

The A to Z Inventory of Practice has been developed by the Asian Pacific Institute on Gender-Based Violence to document the range of work and issues addressed by advocates serving Asian and Pacific Islander (API) survivors of gender-based violence and how culturally-specific advocacy is operationalized and continually expanded by them in the A-Z Advocacy Model.

There are items on the list that require no explanation — for those that do, we have provided a brief description to clarify their meaning and/or explain how they apply to or why they belong in an inventory of practice on gender-based violence. We invite advocates to add items by contacting us at info@api-gbv.org.

Categories listed include:

- Types of gender-based violence addressed
- Services/interventions offered
- Community engagement/prevention activities
- Languages of service (Only Asian and Pacific Islander languages are listed)
- Ethnic groups served
- Demographic groups served
- Systems that community-based organizations work with, and
- Other activities such as research and policy advocacy.





Abandonment Abduction, child Abortion: forced by partner, in-laws Abusive international marriage Adoption coercion: mothers forced to relinquish infant daughters, children from previous marriage Adultery: survivors forced to accept or be blamed for men's affairs, polygamy (emotional/sexual abuse) AIDS/HIV transmission and IPV Alcohol-facilitated rape/assault

Services | Interventions:

Acculturation: classes, guidebooks, tip sheets for new immigrants, refugees Addiction recovery programs Alternatives to violence programs Anger management counseling Art therapy for children, adults Asylum: gender-based asylum applications prepared and filed to USCIS Autonomy: services that promote survivor autonomy

Prevention | Community Engagement:

Accountability: practices to ensure accountability from abusers; from systems to mitigate barriers; from communities to change cultural norms; After-school programs for children Art: to raise awareness Attitudes to women: tools, activities, curricula to change gender norms that devalue women/girls

Demographic Groups:

Adolescents, Adults, Asylees

Ethnic Groups:

Afghani, Arab

Languages:

American Sign Language (ASL), Arabic, Assamese

Systems Advocacy:

AIDS/HIV clinics, APS: Adult Protective Services

B

Gender-Based Violence:

Body shaming/ humiliation: making critical, humiliating comments (as in fat shaming); behaviors designed to humiliate a victim's body (e.g., in-laws forcing their daughter-in-law to take her clothes off, pointing or prodding and ridiculing parts of her body) Body modification that is forced; coerced plastic surgery; hymen examination for proof of virginity Branding: using hot branding iron (as used on cattle) on trafficked victim to show they are the property of a certain pimp, part of his 'stable'

Services | Interventions:

Batterer Intervention Programs (BIPs) Behavioral health services Bereavement support and resources: especially for immigrant survivors prevented from contact with natal family in home country, or not being allowed to mourn death of natal family member BIA | Board of Immigration Appeal accredited services Boys groups Burial for intimate homicide victims that marital family refuses to or natal family cannot conduct

Prevention | Community Engagement:

Bride price: addressing abusive aspects of this practice

Demographic Groups:

Batterers, Bisexuals, Boys, Buddhists

Ethnic Groups:

Bangladeshi, Bengali, Bhutanese, Burmese

Languages:

Bahasa Indonesia, Bahasa Malaysia/Malay, Bangla/ Bengali, Bari, Bhojpuri, Bhutanese, Burmese

Systems Advocacy:

Buddhist temples



Campus sexual assault Child abuse, neglect, abandonment Child trauma from exposure to domestic violence or maternal homicide

Clergy abuse

Coercive control

Crime-syndicate controlled trafficking

Criminal entrapment: coercion by abuser to engage in criminal activities (e.g., driving getaway car) CSEC | Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children Custodial rape: by police, refugee camp personnel, immigration/border officers, prison guards Custody-related abuses and battles: coercion, threats, actions to silence domestic violence disclosure; false allegations that mothers are child abusers; refusing to pay child support Cyber-stalking

Services | Interventions:

Campus assault-related advocacy for foreign and other non-citizen students

Cars: car donation programs for survivors; car insurance payments

Case management

CCR: Coordinated Community Response teams Childcare: services; accessing respite care

