

Past programs include:

- KRC's Saturday Roots Program
Offered young grade school students the opportunity to learn about their Korean cultural heritage and develop their English language skills since 1988. Tailored for the youth of Koreatown, this program sought to strengthen their sense of identity as Korean Americans.
- The Summer Youth Empowerment Project
Helped young Korean Americans gain a better understanding of the Korean American communities and other social and economic issues that affect the community. KRC also provided a library with over 3,500 books, magazines, and audio-visuals materials available to the public.

Volunteer Opportunities

For volunteering and internships, go to <http://krcla.org/en/a/volunteer>

Contact Information

6301 Beach Boulevard, Suite 211

Buena Park, CA 90621

(714) 869-7624

www.krc.org

Orange County Asian and Pacific Islander Community Alliance

Mission Statement

"The Orange County Asian and Pacific Islander Community Alliance, Inc. (OCAPICA) was established in 1997 with the mission to build a healthier and stronger community by enhancing the well-beings of Asians and Pacific Islanders through inclusive partnerships in the areas of service, education, advocacy, organizing, and research."

Location

12900 Garden Grove Blvd, Suite 214A
Garden Grove, CA 92843

Target Population

Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders

Programs/Services

Health

OCAPICA's health programs aim to support low income families through patient navigation, health education, and access to health care systems and insurance. Topics include cancer, cardiovascular, diabetes, chemicals, ergonomics safety in the workplace, and other chronic diseases

Mental Health

- Outreach and Engagement
Outreach and Engagement helps individuals and families with mental health needs by linking them to appropriate services. Outreach and Engagement also helps to dispel the myths and stigma some community members associate with mental illness
- Well(ness)essity
Well(ness)essity is funded under the Mental Health Services Act, Proposition 63. Prevention and Early Intervention-Outreach and Engagement is dedicated to developing and carrying out culturally competent and creative activities that best serve the diverse communities of Orange County. This program focuses on motivating participants and promoting increase in knowledge and skills about mental health wellness

- Project Focus/For Our Children's Ultimate Success
Project FOCUS is a full service partnership/wraparound program, which provides case management, counseling, and supportive resources for children and their families. The goal of Project FOCUS is to do "whatever it takes" to support a young person in their recovery and to ensure they stay in their homes and communities. Our members are involved in every step of their care plan and work in partnership with the program and resources to set recovery goals based upon their strengths, needs and desire.

Policy

OCAPICA's goal is to increase under-served and underrepresented communities' voices and participation in civic engagement and public policy. The Policy & Advocacy program focuses on various issues, such as: addressing disparities in health, education and community and economic development.

Youth Education

- Allied Health Academy
The High School Allied Health Academy (AHA) aims to support and guide Latinos, Pacific Islanders, Southeast Asians, and other underserved students in high schools throughout Anaheim Union School District towards a career in allied health and other health professions.
- Healthy Asian Pacific Islander Youth Empowerment Program (HAPI-YEP)
HAPI-YEP aims to address health concerns and improve higher educational access for Asian and Pacific Islander and other students at Magnolia High School. This program is ending in the Fall of 2017.
- OCAPICA FAFSA Completion
This program works with school throughout the Anaheim Union High School District to increase FAFSA completion rates for the graduating senior class.
- OCAPICA Scholars
The OCAPICA Scholars program aims to increase the number of underserved Asian American, Pacific Islander and other under-served high school students who gain access to higher education opportunities by providing scholarship support.

Workforce

- Youth Employment

OCAPICA provides employment and training services for Orange County youth ages 17-24 that have barriers to employment. These programs provide family-centered, culturally and linguistically competent services. Workshops are available to help participants develop their education plan and career interests, become goal oriented, and gain special skills to prepare them for their futures. It also includes programs like, the Employment Preparation Program (EPP), Work Experience (WEX), Vocational Training (VTR).

Volunteer Opportunities

For volunteering and internship opportunities, contact at volunteer@ocapica.org

Contact Information

12900 Garden Grove Blvd, Suite 214A

Garden Grove, CA 92843

(714) 636-9095

www.ocapica.org

Project MotiVATe

Mission Statement

"The organization's mission is to mentor Vietnamese-American Teens by developing their academic, cultural, and social skills to achieve educational goals and personal success. Project MotiVATe offers a culturally relevant mentorship program at no financial costs to families."

Location

Garden Grove, California

Target Population

Vietnamese American teens

Programs/Services

Mentorship

A mentor provides each mentee with guidance and support. This relationship is an integral aspect of the Mentee's development in the program. Mentors and mentees maintain contact at least once a week in addition to Study Hall and monthly activities.

Summer Camp

The annual camp helps develop bonds among members of the Project MotiVATe family, fosters a positive and supportive environment and establishes relationships for the upcoming school year. Activities consists of team building, leadership workshops, academic and career planning sessions, and cultural awareness activities.

Study Hall

Project MotiVATe offers weekly study hall sessions where academic tutors work with mentees to improve academic skills and study habits. At study hall, mentees also receive academic counseling, college preparation assistance, and participate in workshops.

Monthly Activities

Monthly activities are designed to expose youth to enriching experiences and promote civic engagement, such as college and career fairs, museum trips, and community and cultural events

Volunteer Opportunities

For volunteering and internship information, go to

- Mentor Application: <http://projectmotivate.org/mentor-application>
- Volunteer Application: <http://projectmotivate.org/volunteer-application>
- Coordinator Application: <http://projectmotivate.org/coordinator-application>

Contact Information

Garden Grove

California, CA 92842

(714) 257-5946

<http://projectmotivate.org/contact-us/>

The Cambodian Family

Mission Statement

"To promote social health by providing refugee and immigrant families the opportunities to develop the knowledge, skills, and desires for creating better health and well-being in their lives."

