CSEC

COMMERCIALLY SEXUALLY EXPLOITED CHILDREN

Banteay Srei provides one-on-one case management and prevention education to young women at risk or trying to exit the cycle of violence. We offer a safe space and tools to help change your life around.



Teen Clinic at Asian Health Services

Free, youth-friendly, and confidential reproductive health clinic services.
Every Wednesday, except 5th Wednesday 5-7pm

AHS Medical Center 818 Webster Street, 2nd Floor Oakland, CA 94607

Drop in or call 510-986-1024 for appointments.



Banteay Srei is a youth development, asset building organization that is non-judgmental of young SEA women who were, are being, or are at risk of being exploited. We seek to provide the resources that support their healthy development through self empowerment and self determination.

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YOUNG SOUTHEAST ASIAN WOMEN

EMPOWERING THEMSELVES

& THEIR COMMUNITIES

Our Story

In 2004, health counselors, social workers, and educators from Asian Health Services, the East Bay Asian Youth Center, and Oakland Unified School District recognized a rising trend of sexual exploitation and recruitment among SEA young women and girls. Banteay Srei was formed to provide culturally specific advocacy and resources for this population.

The name Banteay Srei comes from an ancient temple in Cambodia, which means "the women's temple"- built to honor female deities and representing strength, unity, and safety. This name was chosen to inspire a space that would be created to honor women and provide tools for self-empowerment.



"I now have the tools and support to make my own choices."

-Former Youth Participant

PROGRAMS AND TRAINING

Banteay Srei provides youth, community, and intergenerational support through healing arts and asset building that fosters community/cultural pride and self-determination.

SREI (Self-Reliant Empowered Individuals)

Banteay Srei's empowerment program where young Southeast Asian women are provided with a safe space to learn, teach, and ask questions about SEA cultures, overcoming violence, women's reproductive health, women's issues including sexual violence and exploitation, bullying, and building healthy relationships.





SAUCE (Southeast Asian Unity through Cultural Exploration)

Banteay Srei's peer and intergenerational cooking class, where the older and younger Southeast Asian generations are able to connect and foster healthy relationships with one another through cooking and eating traditional foods along with sharing stories of the refugee and resettlement experience.

Bong Srei Youth Leaders

Bong Srei ("older sister" in Khmer) is Banteay Srei's cascading mentorship and leadership program. Youth leaders help develop curriculum and programming, co-facilitate workshops, and further develop their leadership skills.



TRAINING ON HOW TO IDENTIFY AND CONFRONT SEXUAL EXPLOITATION

- We offer training to health clinics, schools, and community-based organizations that are in need of more information about CSEC.
- We educate youth on how to identify and understand the cycle of abuse, coercion, power&control, and who to trust when disclosing sexual exploitation or assault.

Case consultation for community providers (physicians, health care providers, youth development workers, case managers) working with the SEM/CSEC population is also available.