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BEYOND ONE: THE POWER OF COMMUNITY-BASED SOLUTIONS TO CREATE HEALING AND SAFETY

AN EVALUATION REPORT OF THE STOP THE HATE PROGRAM IN THE BAY AREA, SOUTH BAY, AND CENTRAL COAST



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ABOUT THIS REPORT

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“The Stop the Hate grant has effectively united over twenty Bay Area organizations, transforming us into a cohesive family... This created an ideal environment for collective efforts that benefit all racial and ethnic groups within our community.”

— COMMUNITY PARTNER

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This report highlights how Asian Health Services (AHS) and its twenty-one community partners, through the Stop the Hate Program, provided services to victims and survivors of hate, as well as facilitated intervention measures and hate prevention from spring 2022 to summer 2023.¹

From this collaborative work, we want to highlight the power of community-based solutions grounded in healing, prevention, and systemic solutions to address hate and violence.

The report aims to address the following questions:

- What activities did the community partners do in their first year?
- How did the Stop the Hate Program impact the Bay Area, South Bay, and Central Coast?
- What role did Asian Health Services play as the regional lead?

1 – As part of this evaluation, AHS reviewed grantees' grant applications, quarterly reports, AHS's internal data, grantee survey, and key informant interviews. AHS also conducted an end of year one survey and interviews with the community partners. Findings have been shared in this report.

KEEPING THE REGION SAFE FROM HARM

At AHS, we believe that everyone has a right to feel safe in their community – free from hate, violence, and discrimination. Safety and healing are critical to individual and community health and well-being. We have faith in the power of community and believe that those deeply connected to the community are in the best position to identify solutions to the challenges they face.

In 2021, the California State Legislature passed a historic \$165.5 million [API Equity Budget](#) to address the rise in hate against Asian American and Pacific Islander (AAPI) Californians. Of these funds, and with additional investment in 2023, \$150 million statewide was allocated over three years for the Stop the Hate Program. This program supports community organizations that provide direct services to victims of hate and their families. It also funds prevention and intervention services to address hate within our communities.

While the impetus for the API Equity Budget was to specifically stop anti-Asian racism, the Stop the Hate Program also addresses hate in many communities, including AAPI, Black, Indigenous, Native American, Latinx, lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer, intersex (LGBTQI), disabled, religious communities, and more.²

2 – Source: Stop the Hate Program Funding. Retrieved from: <https://cdss.ca.gov/inforesources/cdss-programs/civil-rights/care-funding>

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“The Stop the Hate Program really was intentional due to the voices from the community and others demonstrating that the role of community organizations, grassroots organizations, and other communities is so critical.” — AHS STAFF

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At the center of this historic program are local community organizations that have earned the trust of their communities and are doing the intersectional work of healing, prevention, and mental health. In the first year, the Stop the Hate Program funded \$3.625 million in state grants to twenty-one community organizations in the Bay Area, South Bay, and Central Coast.

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“The story that I want to tell is that it really takes a holistic effort. We need to have the right tools to be proactive and reactive to hate... It does take a lot of different collaborators and experts in order to keep this region safe from harm.” — COMMUNITY PARTNER

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This report highlights the impact of significant investments made to support **community grounded, victim-centered approaches that are cross-cultural, language accessible, and aimed at promoting sustainable solutions.**

HATE AND VIOLENCE IN THE BAY AREA, SOUTH BAY AND CENTRAL COAST

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*“The last three years have made it painfully clear that hate and violence against Asians, Black people, LGBTQ and other marginalized groups **continues to inflict deep harm in our communities.**”*

— COMMUNITY PARTNER

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Photo by Joyce Xi

According to the California Department of Justice, the Bay Area, South Bay, and Central Coast regions witnessed a significant increase in reported hate crime offenses. In 2019, there were 349 reported hate crime offenses whereas in 2022, that number surged to 736. This represents an 111% increase over a three-year period across these regions.

Statewide, specific subgroups reported significant increases between 2019 and 2022:

CA DOJ	2019 HATE CRIME OFFENSES	2022 HATE CRIME OFFENSES	PERCENTAGE CHANGE
Black	297	778	162%
Hispanic	154	280	82%
Asian	58	172	197%
Religion	267	365	37%
Sexual Orientation	263	482	83%
Gender	49	100	104%

Additionally, between March 2020 and March 2022, Stop AAPI Hate received a total 4,333 hate incident reports from California, with 10% (451) of these incidents occurring in Alameda County alone.

Law enforcement data regarding hate crimes/incidents is limited; it often does not capture all experiences of hate violence, such as state violence, structural racism, unreported crimes, or hate incidents not codified by law.