Child custody: legal services; obtaining support; parenting time arrangements; accompaniment to child custody evaluation, mediation

Children's services in residential and non-residential programs

Citizenship: assistance; classes/education Computer literacy training

Conflict zones: services for victims who experienced sexual violence in conflict zones, camps

Cooking: teaching skills; as healing, restoring normalcy Counseling services for adults, teens, children Court accompaniment

Crisis intervention/counseling

Cultural adjustment: support, resources, "cultural brokers" to assist at-risk families during initial contact with social services

Cultural competency | culturally-responsive trainings for systems, other providers

Cultural defense: serving as expert witness/providing consultation to claim or rebut cultural defense

Prevention | Community Engagement:

Chai Chats: outreach, awareness raising Child abuse prevention education Civic engagement: multilingual voter registration, census participation drives Civil legal remedies: assistance, accompaniment, direct services, referrals Civil rights advocacy: protections against discrimination Cultural change work: analysis, critique of culture and cultural explanations of domestic violence

Demographic Groups:

Children, COFA migrants from Palau, Marshall Islands, Federated States of Micronesia College students

Ethnic Groups:

Cambodian, Carolinian, Chamorro, Chin, Chinese, Chuukese

Languages:

Cantonese, Carolinian, Cebuano, Chamorro, Chin, Chuukese

Systems Advocacy:

Campus administration, Child custody, Child protection/Child welfare, Churches, Civil justice system, Civil rights organizations, Consulates, Criminal justice system



Gender-Based Violence:

Date rape

Dating violence

Death threats

Debt bondage, aka debt slavery for trafficked victims Devaluation of girl children: withholding nutritious food, medical care, education from girls; having sex-selected abortion

Digital abuse

Disaster zones: sexual violence victimization after natural/man-made disasters

Divorce-related: forced divorce; religious divorce without civil divorce; abusers falsifying income, assets to avoid child support and/or to obtain spousal support from victim

DMST | Domestic Minor Sex Trafficking Domestic violence

Dowry-related abuse/death threats to exhort postmarriage payments

Drug-facilitated rape/assault

Drug-muling: being forced by traffickers to smuggle drugs across borders by swallowing or inserting them into a body cavity

Services | Interventions:

Defense issues: advocacy, resources for battered women who use violence Deportation: advocacy in U.S. and/or home country for at-risk survivors, perpetrators, children, refugee youth Disaster zones: addressing sexual violence victimization in disaster aftermath Driver's education; learner's permit classes DUI/risk reduction intervention course

Prevention | Community Engagement:

DACA | Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (aka DREAMers): advocating for them, supporting them; movement related work

Demographic Groups:

Deaf/Hard of Hearing; Disabilities i.e., survivors w/cognitive, physical, psychological disabilities; Domestic workers suffering sexual/labor exploitation; DREAMers

Ethnic Groups:

Dhivehi/Maldivian

Languages:

Dari

Systems Advocacy:

Defense attorneys/Public defenders

E

Gender-Based Violence:

Economic abuse: withholding access to income, bank accounts, joint assets, etc.; ruining victim's credit; not paying child or spousal support; leaving victim responsible for failed business, mortgage payments Elder abuse

Services | Interventions:

Economic assistance: cash grants, small loans, emergency funds; economic relief through protection orders; credit repair

Economic security/empowerment: economic literacy;

homebuyer education; micro-credit loan applications, management; debt repayment structuring Elder abuse intervention Emergency disaster relief and recovery Emergency Protection Orders Emergency domestic violence shelter program Emergency food assistance Emergency safe housing Emotional intelligence curricula for children, survivors Employment-related assistance Expert witness testimony provision

Prevention | Community Engagement:

Education-related: awarding/finding scholarships for survivors, their kids; school enrollment; emergency tuition loans Empowerment workshops ESL | ESOL classes

Demographic Groups:

Elders

Ethnic Groups:

East Asian

Systems Advocacy:

Economic institutions and services, Elder abuse service programs, Employment-related



