

Asian Pacific Institute on Gender-Based Violence

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Our vision of gender democracy for Asians and Pacific Islanders is foundational to our mission to strengthen culturally-specific advocacy, influence systems change, impact public policy and engage in movement building and community transformation to prevent gender violence.

Programs | Our Work

- Resource Center on Gender-Based Violence in Asian & Pacific Islander Communities analyzes critical issues/trends in domestic violence, sexual assault, trafficking, abusive international marriages, elder abuse, etc.; builds capacity for trauma-informed, culturally-responsive, evidence-informed intervention and prevention for immigrant/refugee survivors; provides consultation, technical assistance, and training; develops cutting-edge reports and resources; and conducts, curates and disseminates research.
- Advocacy for Immigrant Survivors engages in policy analysis at national, state and local levels to assert the legal rights and protections available to survivors with stable and unstable immigration status; mitigate barriers caused by increased enforcement and penalties; and enhance safety planning given policy changes on harboring, public charge, ICE detention, deportation.
- Language Access: Interpretation Technical Assistance & Resource Center trains advocates, judges, attorneys, sign/spoken language interpreters, law enforcement, attorneys, social service providers, state coalitions and administrators on the development, compliance and implementation of language access plans; and interpreting for domestic violence, sexual assault, trafficking victims with limited English proficiency.
- Domestic Violence Homicide Prevention identifies culturally-relevant risk factors and language access; provides consultation and training to advocates, law enforcement, and researchers on integrating API-specific batterer, family, and community-generated risk factors into prevailing homicide prevention models.
- Movement | Network Building Initiatives support national/local API leaders, survivors, advocates, policy makers, and activists to address the impacts of gender-based violence and patriarchal and homophobic community norms on the well-being of API communities, families and individuals.

Critical Issues

- Domestic Violence and Family Violence
- Elder Abuse
- Forced Marriage
- Gender: Analysis, Democracy/Equity, Norms
- HIV & Intimate Partner Violence Intersections
- Homicide by Intimates & Family Members
- Housing and Economic Security

- Language Access, Interpretation, Translation
- LGBTQ API Communities & Gender Violence
- Lifecourse Abuse, Impacts on Help-Seeking
- Safety Planning for Immigrant Survivors
- Sexual Violence and Harassment
- Trafficking: Domestic and International
- Trauma-Informed Intervention

Publications

- A-Z Advocacy Model: Asians and Pacific Islanders Build an Inventory of Evidence-Informed Practices
- Abusive International Marriages: Hmong Advocates Organizing in Wisconsin
- Fact Sheets | Reports on Gender-Based Violence Affecting Filipinos, Pacific Islanders, Muslims, South Asians, etc.
- Immigration Advisories, FAQs, and Factsheets
- Islamic Marriage Contracts: Resource Guide for Legal Professionals, Advocates, Imams & Communities
- Lifecourse Experiences of IPV and Help-Seeking among Filipino, Indian & Pakistani Women
- Lifetime Spiral of Gender Violence
- Resource Guide & Tip Sheets on Interpretation Services for Domestic Violence/Sexual Assault Victims
- Shattered Lives: Homicides, Domestic Violence and Asian Families
- Trafficking: Considerations & Recommendations on Trauma-Informed Advocacy for Survivors