The COVID-19 pandemic exacerbated already existing challenges including the homelessness and housing affordability crisis, widening achievement gaps in education, increasing costs of healthcare and health disparities, gaps in mental health services, and language and cultural access disparities in services.

At the same time, government agencies have made significant cuts to essential safety net programs that targeted the underlying causes for violence and racism. Black, Indigenous, People of Color (BIPOC) communities in the Bay Area, South Bay, and Central Coast region experienced the brunt of these impacts and faced an uptick of harassment in their neighborhoods, growing xenophobic and anti-immigrant sentiments, and increasing anti-LGBTQ messages from elected officials.

This has placed an overwhelming responsibility on community organizations. From mass shootings ([Gilroy Garlic Festival](#) in 2019, [Oakland King Estates School](#) in 2022, [Half Moon Bay](#) in 2023), police violence, alongside the series of violent assaults against Asian seniors in San Francisco and Oakland, community organizations had to redirect their already limited funds and pivot staff towards immediate crisis response and the pursuit of lasting solutions for the community's trauma and healing.



Members of Mental Health Association for Chinese Communities (MHACC) and other community members at a candle vigil for the victims of the Half Moon Bay shooting. Photo courtesy of MHACC

ADDRESSING HATE THROUGH COMMUNITY-BASED SOLUTIONS

The Stop the Hate Program advances innovative solutions targeting communities hit hard by hate and violence in the region, including BIPOC, immigrant, refugee, senior, youth, religious, LGBTQ, and low-income populations.

Stop the Hate funded services include:

- **Direct services** for victims and survivors of hate incidents and hate crimes and their families, including mental and complementary health services, wellness and community healing, legal services, navigation, case management, and referrals.
- **Intervention services** including outreach, training, restorative justice processes, collaborations with local government and institutional partners, and coordinated regional rapid response.
- **Prevention services** including arts and cultural work, youth development, senior safety and escort programs, safety planning, training, and cross-racial alliance work.

2022-2023 FUNDED COMMUNITY PARTNERS³



3 – Nonprofit organizations were selected through a request for funding process led by the California Department of Social Services (CDSS). A committee of CDSS, the Commission on Asian and Pacific Islander American Affairs (CAPIAA), and other reviewers invited by CDSS were part of the selection committee.

WHERE ARE THEY?

BAY AREA, SOUTH BAY AND CENTRAL COAST



WHAT ARE THEY DOING?

DIRECT SERVICES

76%

16 OUT OF 21 COMMUNITY PARTNERS

INTERVENTION SERVICES

76%

16 OUT OF 21 COMMUNITY PARTNERS

PREVENTION SERVICES

100%

21 OUT OF 21 COMMUNITY PARTNERS

DIRECT SERVICES

Community partners delivered a range of impactful direct services focusing on three areas: individual counseling and/or therapy, mental health and complementary health services, and wellness and community healing.

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“Speaking to a counselor was the first time my mom opened up about her feelings, about her pain and some of the trauma she’s gone through. My parents felt like someone believed in them and would be there to help them, and that allowed them to open up more to allow for healing to come in.”

— PROGRAM PARTICIPANT

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AS A COLLECTIVE, THE COMMUNITY PARTNERS PROVIDED:

2,097

INDIVIDUAL COUNSELING
AND/OR THERAPY SESSIONS

1,549

NAVIGATION AND CASE
MANAGEMENT SERVICES

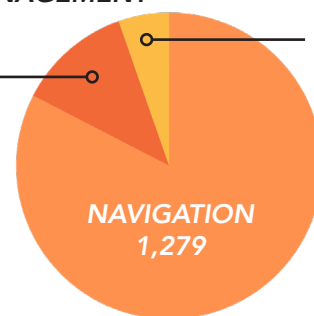
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LEGAL SERVICES

CASE MANAGEMENT

187

NON-LEGAL
83



40%

LEGAL SERVICES
PROVIDED TO SENIORS

64%

REFERRAL SERVICES
PROVIDED TO SENIORS⁴



THE COMMUNITY PARTNERS COLLECTIVELY PROVIDED THESE SERVICES IN BURMESE, CANTONESE, ENGLISH, HMONG, JAPANESE, KHMER, KOREAN, LAO, MANDARIN, SPANISH, THAI, VIETNAMESE, OTHER CHINESE LANGUAGES, AND OTHER NON-ENGLISH LANGUAGES


4 – In this report, the numbers of sessions (including trainings, workshops, and engagements) are aggregated across four quarterly reports. We took a different approach in counting individual clients as these clients could be counted multiple times across the quarters. The numbers of clients reported are the highest client count reported in one quarter, instead of reporting aggregated count across the quarterly reports.