Gender-Based Violence:

Familicide (killing partner and children) Family-controlled trafficking FGM | FGC: Female Genital Mutilation/Cutting Fiancé(e) abuse: U.S.-based individuals refusing to marry K visa holder they sponsored Forced divorce Forced marriage by parents: to pre-selected husband/ much older man; to one's rapist; to block same-sex marriage, relationships

Services | Interventions:

Faith-based interventions: including working with religious professionals Family justice center Family law assistance Family support program, therapy Fatherhood: responsible fatherhood programs, fathering after battering programs Food stamps (SNAP) application assistance

Prevention | Community Engagement:

Familicide prevention Food-related: food security, collecting and distributing food to needy families, food pantry Foster-parenting: recruiting, training API families

Demographic Groups:

Fathers, Foreign students

Ethnic Groups:

Fijian, Filipino

Languages:

Farsi, Fijian, Filipino, French (for Vietnamese, Cambodian, West African refugees), Fujian, Fuzhou

Systems Advocacy:

Family courts: mediators, evaluators, GALs, parenting coordinators, Foster care, Funding: advocating for sustainable programs, giving input in state plans



Gender-Based Violence:

Gambling-related abuse: depleting or withholding family income causing poverty, food insecurity Gang-controlled trafficking Grooming/Sexual predation

Services | Interventions:

GED classes

Gender-based asylum (also listed under 'A') Group counseling for residential and non-residential survivors

Prevention | Community Engagement:

Gardening to promote healing Gender analysis: norm change; inter-generational awareness-raising; education on gender-based violence, misogyny, sexism Gender equity: curricula, strategies to promote gender equity and democracy

Demographic Groups:

Gay men and youth, Girls

Languages:

Gouyu/Mandarin, Gujarati

Η

Gender-Based Violence:

Harassment, sexual: by clergy, coaches, teachers, professors, extended family members, therapists, doctors, supervisors, co-workers, military personnel Harassment in public spaces: streets, buses, trains HIV | AIDS: forced to have unprotected sex by infected partner; buyers forcing prostituted minors, adults to have unprotected sex

Homicide-related: Danger Assessment; assessing family-, community-generated risks; supporting surviving children; emotional and legal support for victim's parents in Asia for access/custody of grandchildren; (burial for victims under 'B') Honor killing Hooking-up related abuse and coercion

Services | Interventions:

Harm-reduction

Hate crimes-related: advocacy for victims Healing: culturally-rooted individual and group healing practices

Healthcare access: ACA enrollment, increasing access, accompaniment, enrolling survivors' children, training providers on culturally-specific domestic violence dynamics, ensuring use of trained

medical interpreters

Health services: on-site clinics; primary care clinic partnerships; referrals/services for uninsured, undocumented immigrants, documented immigrants subject to 5-year bar

Helpline HIV | AIDS: identifying Asian-specific risk-factors for survivors, counseling, early intervention, testing support Home visitation

Housing: temporary, emergency, establishing/using safe home networks, Section 8 assistance Hotline

Prevention | Community Engagement:

Healthcare awareness: for survivors, specific groups e.g., Vietnamese nail salon workers, refugees, elders Healthy marriage programs Homophobia: addressing it within programs, in communities Honor killing: safety planning in U.S. and home country for at-risk women, girls, LGBTQ

Demographic Groups:

Hard of Hearing individuals, Hindus, H-4 visa holders

Ethnic Groups:

Hawaiian, Hmong

Languages:

Hawaiian/'Ōlelo Hawai'i, Hindi, Hmong/Mong, Hokkien

Systems Advocacy:

Healthcare, Health insurance, Hindu temples, Homeland Security, Hospitals, Housing



Gender-Based Violence:

Immigration-related abuse and threats depending on survivor's status

Incest

In-laws perpetrating domestic/family violence International Marriage Broker | IMB-contracted relationships: abuse by men in U.S. with domestic violence histories

Intimate Partner Violence

Isolation: blocking all contact with natal family, friends; withholding warm clothes, shoes so victim is housebound