Location

1626 E. Fourth St.
Santa Ana, CA 92701

Target Population

Cambodian Americans

Program/Services

Health

- Health Changes
Health Changes Program provides outreach, screening, education, referrals, and follow up of medical services to reduce health disparities for our local Cambodian and Latino population in 3 focus areas: diabetes, heart disease and stroke
- Trauma Resolution and Stress Reduction
The "Opportunities for Change" project help participants learn the causes of stress, pain, trauma, and dysfunctional habits
- Minnie Street Family Resource Center
By partnering up with local agencies in a County-funded program to provides critical mental health services to Hispanic and Cambodian community. In the past two years, the agency provided health accessing and family counseling to more than 200 Cambodians parents in the community
- The Walking Club
The Walking Club is an important new addition to the Health Program. Participants are mostly Cambodian refugee women, over 45 years of age. Participants are given a walker that monitors their blood pressure before and after the walk using a Blood Pressure Monitor. The Walking Club is an

important step in encouraging local residents to develop good habits that will improve their health

After School Youth Program

- Plan Ahead Program

Supports the healthy development of approximately 75 Cambodian and Latino youths, ages 6-20, who participate year round in our after school and weekend activities. The Youth Program promotes academic achievement, character development, and career exploration. About 50 parents who participate in parenting education, counseling, and referral services.

Other programs and activities include:

- Life Skills
- Community Service
- Goal Setting: Academic, Health, Career, and Leadership
- College Campus Tours
- Recreation and Extracurricular: Arts and Crafts, Sports, Music, Martial Arts, Camping, Picnics
- Cambodian Dance Group
- Leadership Development and Training
- Dawn Toyoma and Chea Lim Scholarship

Leadership and Advocacy

- Community Engagement

The Cambodian Family is working with local organizations in Santa Ana to help build a healthier community. Part of the work is the engagement of community residents in leadership development.

- Civic Engagement

Over the past 30 years, the organizations have helped hundreds of refugees and immigrants pass their naturalization tests. The organization has also been holding free Naturalization Workshops.

- Leadership Development

Through the Orange County Cambodian American Network, The Cambodian Family is promoting social equity within the Cambodian-American Community of Orange County, California by bringing together

community leaders, professionals, and students to network, support, and empower one another.

- College Student Support

The Cambodian Family has worked with several local college student organizations. The collaboration has proven to be mutually beneficial, allowing the organization to connect with students in the youth program transition to college via tutoring and college campus tours.

Volunteer Opportunities

For volunteering and internships, go to http://cambodianfamily.org/?page_id=837

Contact Information

1626 E. Fourth St.

Santa Ana, CA 92701

(717) 571-1966

www.cambodianfamily.org

Vietnamese American Arts & Letter Association

Mission Statement

“VAALA's mission is to connect and enrich communities through Vietnamese art and culture.

- To produce artistic programs that promote the vitality of Vietnamese arts and culture
- To implement the arts as an educational tool for exploring the Vietnamese experience, focusing on the diaspora
- To provide a space for artists and audiences of all backgrounds to interact in an ongoing dialogue
- To facilitate communication, tolerance and understanding among people of diverse identities
- To advocate inclusiveness by utilizing the arts to transcend boundaries both within the community and globally.”

Location

1600 N. Broadway, Suite 210
Santa Ana, CA 92706

Target Population

Vietnamese Americans

Programs/Services

Art Exhibitions

VAALA organizes a range of visual arts exhibitions throughout the year that provide a public space for emerging and long-standing artists working in various media to interact with audiences and share their stories. VAALA welcomes partnerships and curatorial proposals. Most recently, we collaborated with the Orange County Center for Contemporary Art (OCCCA) to host the Home exhibition which spanned two venues. Past exhibitions include:

- Home
- Emerge
- Cao Bao Ming: Spatial Fluidity
- TransformART: Reduce, Reuse, Recycle, Reimagine
- Cycles of Life

- Marvelous Metaphors: Art as Visual Poetry
- F.O.B II: Art Speaks

Children's Moon Festival

The Mid-Autumn Moon is a traditional holiday that celebrates the lunar harvest. For over 10 years, VAALA and Nguoi Viet Daily News have co-presented the annual Children's Moon Festival, a series of free events that celebrate this holiday and foster creativity. The Festival includes an Art Contest for over 300 children, an Awards Ceremony featuring cultural performances, and an Art Exhibition of all the children's artwork.

Viet Film Fest

VAALA is proud to be a central platform for the voices of Vietnamese filmmakers and stories about the Vietnamese people. Viet Film Fest welcomes the community support in collaborative projects to use cinema as a tool for spotlighting the diverse voices in the community.

sMART Program

The sMART Program offers FREE, year-round art workshops in a variety of areas for organizations in the Los Angeles and Orange County areas serving underserved youth from all backgrounds. The objectives of the sMART Program are to:

- Enhance creativity and self-expression
- Build confidence and self-esteem
- Develop a sense of community-orientation
- Familiarize youth to multiple art forms
- Develop a sense of art appreciation
- Expose youth to different interests/hobbies and career options
- Create opportunities for artists to serve diverse communities

Invited artist instructors conduct workshops in areas which include but are not limited to filmmaking, Claymation, painting, animation, drawing, arts and crafts, photography (film and digital), T-shirt making, poetry and spoken-word. Participating groups need to be a non-profit, Los Angeles or Orange County-based organization that serve children experiencing educational, socioeconomic, and/or physical needs. Participants' ages range from 6 years to 18 years. Workshop capacity ranges from 10-25 people. Workshops last from two to eight hours per session and may be carried out in one or multiple sessions.