As part of **mental health and complementary health services**, the community partners provided group counseling and/or therapy sessions, workshops/classes, peer support sessions, and other sessions.



As part of the **wellness and community healing work**, the community partners provided workshops/classes, peer support sessions, and other convenings.



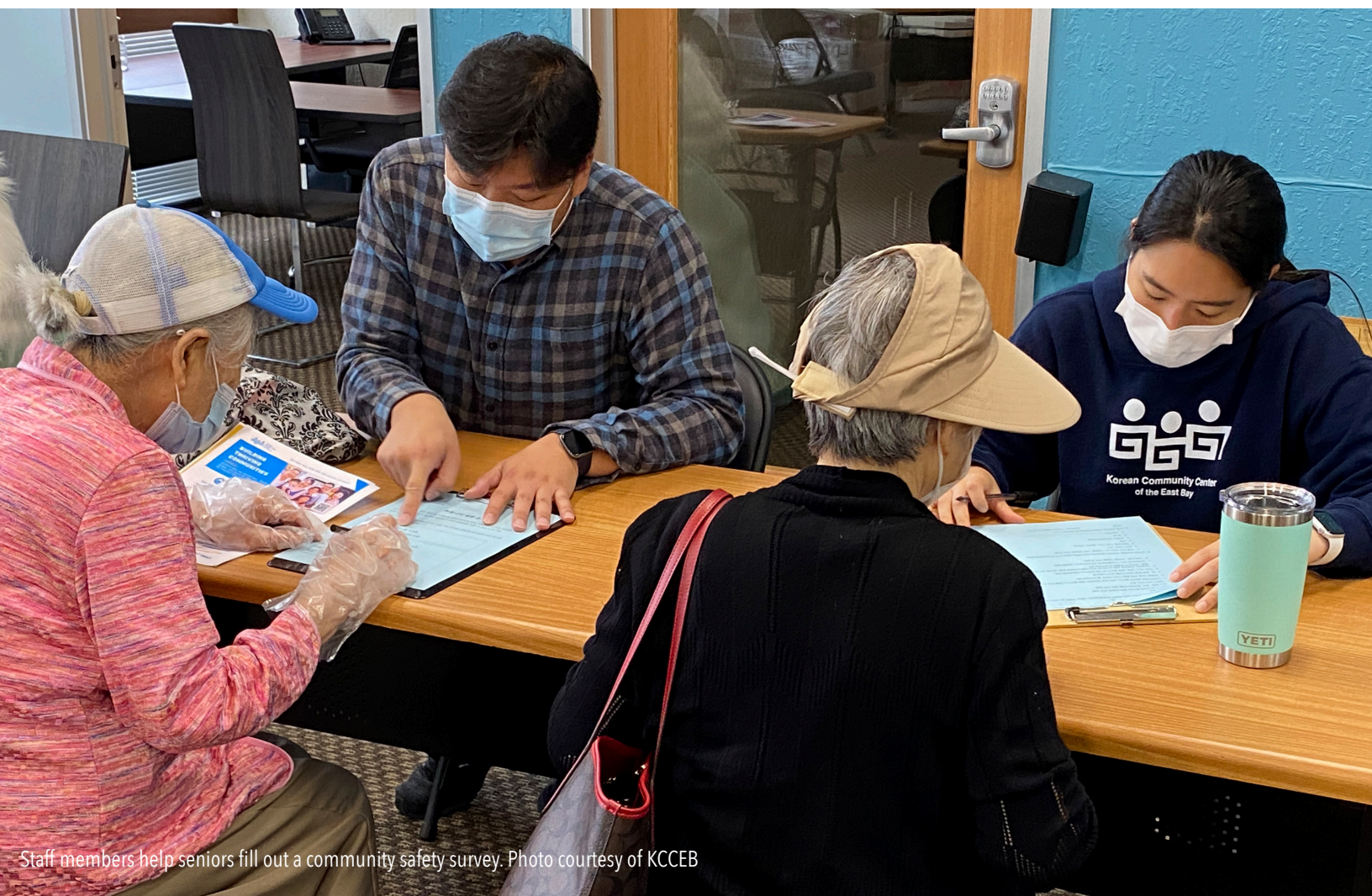


*“The seniors have all kinds of stories. They do not even know how to define what a hate crime is... they won’t report it to us directly because they don’t know how... **Sometimes they’re ashamed about it. They don’t want to talk about it.**”*

— COMMUNITY PARTNER



Left and right: photos by Joyce Xi



Staff members help seniors fill out a community safety survey. Photo courtesy of KCCEB

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“In so many different ways, it affects not just them but the community around them. When we start to help a community member... they start feeling relief, then they start telling other people like, ‘hey, maybe you should too, maybe you should talk to somebody too ‘cause you have something similar happen.’”