Services | Interventions:

I-751 battered spouse waiver for conditional residents abused by U.S. citizen spouse IEP | Individual Educational Plan accompaniment Immigration law services/assistance International collaboration for transnational case management, referrals Interpretation: in spoken language for survivors with limited English proficiency Interpretation: in sign language for survivors who do

not know/use ASL

Prevention | Community Engagement:

Imams: enlisting/training them in prevention and survivor-centered intervention IMBRA (International Marriage Bureaus Regulation Act) policy advocacy Islamic jurisprudence research, tools to challenge misinformation on religious justification

Demographic Groups:

Immigrants, Incarcerated or formerly incarcerated survivors, Indigenous groups

Ethnic Groups: Indian, Indonesian, Iranian, Iragi

Languages:

Ilocano

Systems Advocacy:

Immigration court, Immigration and Customs Enforcement, International Marriage Bureaus



Gender-Based Violence:

Jewelry given as wedding gifts is withheld/stolen from bride by in-laws (economic abuse)

Services | Interventions:

Job training

Judicial collaboration, training

Juvenile refugees and immigrants: advocacy for deported or at-risk youth risk

Juvenile visa | SIJS: obtaining Special Immigrant Juvenile Status for abused, abandoned, neglected minors needing humanitarian protection

Demographic Groups:

Juveniles U.S.- and foreign-born, Juvenile refugees deported for status offenses/crimes

Ethnic Groups:

Japanese, Jordanian

Languages:

Japanese, Javanese

Systems Advocacy:

Juvenile justice



Gender-Based Violence:

Kidnapping, bride: aka marriage by capture/abduction

Ethnic Groups:

Karen, Kazakh, Khmer/Cambodian, Korean, Kosrean, Kuwaiti

Languages:

Kannada, Kapampangan, Karen, Karenni, Kashmiri, Kazakh, Khmer, Konkani, Korean, Kurdish, Kutchi



Labor exploitation: of elderly parents for housework, childcare; extreme exploitation of household labor by husband and in-laws in servile marriages; of domestic helpers/maids

Labor trafficking

LGBTQ intimate partner violence, abusers claiming victimization, coerced to come out or stay closeted LGBTQ-related: homophobic parents blocking/ controlling gender expression, identity, preference, sexual orientation; forcing heterosexual marriage

Services | Interventions:

Legal services: advocacy, representation, hotlines Licensed child care services LPR status: obtaining Legal Permanent Resident status for survivors

Prevention | Community Engagement:

Leadership training for survivors as part of movement building Life-after-divorce program Life skills training Lifetime Spiral of Gender Violence, using it w/survivors, for community organizing Literacy classes

Demographic Groups:

LEP | Limited English Proficient survivors, Lesbians

Ethnic Groups:

Laotian, Lebanese

Languages:

Lao

Systems Advocacy:

Language access policy advocacy across multiple systems

M

Gender-Based Violence:

Marital rape

Marry-and-dump: husbands divorce wives within few months and abandon them in home country or in U.S. Mental health coercion: undermining survivors' sanity, credibility; labelling or making them feel 'crazy'; preventing help-seeking; interfering with medications Military-related: abuse of U.S. and foreign-born Asian wives on U.S. and foreign bases; sexual assault of service women

Molestation

Mother-child bonding disruption: not letting mothers hold, nurse, care for children

Services | Interventions:

Marriage counseling Medicaid application assistance Mental health services Mindfulness training, meditation Mother-child bonding: rebuilding ruptured bonds Multilingual services

Prevention | Community Engagement:

Media campaigns to raise awareness, educate communities Men: engaging men; confronting men's violence, toxic masculinity Mentoring teen girls, boys Mother-child suicide prevention Movement building Multi-generational family programming to change norms, prevent abuse

Demographic Groups:

Male victims, Military personnel, Mothers, Muslims

Ethnic Groups:

Malaysian, Maldivians/Dhivehi, Mandaean, Marshallese, Middle Eastern, Mien, Mongolian