- Photography Workshop
In October 2014, VAALA held a sMART workshop with the students from HAPI-YEP at Magnolia High School and photographer Hung Pham. Hung shared about the ABC's of Photography, levitation and photography. The students put concepts into practice with their own action shots! More info about OCAPICA's HAPI-YEP Program here: <http://hapiyep.wordpress.com>.
- Youth in Motion: A Workshop for Emerging Filmmakers
Piloted in 2014 as part of its sMART program series and in conjunction with its annual Viet Film Fest, Youth in Motion: A Workshop for Emerging Filmmakers is offered by VAALA to support young voices, stories, and perspectives in the Vietnamese community through the art of digital films. Workshop participants will explore and learn basic skills and tools for digital filmmaking and work collaboratively to produce short films that premiere at the annual Viet Film Fest. Participants have the opportunity to learn about the production process - from storytelling to camera work to editing - and put their skills to practice. Sessions include guest speakers from the local film community

Volunteering Opportunities

VAALA is accepting applications for Fall / Winter internships in a variety of areas including graphic design, communications and development and arts programming! Be a part of an awesome organization and get academic credit. Check out the link below for an Internship Application. Go to <http://www.vaala.org/volunteer.html>

Contact Information

1600 N. Broadway, Suite 210

Santa Ana, CA 92706

info@vaala.org

(714) 805-7363

www.vaala.org

Vietnamese Community of Orange County, INC

Mission Statement

"To provide comprehensive -- health, human, and economic development -- supporting services to Vietnamese Americans in order to enable them to become actively participating citizens in the mainstream society through empowerment and capacity enhancement of each citizen. Now, with some 15 social service programs and a Community Economic Development Project provided at our headquarters in Santa Ana and the branch offices in Westminster and Garden Grove, the VNCOOC--the largest non-profit, community-based of its kind--has touched the lives of tens of thousands of people and has come to be regarded as a real institution in the Vietnamese-American community."

Location

1618 W. 1st St,
Santa Ana, CA 92703

Target Population

Vietnamese Americans

Programs/Services

Senior Program

Founded in 1984, this program has become immensely popular and successful. On a typical day, up to 100 seniors come here to participate in many of the program's activities, which include a delicious and nutritious Vietnamese hot meal, social activities, and workshops. Also include free physical activity classes for seniors on a daily basis.

ESL, Citizenship, and Computer Classes

Since their introduction to VNCOOC's curriculum, the English as a Second Language (ESL), Citizenship, and the Computer Fundamental classes have enjoyed a high level of attendance. The classes have provided the recently-migrated residents a means to cope with the new environment and a vehicle to go forward on their new lives' journey.

Transportation Programs

- SNEMT
The Senior Non-Emergency Medical Transportation program was developed to provide older adults access to non-emergency medical appointments with a lowest possible transportation fees. Immediately after getting started in 2002, the program has had the participation of thousands of seniors and has been serving on an average of 12,000 trips per year.
- SMP
The Senior Mobility Program was developed to provide transportations for seniors to visit the Senior Center.

Champion Alliance Program

Train participants on nutrition, physical activity and health beverages.

REACH Program

VNCOC is part of the REACH program to provide resources for chronic illness prevention and management within the Vietnamese American community in Orange County.

Citizenship and Immigration Program

Within the past 10 years, VNCOC has helped more than 10,000 Vietnamese refugees and immigrants to become naturalized American citizens by providing them free citizenship training classes and guiding them through the application process. VNCOC also assists Vietnamese-American citizens in filling out immigration forms or making petition for relatives. The organization also provide translated materials and friendly bilingual service to make the process less daunting.

Food Commodities

Every second Friday of each month, VNCOC provides free canned food, juices, milk, meat, rice, and vegetables, etc. to low-income residents.

Legal Services

- Telephone Billing Assistance Program
Since telephone bills can be overwhelming for both English-speaking and non-English-speaking consumers in the community, the Program is designed to guide the consumers through the matrix of telephone bills. The purpose is to remove non-essential, un-necessary, yet expensive

options from the consumer's telephone account, thus will help to lower the overall monthly telephone expense.

- CHANGES Program

The program provides services to Limited English Proficiency and underserved communities through outreach, consumer education workshops, and dispute resolution services involving gas and electricity utilities.

- Mental Health Services - Full Service Partnership (FSP)

FSP has a "Whatever-It-Takes" approach toward promoting success for youth. Emphasis is put on servicing youth (up to their 26th birthday) who are severely mentally ill or have serious emotional disorders/disturbance. Assistance is provided with medical, educational, social, prevocational, vocational, rehabilitative and other community services. VNOC also provide referrals for housing, nutrition, child care, transportation, employment, health care and counseling.

- Early Intervention Services For Older Adults (EISOA):

A socialization program which provides isolated older adults in Orange County with the opportunity to reintegrate into the community and improve their quality of life.

Volunteering Opportunities

For volunteering and internship opportunities, contact at info@thevncoc.org

Contact Information

1618 W. 1st St,
Santa Ana, CA 92703

info@thevnoc.org

(714) 558-6120

www.thevnoc.org

Viet Rainbow of Orange County

Mission Statement

“The organization was founded by Vietnamese-Americans with a diverse prism of sexual orientations and gender identities. Through engagement, education, advocacy, and supportive services we aim to empower our communities for a more equitable, safe, and unified Vietnamese diaspora and expand its voice in the broader society.”

Location

Viet Rainbow of Orange County, P.O. Box #2
Garden Grove, CA 92844-0002

Target Population

Vietnamese Americans in the LGBTQ community

Programs/Services

Parents of Rainbow Children

This is a support group for parents, family members, and friends of LGBTQ individuals. The group meets on a regular basis.

Youth Mentoring Program

This is the youth group (aged 17-24) within Viet Rainbow of Orange County, headed by two Youth Advisors. The group provides support for Viet LGBT youth in areas of education, advocacy, and career goal setting.

Viet Rainbow of Orange County Scholarship

The Viet Rainbow of Orange County Scholarship is a scholarship that seeks to provide financial assistance to Vietnamese-American students who identify as Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer/Questioning, or Ally (LGBTQA), and to help them make their educational dreams a reality.