— COMMUNITY PARTNER

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At the end of Year 1, community partners reported the following program changes as a result of their direct services:

- ✓ **Increased in-language outreach and direct services**
- ✓ **Increased mental health and complementary health services**
- ✓ **Increased legal services**
- ✓ **Increased navigation, case management and referrals**
- ✓ **Increased knowledge on how to navigate systems regarding hate incidents among survivors and community members**



Left: Toishan Benevolent Association lion dancers at CURYJ's MultiCulti Night. Right: Local community members at CURYJ's MultiCulti Night. Photos courtesy of CURYJ

Communities United for Restorative Youth Justice (CURYJ) partnered with **Toishan Benevolent Association** for Summer Town Nights Events to bring Chinese Lion Dancers and other cultural representatives. CURYJ is committed to multiracial alliance building and working closely with organizations to create solidarity and combat racial subjugation. CURYJ uses community events as opportunities to come together to relearn identities, histories, and cultures organically.



Left: Self-defense workshop. Right: door-to-door escort services for the elderly. Photos courtesy of Self-Help

In 2023, [Self-Help for the Elderly \(Self-Help\)](#) provided critical direct services for victims and family members of the Half Moon Bay shooting, including coordination with government agencies and community partners. Self-Help promotes the independence, dignity, and self-worth of seniors by serving 40,000 seniors annually in five Bay Area counties: San Francisco, San Mateo, Santa Clara, Alameda, and Contra Costa. Since the COVID-19 pandemic and the rise of AAPI hate crimes, Self-Help has provided door-to-door escort services to seniors and adults with disabilities to help them feel safe to go outside again.

INTERVENTION SERVICES

Intervention services not only encompassed extensive outreach, comprehensive training, and community programs, but also forged critical partnerships with local government and key institutional collaborators.

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*“We hired staff to outreach and facilitate the **Community Empowerment Training to the community**. In this training, we teach people how to protect themselves in threatening situations [and] how to intervene effectively as a bystander without compromising their own safety.”*

— COMMUNITY PARTNER

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AS A COLLECTIVE, THE COMMUNITY PARTNERS HELD:

1,448

OUTREACH SESSIONS

113

TRAINING SESSIONS

37

COMMUNITY-CENTERED
ALTERNATIVE APPROACHES

13

ENGAGEMENTS WITH LOCAL
GOVERNMENT AND OTHER
INSTITUTIONAL PARTNERS

**NEARLY 500,000 INDIVIDUALS WERE REACHED
THROUGH THESE INTERVENTION EFFORTS.**

267,727

INDIVIDUALS REACHED THROUGH OUTREACH EFFORTS

227,394

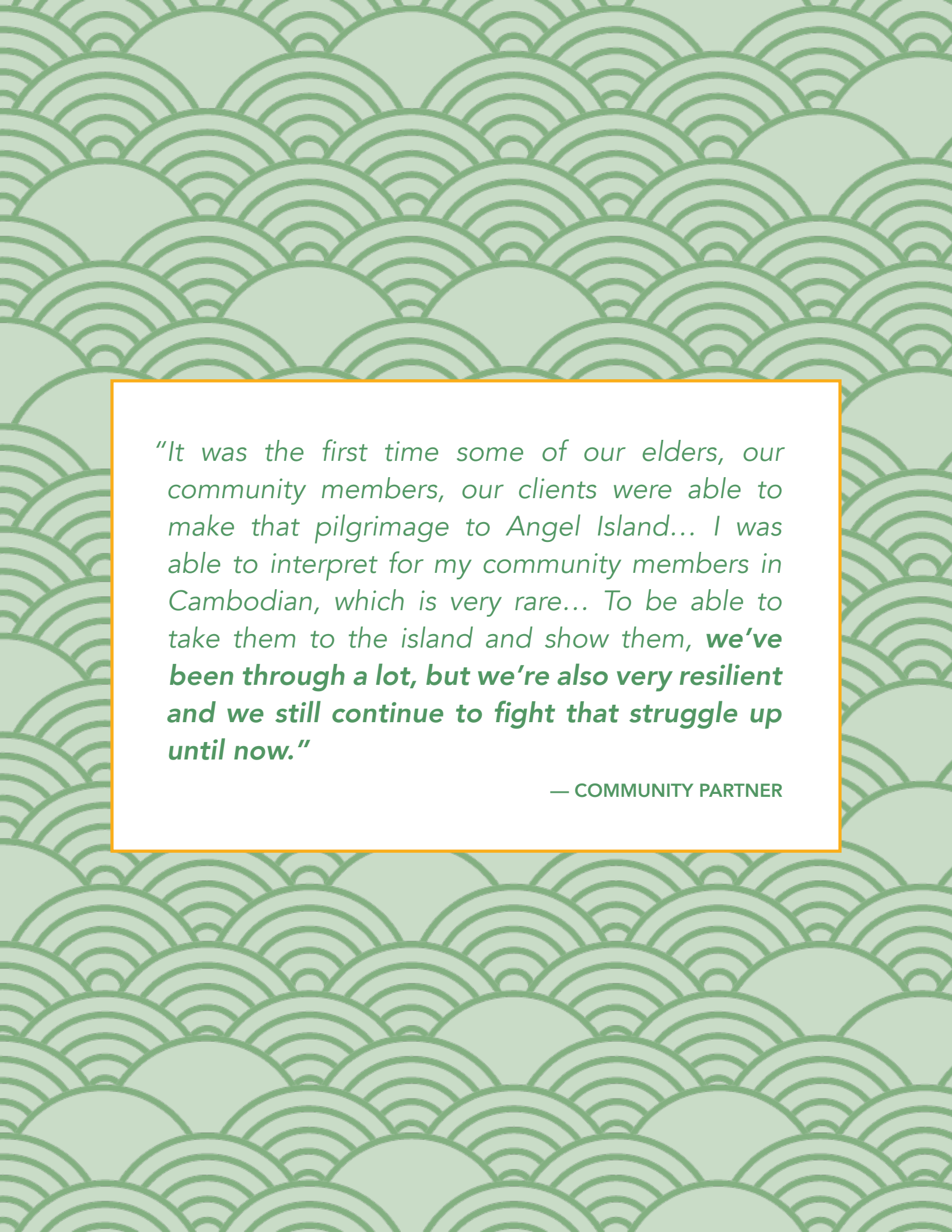
INDIVIDUALS REACHED THROUGH TRAINING EFFORTS

1,367

INDIVIDUALS REACHED THROUGH COMMUNITY-CENTERED
ALTERNATIVE APPROACHES

127

INDIVIDUALS REACHED THROUGH ENGAGEMENTS WITH
LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND INSTITUTIONAL PARTNERS



*“It was the first time some of our elders, our community members, our clients were able to make that pilgrimage to Angel Island... I was able to interpret for my community members in Cambodian, which is very rare... To be able to take them to the island and show them, **we’ve been through a lot, but we’re also very resilient and we still continue to fight that struggle up until now.**”*

— COMMUNITY PARTNER



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“Over the past year, we have participated in multiple rallies in Oakland to protest against hate-related crimes. We’ve held in-person meetings with both federal and state lawmakers to discuss strategies for reducing such crimes. Additionally, we work closely with Alameda County and local city officials to make our community safe.”

— COMMUNITY PARTNER

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At the end of Year 1, community partners reported the following program changes as a result of their intervention efforts:

- ✓ **Survivors and community members increased their knowledge on how to navigate systems regarding hate incidents**
- ✓ **Partnerships developed or strengthened with other community-based organizations as a result of the Stop the Hate grant**
- ✓ **Partnerships developed or strengthened with government agencies**

In addition, AHS initiated, built and facilitated partnerships to drive broader systems change throughout the region. In year one, AHS was successful in improving timely access to holistic healing and comprehensive victim services in the City of Oakland and Alameda County.

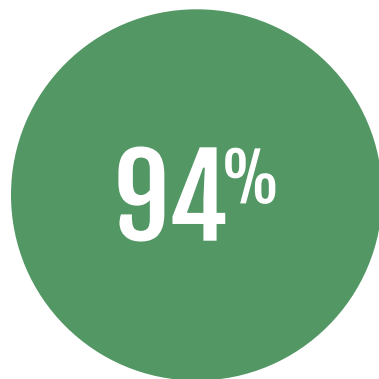
AHS created a coordinated response plan and referral process for Asian victims, including coordination with Oakland Police Department victim services, Alameda County District Attorney victim services, Highland Hospital, community-based organizations funded by the City of Oakland's Department of Violence Prevention, and internal referrals from AHS medical providers.