Languages:

Maay Maay, Malay/Bahasa Malaysia, Malayalam, Mandarin/Guoyu, Marathi, Marshallese/Ebon, Marwari, Mien, Mon, Mongolian/Khalkha Mongol

Systems Advocacy:

Maternal health, Mental health, Mosques



Prevention | Community Engagement:

Needs assessments Networks to share promising practices

Ethnic Groups:

Native Hawaiian, Nepalese

Languages:

Nepali



Prevention | Community Engagement:

Organizational trauma-informed practices Outreach events such as kite-flying, movie festivals and discussion, Blue Collar outreach, *Chai* Chats

Ethnic Groups:

Other races served by API agencies include survivors from following communities: African American, African Diaspora, American Indian and Alaskan Native, Latino, Middle East and North Africa (MENA), White

Languages:

Odia Other non-API languages

Systems Advocacy:

OBGYN



Gender-Based Violence:

Pimp-controlled trafficking Polygamy Pornography: being forced to watch and enact porn Pregnancy-related: physical abuse onset, rape by partner during and after pregnancy Psychological abuse

Services | Interventions:

Parenting programs, support, workshops Peer counseling and referrals Peer mediation training for youth Pets: sheltering survivors with pets Professionals who are foreign-trained: assist survivors to obtain U.S. credentials, licenses, insurance coverage; get recertified to practice medicine, accounting, etc. Pro se litigants: accompaniment/assistance in navigating systems Protection Orders Psychotherapy

Prevention | Community Engagement:

Patriarchy and power analysis to confront power structures Policy advocacy Pre-marital counseling, especially for survivors remarrying Prevention programs

Demographic Groups:

Pregnant women, Pro se litigants/petitioners, Prostituted adults and minors

Ethnic Groups:

Pacific Islander, Pakistani, Palauan, Palestinian, Persians, Pohnpeian, Punjabi

Languages:

Palauan, Pashto, Persian, Pohnpeian, Pothohari, Punjabi, Pwo Karen

Systems Advocacy:

Pediatrics, Prosecutors' offices, Psychological services, Public benefits, Public defenders' offices



Gender-Based Violence: Queer/same-sex/same-gender violence

Demographic Groups: Queer/LGBTQ

Systems Advocacy: Queer/LGBTQ service agencies

R

Gender-Based Violence:

Religion used by abusers and faith professionals to justify/condone GBV, silence and subjugate women, support abusers

Reproductive coercion and/or sabotage: to cause pregnancy

Revenge porn: sexually explicit portrayal distributed without person's consent

Services | Interventions:

Referrals: extensive referral networks/agreements for medical, housing, legal services Refugee resettlement including orientation/case management/family strengthening programs; Rental/mortgage assistance Reproductive health education/services Respite care: providing/obtaining services for caretaking of children, elders, special-needs children Rural/remote areas: access/services for immigrant, LEP survivors

Prevention | Community Engagement:

Racism: mitigating impact on survivors of color, antioppression work within API groups, assisting victims of racial profiling Religious study: curricula challenging interpretations/ justifications that condone GBV Restorative justice programs Risk assessment to prevent homicide

Demographic Groups:

Refugees, Runaway homeless youth

Ethnic Groups: Refaluwasch, Rohingya

Languages:

Rohingya

Systems Advocacy:

Refugee agencies Runaway Homeless Youth (RHY) programs

Other:

Research projects/partnerships to inform practice, EBP: Evidence-Based Practice research within agency, Culturally-sensitive protocols to collect data, design outcome measures

S

Gender-Based Violence:

Separation-related abuse given heightened danger when leaving an abuser Sex-selected abortion Sexual assault/violence/coercion against infants, children, teens, young adults, adults, elders Sexual harassment Sibling abuse Stalking Surveillance: monitoring movements, email, phones, social media; by partner, in-laws, community members Substance use coercion, including threats to report survivors for substance use Suicide: increased risk due to abuse for LGBTQ and trafficked youth, adults, elders; coerced suicide pacts; abetted suicide STI | STD transmission from coerced sex, unprotected sex, condom sabotage