Volunteer Opportunities

For volunteering and Internship opportunities, go to <http://www.vietroc.org/contact/>

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Viet Rainbow of Orange County, P.O. Box #2

Garden Grove, CA 92844-0002

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www.vietoc.org

Los Angeles, California

Facts about Los Angeles:

- When L.A. was founded, its original name was 'El Pueblo de Nuestra Senora Reina de los Angeles'
- Has a population of 308,745,538 based on the 2010 census
- Has a population of 1,413,825 of Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders
- 14.2% Asian population
- Median income is \$56,196 from 2011-2015
- LAX is the second busiest airport in the U.S.

Asian Americans for Advancing Justice

Mission Statement

"Asian Americans Advancing Justice - Los Angeles is the nation's largest legal and civil rights organization for Asian Americans, Native Hawaiians, and Pacific Islanders (NHPI). The organization serves more than 15,000 individuals and organizations every year. Through direct services, impact litigation, policy advocacy, leadership development, and capacity building, Advancing Justice focuses on the most vulnerable members of the Asian American and NHPI communities while also building a strong voice for civil rights and social justice. In partnership with the Orange County courts, Advancing Justice - LA holds regular Vietnamese language family law workshops as well as providing legal assistance to a limited number of Orange County-based immigrant survivors of domestic violence."

Location

1145 Wilshire Blvd,
Los Angeles, CA 90017

Target Population

Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders

Programs/Services

Direct Services

- Citizenship
Advancing Justice - LA helps individuals with citizenship issues. With local partner organizations, Advancing Justice - LA provides free citizenship assistance in Los Angeles and Orange counties, as well as across California and the nation. Advancing Justice - LA collaborates with community-based groups to hold free citizenship workshops and also takes a limited number of citizenship cases at low or no cost
- Immigration
California is home to more immigrants than any other state. The Immigration Project at Advancing Justice-Los Angeles assists immigrants nationally and locally who are seeking help with immigration relief such as adjustment of status, representation in immigration court, and other forms of family-based immigration. The Immigration Project hosts free in-house and off-site

workshops and information sessions within Los Angeles County and Orange County to assist undocumented immigrants for little to no cost. Immigration consultations are also available in-person or over the phone by appointment only.

- Domestic Violence and Family Law

Advancing Justice - LA assists low-income and limited English-speaking survivors of domestic violence with family law and immigration services, including helping them obtain restraining orders, child custody, and support orders and to achieve legal status without the help of their abuser. Advancing Justice - LA also assists victims of labor or sex trafficking with obtaining legal status.

- Housing

Advancing Justice - LA helps those facing foreclosures or who have problems with their rental units, with a focus on limited English speaking immigrant homeowners and tenants. In addition to aiding homeowners in obtaining loan modifications, Advancing Justice - LA has represented AANHPI homeowners victimized by loan modification scams.

- Legal Intake in Asian Languages

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Leadership Development

- Untold Civil Rights Stories

In 2009, Asian Americans Advancing Justice - Los Angeles (Advancing Justice - LA), then called Asian Pacific American Legal Center of Southern California (APALC), and the UCLA Asian American Studies Center jointly edited and published *Untold Civil Rights Stories*, the first national guide of its kind for students, teachers, and communities. This guide was a unique educational partnership between one of the nation's foremost advocates of civil rights and social justice for Asian Americans and others, Advancing Justice - LA, and the nation's leading research center and department on Asian Americans, the UCLA Asian American Studies Center (UCLA AASC)

- Youth and Parent Leadership Development
The Youth & Parent Leadership Development unit develops the leadership skills of immigrant families. Advancing Justice - LA works with racially diverse youth in Los Angeles and the San Gabriel Valley through the school-based LDIR program, an in-school class for high school students, as well as through after-school programs. Advancing Justice - LA also provides multilingual parent training programs for Asian and Latino immigrants, to help them advocate for their children and their community.
- Leadership Development in Intergroup Relations
Leadership Development in Intergroup Relations (LDIR) is a program that works to empower, mobilize and equip multiethnic, multicultural and multi-identity individuals, communities, schools and organizations with awareness, skills and the action steps necessary to foster positive and sustainable intergroup relations for social change.

Policy and Research

- Health Justice
The Health Access Project addresses the health-related needs of Asian American, Native Hawaiian, and Pacific Islander (NHPI) communities and immigrants. Advancing Justice - LA advocates with policy makers on health care reform implementation and works with community partners to educate Asian American and NHPI community members and small businesses. Advancing Justice - LA also works on other related issues, such as public benefits access and cultural and linguistic barriers to services.
- Demographic Research
Advancing Justice - LA makes data on Asian Americans and NHPs more accessible through research, technical assistance, and training. Advancing Justice - LA's research on Asian Americans and NHPs includes demographic profiles, reports on voter and political participation, and other projects aimed at promoting a better understanding of our growing and diverse communities.

- Democracy Project
Advancing Justice - LA pursues the full participation of Asian American, Native Hawaiian, and Pacific Islander communities in California democracy by conducting electoral campaigns, advocacy on voting rights and election policy, and community education, organizing, and capacity-building.
- Voting Rights
Many AANHPI voters are limited English proficient or face other barriers to voting. We are proud to fight for the rights of voters through our Voting Rights Project.
- Immigrant Rights
Advancing Justice - LA's Immigrant Rights Project seeks to address the immigration needs of Asian American, Native Hawaiian, and Pacific Islander (NHPI) communities and immigrants. Advancing Justice - LA advocates for fair and humane immigration reform at the local, state, and national level.
- Criminal Justice Reform
Advancing Justice - LA advocates to ensure that the voices of Asian Americans, Native Hawaiians, and Pacific Islanders who are directly impacted by the criminal justice system are heard in shaping public policies affecting them. We work in multiracial coalitions with other affected communities to reduce over-incarceration and ensure effective allocation of resources for education, health, and social services.
- Educational Opportunity and Empowerment
Through data, research, advocacy, and education, Advancing Justice - LA seeks to provide a more accurate picture of the issues facing Asian American, Native Hawaiian and Pacific Islander students in accessing higher education. The organization also build coalitions and advocate for policies that increase access and equity in higher education in California.