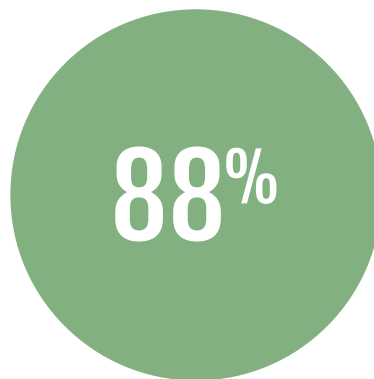
Photos by Joyce Xi

AHS will continue to advocate for increased resources for all, including lay mental health counseling, senior escort safety programs, and partnerships across silos, including violence prevention, reentry, public health, mental health, schools, and more.

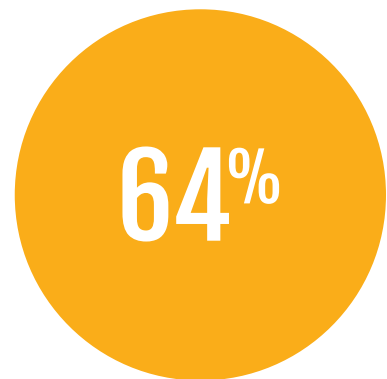
SUCCESSES IN YEAR ONE



OF COMMUNITY PARTNERS DEVELOPED OR STRENGTHENED PARTNERSHIPS WITH OTHER COMMUNITY BASED ORGANIZATIONS



OF COMMUNITY PARTNERS DEVELOPED OR STRENGTHENED PARTNERSHIPS WITH GOVERNMENT AGENCIES



OF COMMUNITY PARTNERS INCREASED CROSS-RACIAL COLLABORATION

PREVENTION SERVICES

Prevention services wove together art-based cultural initiatives, youth development, senior safety, and individual and community safety planning. These efforts also included bystander and other de-escalation trainings, along with cross-collaboration among racial groups and other impacted populations, to strengthen alliances and promote understanding.

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*“My biggest celebration is actually just being a part of this... and making a case that **art is essential to building empathy and humanizing the anti-Asian hate experiences.**”*

— COMMUNITY PARTNER

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AS A COLLECTIVE, THE COMMUNITY PARTNERS HELD:

1,492

**ARTS-BASED AND OTHER
CULTURAL WORK**

378

**YOUTH DEVELOPMENT
PROGRAMS**

672

**SENIOR SAFETY AND
AMBASSADOR/ESCORT
PROGRAMS**

97

**INDIVIDUAL AND COMMUNITY
SAFETY PLANNING
PROGRAMS**

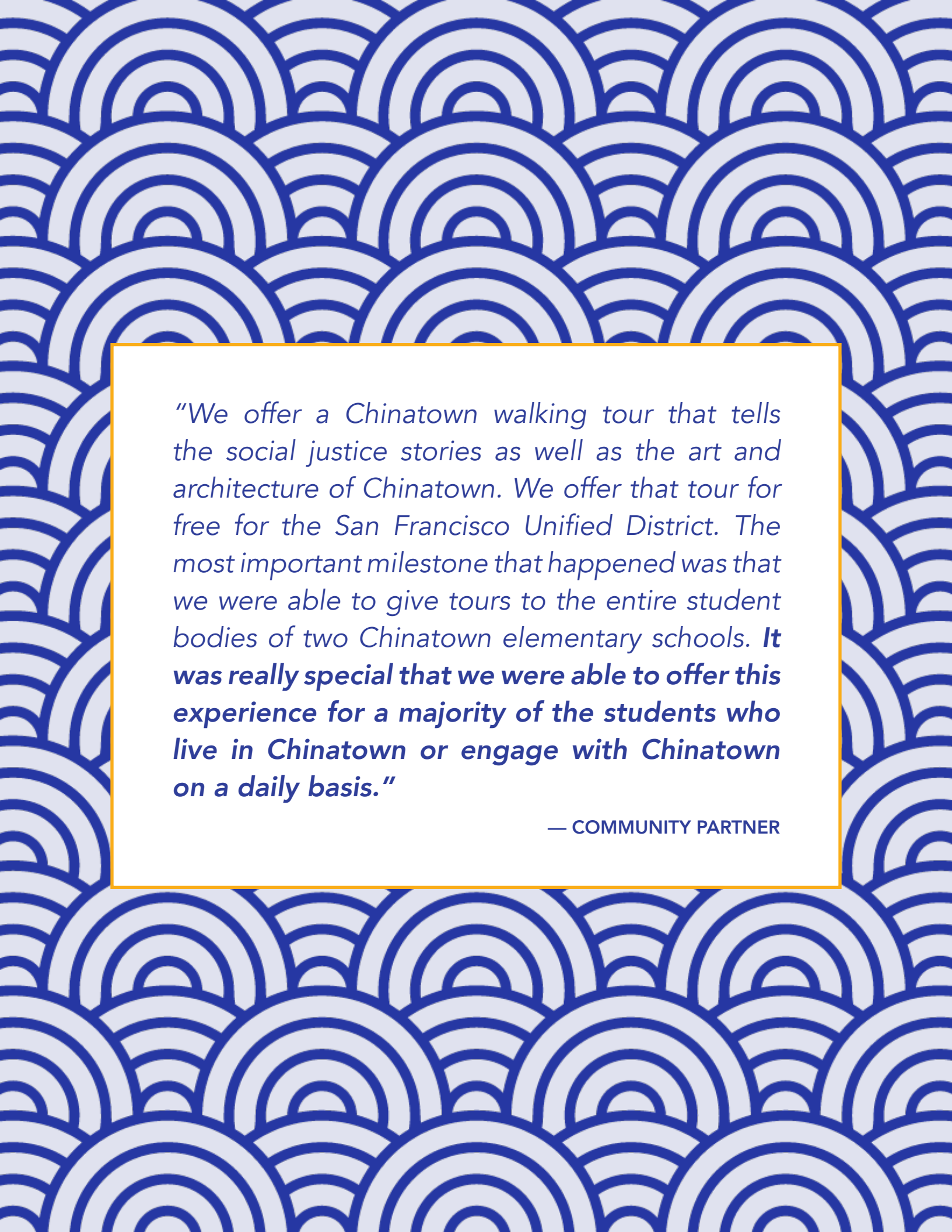
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**BYSTANDER AND OTHER
DE-ESCALATION TRAINING
SESSIONS**