Services | Interventions:

Safety planning School-based support groups, counseling for young women survivors Shelter Special Immigrant Juvenile Status visas Special-needs children of survivors: advocacy, support groups to mitigate barriers faced by both Substance abuse gender-sensitive treatment programs or support services Supervised visitation, safe exchange Support groups, survivor mentorship programs Systems navigation

Prevention | Community Engagement:

Self-defense classes Self-help, self-reliance, self-sufficiency resources/training Senior fitness classes Sex education Small business support program for survivors Sports programs to empower immigrant/refugee girls Story-telling: training survivors, creating digital stories, collecting stories for policy advocacy Suicide prevention for youth, adults, abused mothers, elders' suicide pacts

Ethnic Groups:

Samoan, Saudi Arabian, Singaporean, Sinhala, South Asian, Southeast Asian, Sri Lankan, Syrian

Languages:

Samoan, Saraiki, Shanghainese, Sign Languages (other than ASL), Sindhi, Sinhala

Systems Advocacy:

Sexual assault programs, SANE (Sexual Assault Nurse Examiners), SART (Sexual Assault Response Teams), Schools, SNAP (Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program)



Gender-Based Violence:

Teen relationship abuse Torture Trafficking, domestic Trafficking, international Transnational abandonment

Services | Interventions:

TANF: access, accompaniment, policy advocacy Tax preparation (part of economic security program) Teens: hotline, workshops Temporary Restraining Orders Translated materials: safety plans, brochures, forms, etc. to increase LEP access Translation services Transportation assistance Trauma-informed care Trauma-specific interventions T visas

Prevention | Community Engagement:

Take Back the Night events Tutoring

Demographic Groups:

Teens, Trafficked individuals, Transgender

Ethnic Groups:

Tahitian, Taiwanese, Tamil, Thai, Tibetan, Tokelauan, Tongan, Turkmen

Languages:

Tagalog, Tai Dam/Black Tai, Taishanese/Toisanese, Taiwanese, Tajik, Tamil, Telugu, Teochew/Chiu Chow, Thai, Tibetan, Tongan, Turkish

Systems Advocacy:

TANF, Technical assistance, Training for partner/ collaborative agencies, systems

U

Gender-Based Violence: Uxoricide (wife-killing)

Services | Interventions:

Utility assistance U visas

Ethnic Groups:

Uzbek

Languages: Urdu, Uzbek



Gender-Based Violence:

Vicarious trauma aka secondary trauma due to exposure to gender violence Victim-blaming by community, natal and marital families Virginity tests

Services | Interventions:

VAWA I-360 self-petition application Victims of crime assistance Vocational training classes Volunteer attorney support

Prevention | Community Engagement:

VAWA: policy advocacy, grassroots organizing Voter registration drive

Ethnic Groups:

Vietnamese

Languages:

Vietnamese, Visayan

Systems Advocacy:

Victims Of Crime Assistance (VOCA), Victim-Witness



Wartime rape Widowhood: demeaning widows, forcing them into extreme isolation Withholding food, clothing, daily necessities (soap, toothpaste, etc.), medication, healthcare Workplace-related abuse: sexual assault, sexual harassment

Services | Interventions:

Women survivors who use violence: obtain legal services, support legal team

Prevention | Community Engagement:

Well-being/wellness classes: yoga, meditation, exercise Workplace domestic violence prevention

Demographic Groups:

Widows, Workers, Women survivors who use violence

Ethnic Groups: West Asian/Middle Eastern

Systems Advocacy:

Welfare



Prevention | Community Engagement:

Xenophobia: addressing anti-immigrant sentiments



Prevention | Community Engagement:

Yoga classes Youth centers: leadership development, mentoring, healthy relationships groups

Demographic Groups:

Youth

Ethnic Groups:

Yapese, Yemeni



Prevention | Community Engagement:

Zakat: Islamic practice of giving money to the poor and needy, used by community-based organizations to raise awareness and funds for survivors



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