Impact Litigation

- Unconstitutional Laws
APALC has participated in major civil rights cases challenging unconstitutional laws that harm communities we represent (e.g., SB1070 in Arizona, Proposition 187 in California) in coalition with our civil rights partners.

- Consumer Fraud
Advancing Justice - LA has litigated cases on behalf of limited English speaking immigrants who are frequent targets of consumer fraud and
Advancing Justice - LA has successfully represented diverse plaintiffs - Chinese, Filipino, Korean, young families, elderly veterans - in cases ranging from foreclosure rescue scams to deceptive sales practices.
- Low-wage Worker Exploitation and Sweatshops
Advancing Justice - LA has successfully litigated numerous cases on behalf of low wage workers from a wide range of communities based on our innovative model of litigating for social change, which incorporates clients in decision-making and strategizing and has been instrumental to empowering workers and imposing accountability in key industries like the garment industry.
- Race and National Origin Discrimination
Advancing Justice - LA has successfully litigated cases challenging English-only policies by cities and employers (e.g., Monterey Park, CA, hospitals, casinos), as well as racially discriminatory employment practices and education policies (e.g., Abercrombie & Fitch, University of California, Berkeley).

Volunteer Opportunities

For volunteering and internship opportunities, go to <https://www.advancingjustice-la.org/get-involved/volunteer-us>

Contact Information

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Center for Asian Americans United for Self-Empowerment

Mission Statement

“Center for Asian Americans United for Self-Empowerment (CAUSE) is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit, nonpartisan, community-based organization with a mission to advance the political and civic empowerment of the Asian Pacific American (APA) community through nonpartisan voter outreach, education, and training as well as leadership development.

Founded in 1993, CAUSE is comprised of committed professional, business, community and political leaders, and has established itself as a unique nonpartisan APA organization dedicated solely to APA civic and political participation. Based in the Greater Los Angeles area, CAUSE’s influence reaches throughout Southern California.”

Location

260 So. Los Robles Ave., Suite 115
Pasadena, CA 91101

Target Population

Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders

Programs/Services

Pipeline Building: Leadership Development Programs

- Leadership Academy
CLA, which was formerly the California Asian American Student Internship Coalition (CASIC), was founded in 1991 in order to develop a pipeline of leadership for the APA community. Despite APAs being the fastest growing community in the United States, representation and leadership has not kept pace with the growing and changing demographics. CLA teaches students the importance of civic engagement and political participation as it prepares its participants to be leaders at the forefront of the democratic process. Through exposure to decision- makers, policy makers, and the issues of the day, students gain a deeper awareness of the political issues facing the APA community in California. Graduates of this program have gone on to run for political office and have even become leaders in politics, business, and nonprofits
- Political Institute

The CAUSE Political Institute (CPI) is a political leadership and advocacy training certificate program for high-potential professionals with seasoned leadership experience and a passion for serving the needs of the Asian Pacific American (APA) community in California. Participants complete the program armed with the skills, knowledge and network vital to advocate for the APA community and run for elected office.

- Veteran Initiative

The Veterans Initiative program was specifically designed for veterans especially interested in increasing the accessibility and awareness of available veteran's resources as well as learning how to effectively advocate on behalf of Asian Pacific American (APA) veteran's issues. In this program, participants are provided with mentors, professional development opportunities, issue and policy briefings as well as other social capitals that are essential to helping other veterans successfully transition into a civilian lifestyle.

- Women in Power

The Women in Power (WIP) program is an annual speaker summit that aims to create opportunities for candid discussion regarding issues that women leaders face and to explore strategies for overcoming them. The program helps women professionals achieve their full leadership potential. In this panel, policy experts explore issues such as the gender pay gap and what women can do in their workplace to contribute to a positive change.

Civic Engagement: Vote (Voter Outreach, Training, & Education Programs)

- Vote Initiatives

Throughout the year, CAUSE conducts various voter outreach, training, and education efforts in order to empower the APA community to be active political participants. By ensuring the community has a reliable means to register to vote and also be informed of the issues relevant to the community, CAUSE forms a network of motivated individuals ready to empower others to be civically engaged. CAUSE workshops, outreach programs, and materials also especially cater to limited English proficient voters requiring Asian in-language support.

- Voter Education Workshops
- In-Language Translation Support
- Voter Empowerment Workshops

Volunteer Opportunities

For volunteering and internship opportunities, go to <http://www.causeusa.org/get-involved/>

Contact Information

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Chinatown Service Center

Mission Statement

"To provide outstanding services and advocacy that promote better quality of life and equal opportunity for immigrants and other communities.

Thriving lives and empowering the community. Founded in 1971, Chinatown Service Center (CSC) is the oldest and largest community health and social service organization serving the local Chinese American community. Today, CSC has expanded our services and outreach to provide a variety of services to the underserved and disadvantaged immigrants and minorities in Southern California for the betterment of their quality of life."

Location

767 N. Hill St. Suite 400
Los Angeles, California, CA 90012

Target Population

Chinese and Chinese-Americans

Programs/Services

Health

- Medical
Chinatown Service Center (CSV) collaborates with Langley Senior Center in providing of Free Blood Pressure (B/P) Screening Monthly in Monterey Park since January 2016. There have been more than 60 participants came to have free B/P screenings on 3rd Tuesday morning of every month.
- Medical and Dental Services Division
CSC Community Health Center is a Federally Qualified Health Center providing Comprehensive Healthcare, Dental and Behavioral Health Services. Our clinic and dental providers are experienced and professional. Our staff provides quality customer service and is friendly and patient. Our clinics are located at Chinatown and Alhambra. Our staff can speak multi- languages: English, Cantonese, Mandarin, Vietnamese, Spanish, Burmese and etc.

- Behavioral (Counseling)
Service is offered on a walk-in basis or through referrals in conjunction with patient referrals from the health clinics addressing depression, medication management, dual diagnosis and substance abuse issues.