781

**EFFORTS TO WORK ACROSS
RACIAL GROUPS AND OTHER
IMPACTED POPULATIONS**

**IT IS ESTIMATED THAT OVER 28,000
INDIVIDUALS WERE REACHED THROUGH
THE PREVENTION EFFORTS.**



*“We offer a Chinatown walking tour that tells the social justice stories as well as the art and architecture of Chinatown. We offer that tour for free for the San Francisco Unified District. The most important milestone that happened was that we were able to give tours to the entire student bodies of two Chinatown elementary schools. **It was really special that we were able to offer this experience for a majority of the students who live in Chinatown or engage with Chinatown on a daily basis.**”*

— COMMUNITY PARTNER

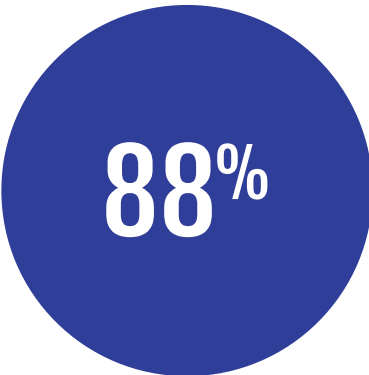
At the end of Year 1, community partners reported the following program changes as a result of their prevention services:

- ✓ Increased community engagement and education
- ✓ Increased youth engagement and support
- ✓ Increased skills in conflict resolution tactics
- ✓ Increased number of services to escort community members in public
- ✓ Increased number of community diversity training initiatives
- ✓ Increased cross-racial collaboration efforts

SUCCESSES IN YEAR ONE



OF COMMUNITY PARTNERS INCREASED COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT



OF COMMUNITY PARTNERS INCREASED COMMUNITY EDUCATION EFFORTS



OF COMMUNITY PARTNERS INCREASED YOUTH ENGAGEMENT AND SUPPORT



Left: the final mural completed. Photo by Denny Khamphanthong). Right: Elders Baci ceremony in front of mural. Photo by Monet Khanyahl

At the heart of [Asian Pacific Environmental Network \(APEN\)](#)'s work is bringing together Asian immigrants and refugees in Oakland and Richmond to advance solutions to the issues that matter most to them. Youths felt it necessary to see their history and culture reflected in their community and came up with the idea to do a mural project.

They partnered with the elder advisory board to display the story of Southeast Asians in Richmond and the East Bay that features our community members, experiences and hopes for the future.



