

2025 Needs Assessment: Key Findings

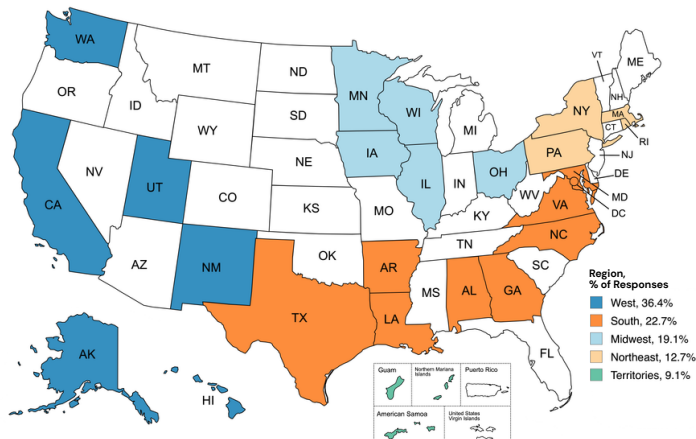
Community-Based Organizations Serving AANHPI and MENA Survivors

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professionals surveyed who serve AANHPI & MENA DV/SA survivors

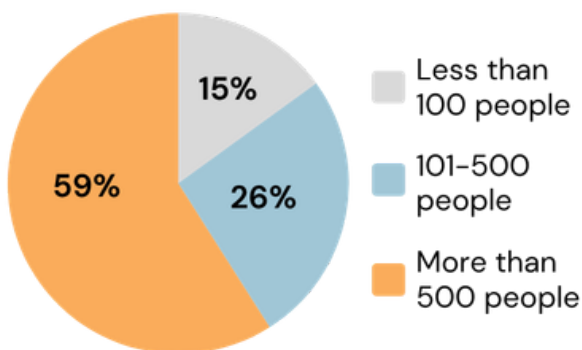


Professionals from **72 culturally specific organizations** across **27 U.S. states and territories** shared insights on AANHPI and MENA survivor and community needs, as well as the needs of their organizations.

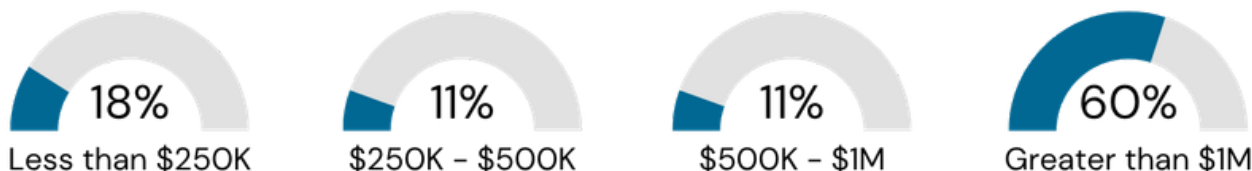


Organizational Profile

Number Served Annually



Operating Budget



Most Critical Funding Sources



Needs of Culturally Specific Organizations

Organizational Wellness and Sustainability Remain Major Concerns

Respondents identified strong community trust and culturally responsive services as key strengths of their organizations. At the same time, many reported challenges related to:

Staff burnout & secondary trauma	67%
Sustainable funding & financial stability	58%
National-level policy advocacy	57%

Top Training and Resource Priorities

The most requested training topics included:

Staff Wellness & Addressing Vicarious Trauma	65%
Organizational Sustainability	64%
Legal, Housing, or Immigration Advocacy	57%
Engaging Men & Working within Communities	46%
Trauma-Informed Advocacy & Safety Planning	44%
Technology-Facilitated Abuse & Digital Safety	43%

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AANHPI & MENA Survivor and Community Needs