Asset Building and Financial Management Program, ABFMP

To empower clients with knowledge and skills in personal finance, and to help them successfully create pathways to financial well-being.

- Free Financial Management Classes
Engage participants in learning and discussion on various financial topics on how to make sound financial decisions. A series of workshops are regularly conducted at the Parent Centers in targeted schools to help families develop their knowledge around budgeting, saving, credit and debt management, college financial aid, and more.
- Free Financial Coaching and Case Management
Case Managers work one-on-one with clients to set objectives and goals for their specific needs, and to develop action plans to help them change behavior and resolve financial issues.

The Program has grown rapidly since it established, and has successfully partnered with public and private organizations to provide asset building and financial management service to the community. With continued support from various agencies, we contribute to the works of helping low-income individuals and families to start a path to upward mobility.

Volunteering Opportunities

For volunteering and internship opportunities, go to <http://www.cscla.org/volunteer>

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Empowering Pacific Islander Communities

Mission Statement

"To promote social justice by engaging Native Hawaiian and Pacific Islander communities through culturally relevant advocacy, research, and development."

Location

1137 Wilshire Blvd, Suite 110
Los Angeles, CA 90017

Target Population

Native Hawaiians and Pacific Islanders

Programs/Services

Advocacy

In 2012, EPIC organized a convening in Washington, D.C. that brought together 25 Native Hawaiian and Pacific Islander leaders from Native Hawaii, Chamorro, Samoan, Tongan, Marshallese, and Fijian communities, with community work experiences as far reaching as Washington, California, Utah, and Arkansas. The convening resulted in a Policy Platform Blueprint that expresses a common set of beliefs, positions, and recommendations that will represent the foundation of a national advocacy effort.

Research

- [A Community of Contrasts: Native Hawaiians and Pacific Islanders in the United States, 2014](#)

This report is a useful tool for navigating a broad array of pressing issues facing the Native Hawaiian and Pacific Islander (NHPI) community in California while encouraging meaningful partnerships to address those issues. This report disaggregates NHPI groups to the extent possible and provides a user-friendly reference. It also features both state-level and localized data that highlights a few areas where sizable populations of Native Hawaiians, Samoans, Tongans, Chamorro, Fijians, and Marshallese reside.

Programs

- [Pacific Islander Leaders of Tomorrow](#)
PILOT is a culture-based and community-focused leadership empowerment and development program created to increase the number of emerging leaders in the Pacific Islander community. The PILOT Institute will deliver

content that will provide the context for the scholar leaders who will emerge from the program as advocates and champions on behalf of the community.

Volunteering Opportunities

For volunteering and internship opportunities, go to

<http://empoweredpi.org/contact-us/>

Contact Information

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Los Angeles, CA 90017

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Japanese American Cultural & Community Center

Mission Statement

“Founded in 1971, Japanese American Cultural & Community Center is one of the largest of the ethnic arts and cultural centers of its kinds in the United States. A hub for Japanese American arts and culture and a community gathering place for the diverse voices it inspires - Japanese American Cultural & Community Center connect traditional and contemporary; community participants and creative professionals; Southern California and the world beyond.”

Location

244 S. San Pedro Street
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Target Population

Japanese and Japanese Americans

Programs/Services

Performing Arts

Japanese American Cultural & Community Center’s performing arts program includes performances by local, national, and international artists. For more than three decades, the 880-seat Aratani Theatre has presented top Asian American performing arts talent and many outstanding, internationally-known performing artists from Japan, including the Grand Kabuki of Japan to Kazuo Ohno, the co-founder of the avant garde butoh movement.

Visual and Cultural Arts

Japanese American Cultural & Community Center’s visual and cultural arts feature timely and timeless work and empower the viewer to feel and experiences Japan, the Japanese American and Asian American community and culture more fully. Through an active and engaging schedule of temporary exhibitions and cultural events each year, Japanese American Cultural & Community Center showcases established and emerging artists from Japan and multi-ethnic communities of Los Angeles and beyond while celebrating the intersection between fine art, Japanese traditional and popular cultures.

Community Engagement

Japanese American Cultural & Community Center's family programs are dedicated to bringing multi-ethnic, multi-generational audience together to establish a deeper understanding of Japanese and Japanese American arts and culture. Cultivating and authentic experience and appreciation of arts and cultural shared in Japanese American Cultural & Community Center's galleries.

Culinary Arts

Japanese American Cultural & Community Center embarks on an exciting new project centered around the culinary arts.

Volunteering Opportunities

For more volunteering and internship opportunities, go to <http://www.jaccc.org/volunteer/>

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Kizuna

Mission Statement

"Kizuna's mission is to build a future for our community through the education, empowerment and engagement of the next generation. Kizuna was founded with the intent of educating, empowering and engaging a future generation of Japanese Americans. With their energy, ideas, and commitment, this generation would redefine a vibrant and prosperous future for our community."

Location

244 S. San Pedro Street, Suite 306
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Target Population

Japanese and Japanese Americans

Programs/Services

Elementary & Middle School Programs

- Summer Camp
Kizuna's Summer Camp is a local program for kids ages 7-13 (entering 2nd grade to entering 8th grade), centered on building a foundation of Japanese American culture & heritage. Our camp is a high caliber program: we select instructors from community's cultural experts, counselors who are carefully vetted and rigorously trained, and have workshops and activities optimized for passing on the Japanese American tradition

High School Programs & College Programs

- Kizuna's Leadership Program
Occurring each summer, Kizuna's Leadership Program is a 10-week, Wednesday evening program designed to build well-rounded students and enhance their future success. Our model of success is centered around concepts of identity and community. The networks, relationships and strong sense of self-identity help our students to rise above the rest.
- Service Learning
Service Learning introduces concepts of empowerment and community engagement to high school students through hands-on engagement. Our

program centers around the preparation, involvement and reflection on community service projects, initiatives, and events.

