

# #APIFamilyViolence

May 16, 2018 | 12:00 - 1:00 pm PDT

A Twitter Chat for #APAHM

Hosted by Asian Pacific Institute on Gender-Based Violence  
@apigbv



\* Please let us know you will be joining us for the chat by [RSVPing here](#).

- **WHEN:** Wednesday, March 16, 2018 | 12:00 PM – 1:00 pm (PDT)
- **WHERE:** <http://twitter.com/apigbv> OR #APIFamilyViolence
- **WHAT:** We will be lifting up the issue of #APIFamilyViolence during Asian Pacific American Heritage Month #APAHM to break down the stigmas around talking about issues like family violence, domestic violence, sexual violence, and other forms of abuse in API communities.
- **WHO:** The questions will be asked by @apigbv. The Twitter Chat will involve a conversation of direct service providers, API-serving organizations, and both state and national domestic violence and sexual assault coalitions and organizations. Whether or not you identify as API or work in the anti-violence field, we would like to hear from your experiences and expertise!

Please email any questions or comments to Shirley Luo at [sluo@api-gbv.org](mailto:sluo@api-gbv.org)

## Promoting the Chat

Please use the following graphic to promote the chat. Feel free to add your own logo next to ours!

A promotional graphic for the #APIFamilyViolence chat. It features a blue background on the left and a photograph of a woman's silhouette against a sunset on the right. The text is white and orange. At the top left, the hashtag #APIFamilyViolence is in large orange letters. Below it, in white, is 'A Twitter Chat for #APAHM'. Further down, it says 'hosted by: Asian Pacific Institute on Gender-Based Violence @apigbv'. The date and time 'May 16, 2018 12:00 - 1:00 pm PDT' are in white boxes. At the bottom left, it says 'Learn more & RSVP at api-gbv.org/APIFamilyViolence'. The APIGBV logo is in the bottom right corner.

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The APIGBV logo is located in the bottom right corner of the graphic, featuring the acronym 'apigbv' and the full name 'ASIAN PACIFIC INSTITUTE ON GENDER-BASED VIOLENCE'.

### Sample Tweets

- Join us and @apigbv on 5/16 at 12pm PDT to lift up the issue of #APIFamilyViolence for a #TwitterChat during #APAHM! *[add image]*
- Help us raise awareness about violence in #API communities. Join us and @apigbv on 5/16 at 12pm PDT for a #TwitterChat on #APIFamilyViolence for #APAHM! *[add image]*
- How can we increase safety & access for #API survivors? On 5/16 at 12pm PDT, lend your voice to a #TwitterChat on #APIFamilyViolence for #APAHM, hosted by @apigbv! *[add image]*

### Structuring Your Responses

Remember to use the #APIFamilyViolence and #APAHM hashtags in your response. An answer can look something like this:

**A1: [Your answer] #APIFamilyViolence #APAHM**

As the questions come very fast, it's best to plan your responses beforehand. You can use the chat as an opportunity to highlight some of your work or resources with links or graphics of your own!

### Chat Schedule

12:00 PM – Welcome to the Twitter Chat! Who is participating today?

12:01 PM – Responses from participants

12:02 PM – Q1 asked by @apigbv

12:03-12:06 PM – Q1 responses from participants

12:07 PM – Q2 asked by @apigbv

12:08-12:11 PM – Q2 responses from participants

12:12 PM – Q3 asked by @apigbv

12:13-12:17 PM – Q3 responses from participants

12:18 PM – Q4 asked by @apigbv

12:19-12:23 PM – Q4 responses from participants

12:24 PM – Q5 asked by @apigbv

12:25-12:29 PM – Q5 responses from participants

12:30 PM – Q6 asked by @apigbv

12:31-12:35 – Q6 responses from participants

12:36 PM – Q7 asked by @apigbv  
12:37-12:41 – Q7 responses from participants

12:42 PM – Q8 asked by @apigbv  
12:43-12:47 – Q8 responses from participants

12:48 PM – Q9 asked by @apigbv  
12:49-12:53 – Q9 responses from participants

12:54 PM – Q10 asked by @apigbv  
12:55-12:59 – Q10 responses from participants

1:00 PM – Thank you for chatting with us!