Top Intersecting Challenges Affecting Survivors

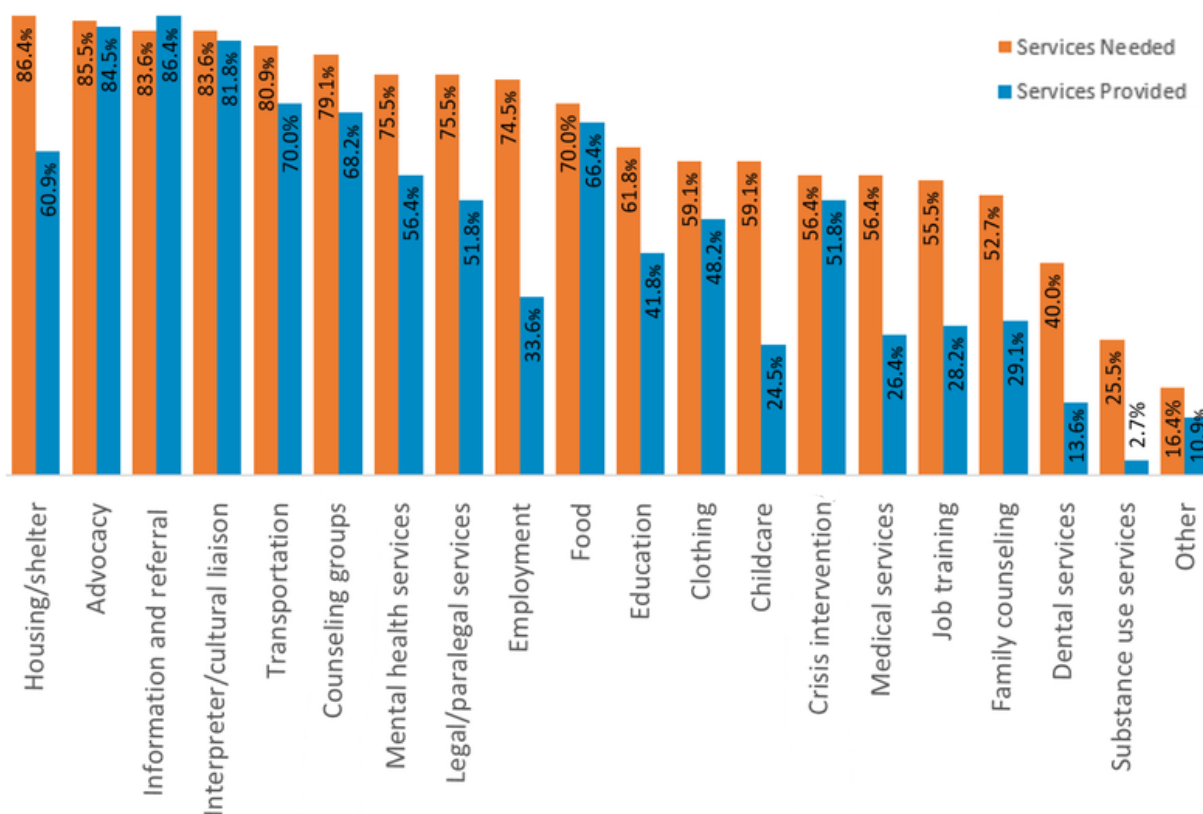
Respondents identified the following as the most pressing intersecting issues:

Respondents emphasized the need for affordable housing, flexible financial assistance, culturally responsive mental health care, immigration legal support, and expanded policy advocacy.

- 1 Housing & Shelter Instability (81%)
- 2 Economic Insecurity (67%)
- 3 Mental health & Well-Being (40%)
- 4 Legal Services & Systems Navigation (26%)
- 5 Immigration-Related Barriers (20%)

Survivor Needs Continue to Outpace Available Services

Respondents identified the services survivors needed and the services their organizations were able to provide. The comparison highlights substantial gaps between survivor needs and available services, particularly for employment, childcare, medical services, job training, and dental services.



Prevention Work is Strong but Expansion is Needed

All but one respondent reported engaging in prevention work. The top 3 strategies included:

Fewer respondents focused on engaging boys and men (32%) or bystander intervention (28%).

01. Community Education/Awareness (93%)
02. Trainings for Professionals (80%)
03. Healthy Relationships Education (74%)

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Recommendations Informed by the Findings



About the Needs Assessment

The 2025 Needs Assessment was conducted by the Asian Pacific Institute on Gender-Based Violence ([API-GBV](#)) to better understand the strengths, challenges, and needs of culturally specific organizations serving Asian American, Native Hawaiian, and Pacific Islander (AANHPI) and Middle Eastern (MENA) survivors of domestic violence and sexual assault (DV/SA) across the United States. Read the [full report](#) for additional findings, methodology, and recommendations.

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