- Counselor
Mentor and shape the next generation of youth. Our counselor program places young adults and high school students in paid counselor positions with Kizuna's summer programs. Counselors work directly to shape the lives of kids and teens. Community service has never been more fun and worthwhile than this.
- Jr. Counselor
High school students looking to make a difference, become a Jr. Counselor with one of Kizuna's summer programs. Jr. Counselors function as counselors-in-training allowing you to interact with our students while learning from our more seasons counselors.

Adult Programs

- Board Fellowship
Skill building and practical experience on a board prepares adults for leadership at the highest level of an organization. Master the community landscape, build board experience, skill up in leadership, and gain professional networks through our Board Fellowship Program.
- Counselors & Instructors
Counselors and instructors provide the education and mentorship to students in Kizuna's various programs. Kizuna offers a wide array of counselor opportunities working with a variety of ages and in many different geographic locations. Join today and make a difference in the life of the next generation.

Volunteer Opportunities

For volunteering and internship opportunities, go to <http://www.kizuna-la.org/programs/internship>

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Leadership Education for Asian Pacific, Inc.

Mission Statement

“Founded 34 years ago, Leadership Education for Asian Pacifics, Inc. (LEAP) is a national, nonprofit organization, with a mission to achieve full participation and equality for Asian and Pacific Islanders (APIs) through leadership, empowerment, and policy. It started with a simple yet powerful idea: that in order for API communities to realize their full potential and to foster robust participation in this increasingly globalized world, these communities would have to begin producing leaders who could advocate and speak on their behalf.”

Location

327 E. 2nd Street, Suite 226
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Target Population

Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders

Programs/Services

Leadership Programs

LEAP offers a variety of leadership programs across all sectors. Program durations vary anywhere from 3-4 days to a yearlong. Coaching is also provided for specific programs

- Asian and Pacific Islander Executive Leadership Program
The Asian and Pacific Islander Executive Leadership Program is a customized program designed for a corporate company to prepare individuals for executive level leadership. To do this effectively, program participants are selected representing high potential, backed by demonstrated performance and an aptitude to learn and grow their career path.

For more information about this program, please contact Nancy Yap at nyap@leap.org.

- Path to Professional Success Program
The Path to Professional Success (PPS) is a 3-day program for companies seeking to increase the success of their Asian and Pacific Islander (API) staff. The program goal is to provide high potential API emerging leaders with

concepts, tools, and practices to lead effectively and advance in their careers to achieve business and professional success.

Ideal participants for Path to Professional Success are high potential API employees of technical and professional companies and organizations

- Senior Manager Leadership Forum

Targeting senior-level Asian and Pacific Islander managers who are in the position to attain higher levels of management, this program works to specifically hone the skills associated with executive leadership while incorporating a focus on the relevant influences of their Asian cultural heritage and values. This 2.5-day program explores and prepares API's for the challenges that their companies face in the wake of continued growth and profitability.

The program features extensive 360-feedback from management, peers and direct reports with opportunities to practice and enhance proficiency through work-based role plays, large-scale simulations and case study analysis. All aspects of the program are focused on strengthening the participant's leadership competencies and skills.

- Leadership Development Program for Higher Education

The Leadership Development Program in Higher Education (LDPHE) is an intensive 4-day experience designed to enhance the professional development of Asian and Pacific Islanders (APIs) working in higher education and to prepare college and university administrators, faculty, and staff to move into leadership positions of greater visibility and influence on their campuses.

Created in 1997 and conducted by Leadership Education for Asian Pacifics, Inc. (LEAP) in partnership with Asian Pacific Americans in Higher Education (APAHE), the LDPHE is the only program in the United States that focuses on leadership training from an API perspective while offering personal coaching and the invaluable insights of successful API leaders in higher education.

- Leadership in Action

Leadership in Action (LIA) is an eight-week, paid summer internship program that develops the next generation of college student leaders. LIA builds an intentional leadership and hands-on work experience around three themes:

- Thinking - Leadership Development Trainings
- Doing - Community-Based Organization Internship
- Making - Team Community Impact Project

- Career and Leadership Seminars

The seminars feature diverse speakers who discuss and share the choices and decisions that led to their current careers, the opportunities for leadership in their professions and industries and the importance of diverse leadership that is inclusive of APIs. LEAP partners with student organizations at various colleges and universities to create events that best suits the interests of the API student body at each institution. These events vary in length and have included panels, leadership workshops, and networking opportunities. These seminars encourage students to be involved on their campuses and bring the leadership skills they develop into their careers and workplaces.

Volunteering Opportunities

For more volunteering and internship opportunities, go to

<http://www.leap.org/volunteer>

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Pilipino Worker's Center

Mission Statement

"All people and communities have the right to a healthy, dignified quality of life. Yet so many immigrants are working in jobs that cannot meet their basic needs and living in unhealthy environments because they are isolated, disempowered, and overwhelmed by their daily struggle to work and put food on the table. They become victims of wage theft, human trafficking, occupational safety hazards, unhealthy lifestyles and their own despair. PWC focuses on providing programs that help meet the immediate needs of workers and their families while at the same time building their leadership to take collective action for long last change."

Location

153 Glendale Blvd.
Los Angeles, CA 90026

Target Population

Pilipino and Pilipino Americans

Programs/Services

Telecommunications Educations and Assistance in Multiple-languages

- Telecommunications Educations and Assistance in Multiple-languages Collaborative

The TEAM collaborative is a project of PWC and the California Public Utilities Commission, where we are able to help consumers save money by removing unnecessary charges on their phone bills and provide education to consumers to help avoid future problems concerning their phone bills. Some cases include overcharges due to misleading ads, unauthorized charges by third parties, misunderstandings, etc. As a result, we also help people save valuable time since we call the telephone companies as a liaison for the client

- Classic Hidden HI FI Jeepney Tours

Book a Classic Hidden HI FI Jeepney Tour: an open-air expedition through the sights, sounds, and stories of Historic Filipinotown in a vintage 1944 Sarao Motor Company Jeepney. A little piece of Manila, in Los Angeles Historic Filipinotown (Hi Fi). Find out what's "Filipino" about Historic Filipinotown; what's "historic" about it, and how immigrants of diverse backgrounds have made it home.