## Chat Questions

- **Q1. Individuals from many different ethnic, social, and linguistic backgrounds identify as “Asian and Pacific Islander.” What are some API identities/ethnicities in your communities?**

### A1

*Questions to consider for your response:*

- Who does the term “Asian and Pacific Islander” include? Which ethnic or racial groups?
- What are some API languages spoken in your community?
- What other identities do APIs in your communities hold, including immigrant, LGBTQ, people with disabilities, refugee, etc.

- **Q2. How might cultural stereotypes about and amongst APIs perpetuate gender violence?**

### A2

*Questions to consider for your response:*

- What stereotypes and expectations does the media perpetuate about APIs? How might these normalize violence?
- What stereotypes and expectations do API communities hold, and how do these normalize violence and victim blaming?
- This might include gender norms, racial stereotypes, and more.

- **Q3. Many API survivors are immigrants or have limited English proficiency (LEP). How do these statuses increase someone’s vulnerability?**

### A3

*Questions to consider for your response:*

- How might an abuser use someone’s immigrant or LEP status to maintain control over them?

- What barriers to access or help do these statuses create, and where might these barriers occur (i.e. at a doctor visit, when responding to law enforcement, at courts, etc.)?

➤ **Q4. What sociocultural factors can make an API person vulnerable to abuse?**

**A4**

*Questions to consider for your response:*

- How might homophobia or transphobia within a LGBTQ survivor's family or community make them vulnerable?
- What other intersections do API individuals inhabit, and how can these increase someone's vulnerability?
- How might an abuser leverage someone's economic status against them? What are some forms of economic abuse someone may experience?

➤ **Q5. From the devaluation of women and girls to elder abuse, family violence spans the lifecourse. What types of abuses affect API children, teens, adults, and elders?**

**A5**

*Questions to consider for your response:*

- How might an API individual's vulnerabilities and needs differ from childhood to elderhood?
- How might experiencing one form of abuse increase someone's vulnerability to other types of abuses?
- Who are the potential abusers at each stage in life? i.e. parents, extended family, in-laws, spiritual leaders, employers, etc.

➤ **Q6. How has #MeToo affected API survivors and communities?**

**A6**

*Questions to consider for your response:*

- What has the movement done to raise awareness about sexual violence and break down the stigmas around disclosure?
- Are all survivors able to say #MeToo? Why or why not?
- Why might a survivor choose to, or choose not to say #MeToo?

➤ **Q7. Although rates of domestic violence are estimated at 21-55% in API communities, abuse is underreported. Why might an API survivor not disclose their abuse?**

**A7**

*Questions to consider for your response:*

- What fears might a survivor have about disclosure, such as being fear of being shamed/blamed, fears for their children or loved ones, fear of retaliation, etc.?
- Can survivors expect that their experiences will be legitimized or believed, and that they will receive help?

- How can gender, cultural, and community norms affect a survivor's choice to either disclose the abuse or remain silent?

➤ **Q8. What community and systems barriers do API survivors face in accessing services & help?**

**A8**

*Questions to consider for your response:*

- What negative experiences might a survivor who attempted to seek help from law enforcement have?
- What barriers might a survivor face in reaching out to an agency, law enforcement, or other forms of help (i.e. lack of access to transportation to a shelter, not being able to speak the language, not being able to take time off from work, etc.)?

➤ **Q9. Why is it important to provide culturally-specific services? What culturally-specific services are available to API survivors?**

**A9**

*Questions to consider for your response:*

- What are some unique needs API survivors can have that a "one size fits all" approach may not meet?
- What are some promising practices or services culturally-specific domestic violence agencies in your communities offer or engage in?
- What other community resources (including services and information) can we refer a survivor to, in order to help them establish safety or seek help?
- What are some best practices for survivor-centered advocacy as a counselor, advocate, peer, etc.?

➤ **Q10. What do we need to do to achieve #GenderDemocracy and #GenderEquity in API, and all communities?**

**A10**

*Questions to consider for your response:*

- What does gender democracy look like, and what will it take to get there?
- Given that issues like gender violence, domestic violence, and mental health are stigmatized and considered private matters, how can we engage communities to tackle and de-normalize them?
- Who will need to be involved in this work? What roles could systems, political institutions, community organizations, API men or non-API allies play?
- What community activities or events have you attended or heard of?