- EMPLEO - EMPLOYment, Education and Outreach

EMPLEO - Pinoy provides informational materials but is most importantly a hotline where both employers and employees can ask questions or have their complaints taken and then handled by the appropriate agencies.

The hotline is staffed by volunteers that can provide language and culturally-sensitive assistance. The hotline is housed and coordinated by the Pilipino Workers Center.

Volunteering Opportunities

For volunteering and internship opportunities, go to <http://pwcsc.org/get-involved/volunteer/>

Contact Information

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Tuesday Night Project

Mission Statement

"To provide Asian American, Native Hawaiian & Pacific Islander (AANHPI), Little Tokyo, and greater Los Angeles communities with a number of diverse and dynamic public art and culture programs in safe community spaces where people can connect through creative expression and social engagement.

Tuesday Night Project (TNP) is an Asian American grassroots and volunteer-based organization fiercely devoted to bridging communities by providing programming and interactive spaces for people to connect through artistic expression and strong, creative, community partnerships. Founded in 1998, it has grown into a community of artists, organizers, activists, professionals, independent business owners, educators, and community members."

Location

Aratani Courtyard/Union Center for the Arts
120 Judge Aiso St.,
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Target Population

Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders

Program/Services

Tuesday Night Café

Tuesday Night Cafe is our flagship free public arts and performance series. Launched in 1999, TNC has since become one of the longest-running free arts series in Downtown LA and is the oldest still-running Asian American mic series in the country.

Tuesday Night Cafe maintains a passionate, positive space with a focus on bridging art+community through new original work from Asian American/Pacific Islander communities and the greater Los Angeles area. The series runs on the 1st & 3rd Tuesday of each month, April through October, and features a curated program of multidisciplinary visual and performing art as well as an open mic section.

Tuesday Night Cafe is presented in the Aratani Courtyard of the Union Center for the Arts in Little Tokyo, Downtown Los Angeles through the support of their fiscal receiver, Little Tokyo Service Center. The space has served as a cultural/community

entry point to Little Tokyo for thousands of people since its beginnings. Average audiences at TNC have grown to 100-250 people at each event, with people spilling onto the sidewalk and adjacent parking lot.

Now a destination for many Asian American performers across the nation, Tuesday Night Cafe has been recognized by USA Today's 10Best as the best Los Angeles Open Mic and by LA Weekly as the Best Free Downtown Performance Series Los Angeles 2013 and one of Ten Great L.A. Open Mic Nights for Music!

Volunteer Opportunities

For volunteering and internship opportunities, go to <http://www.tuesdaynightproject.org/volunteer/>

Contact Information

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Visual Communications

Mission Statement

"Our mission is to develop and support the voices of Asian American and Pacific Islander filmmakers and media artists who empower communities and challenge perspectives. Visual Communications is the first non-profit organization in the nation dedicated to the honest and accurate portrayals of the Asian Pacific American peoples, communities, and heritage through the media arts."

Location

120 Judge Aiso St.
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Target Population

Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders

Programs/Services

Armed with a Camera

Established in 2002, the Armed with Camera Fellowship for Emerging Media Artists recruits, trains, and supports independent AAPI artists in their efforts to create artistically and culturally significant short films. Through a five-month program, the AWC Fellowship offers training, mentorship, and funding to up-and-coming artists to create new work that premieres at the annual Los Angeles Asian Pacific Film Festival.

Digital Histories

The Digital Histories video production and digital storytelling program for senior citizens is designed for older generations to create and preserve visual stories to be passed down to younger generations. Their works consist of personal and place-based documentaries and other compelling narratives that contribute to the artistic expression and healthy lifestyles of older adults. These films will premiere at the annual Los Angeles Asian Pacific Film Festival.

The Los Angeles Asian Pacific Film Festival

The annual Los Angeles Asian Pacific Film Festival (LAAPFF) showcases important new work by established filmmakers, and supports local, emerging Los Angeles talent. The Festival takes place annually during the month of April as part a kickoff to Asian Pacific Heritage Month. The Los Angeles Asian Pacific Film Festival has an annual audience of over 25,000 individuals in attendance at its screenings,

educational seminars and artist talks, and other special events. The Los Angeles Asian Pacific Film Festival is also an Academy Award®-qualifying festival for Short Film Awards. Recipient(s) of the Film Festival's Golden Reel Award for Narrative Short Film will be eligible for consideration in the Animated Short Film/Live-Action Short Film category of the Academy Awards®.

C3: The Conference for Creative Content

The Conference for Creative Content is a two-day media arts conference focused to provide our creative community a space for meaningful discourse on media and entertainment. With panel and seminar topics covering new media technologies, media platforms, distribution, C3 celebrates creativity and diversity through a forum with established pioneers in entertainment, academia, and professional guilds. Within this intimate space, it our goal to connect our aspiring and emerging content creators with creative individuals leading the charge.

VC Archives

The VC Archives serves as an integral part of our documentary-based production activities as we have documented various Asian American social movements and communities in California. Additionally, preserved films and videos were used for education and organizing work around setting up ethnic studies programs on local campuses, city redevelopment issues, the redress campaign for Japanese Americans interned during World War II, and the declaration of martial law in the Philippines. VC's own past in media, narrative films, documentaries and educational projects are intertwined with the Asian Pacific American movements of the 1970s, and in itself represents a rich resource of the APA movements for students, researchers, and filmmakers. To date, VC materials have been used in numerous films, videos, educational materials, publications, and major photographic exhibits across the United States

Volunteer Opportunities

For volunteering and internship opportunities, go to <https://www.vconline.org/vc-opportunities/>

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