Left: Senior Street Smarts series by KCCEB. Right: Members of MHACC attending a meeting at SAMHSA headquarters. Photo courtesy of MHACC

[Korean Community Center of East Bay \(KCCEB\)](#) heard repeatedly how vulnerable Asian seniors felt during the height of the pandemic and anti-Asian hate crimes. KCCEB developed [Senior Street Smart videos](#) to address those fears by covering basic defense moves, fall prevention and protection, comply and report, and defense tools in Cantonese, Mandarin, and Korean.

The repeated circulation of violent hate crime videos targeting Asian Americans on WeChat has had a huge toll on Asian Americans mental health. To address this issue, the [Mental Health Association for Chinese Communities \(MHACC\)](#) led WeChat groups on senior safety and mental health, shared resources on hate crimes, and facilitated family support groups.



Student participants of the RAMS Unity Road Trip. Photo courtesy of RAMS, Inc.

In the years following the surge in anti-Asian violence, **[RAMS, Inc.](#)** hosted online events and established a month-long social media campaign to bring awareness to the issue and amplify the narrative of cross-racial unity. In partnership with the Stop the Hate program, RAMS, Inc. led a four-week [Unity Road Trip](#) that took five Chinese American and five African American high school girls across 16 states to learn about each other's cultural histories, to develop community leadership skills, and to better understand why we are better together.



Artists from CCC's "How I Keep Looking Up" project carrying self-created flags at the 2023 Chinese New Year parade. Photo courtesy of CCC

In response to escalating xenophobia and growing fears of bodily harm, the [Chinese Culture Center of San Francisco \(CCC\)](#) focused on healing, increasing intercultural understanding between populations, building bridges, and celebrating self and community. CCC engaged in a multiethnic and trilingual artistic initiative, [How I Keep Looking Up/ Como Sigo Mirando Hacia Arriba/仰望](#), which connected Chinese and Latinx communities. Through this project, the artists showcased how the immigration journey is one of enduring resilience, shared experiences, and cross-cultural friendships, bridging divides and dismantling stereotypes.



REGIONAL LEAD

AHS uses a [public health approach](#) that examines and responds to the root causes of violence. Rather than focus on a single solution, our approach seeks to address the complete systems, pathways and precursors to violence. With this framework in mind, AHS served as a regional lead for the Stop the Hate Program in the Bay, South Bay and Central Coast.

What is the role of the regional lead?

The API Legislative Caucus created “regional leads” as a statewide infrastructure to support particularly smaller community organizations navigate the state’s complex procurement system in order to receive Stop the Hate funds. As a regional lead, AHS provided administrative support to the community partners and served as an intermediary between the California Department of Social Services (CDSS) and the community partners.

AHS connected with other regional leads to advance the work against hate across the state. AHS also served as a thought partner and leader, bringing the work of community partners together to understand the collective impact. As part of this work, AHS developed a logic model, or a blueprint of the collective work, that provided a common vision for reducing hate and hate crimes, mitigating the harmful effects of the justice process, and building safe and healthy communities. AHS will continue to work with the community partners to create a narrative of their collective work.

What did AHS do as a regional lead?

AHS supported community partners in strengthening their organizational capacity to address hate in their communities. They also provided spaces for collaboration, demonstration, and sustainability. AHS provided the following activities:

- Quarterly convenings
- One-on-ones with community partners
- Office hours
- Organizational Capacity Assessments
- Trainings and Technical Assistance (TA)

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“AHS, they’re so supportive, they try to make it so easy.”

“The meetings were very helpful for our organization to receive key information about what’s happening with the grants... We found those meetings very good for receiving information and it’s always good to see who else is in the room.”

“We were able to see how creative each of the agencies could be... that really inspired us on program operation and achieving the program goals too.”

— COMMUNITY PARTNERS

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AHS conducted organizational capacity assessments to prioritize needs for the community partners. Training and TA topics were selected based on the assessment results. These topics included:

- The Power of Values Based Messaging
- Policy and Systems Change for Community Safety and Healing
- Stop the Hate Financial Reporting Tools & Tips
- Financial Reporting Responsibilities & GCS App Training
- Measuring Your Impact

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“We enhanced our data collection and reporting system based on the knowledge gained from the training. Specifically, we incorporated additional demographic fields into our data collection forms.”

“The most useful training... was the one about measuring our impact. This training allows us to collect success stories about our work and keep a record of them.”

“The trainings provided our organization to better align our work with the larger policies that are impacting our community. For example, the Policy and System Change really gave us an overview of how our work is being impacted and how it aligns with the work on a macro level.”

— COMMUNITY PARTNERS

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AS A RESULT OF AHS'S WORK AS THE REGIONAL LEAD FOR STOP THE HATE, THE FOLLOWING WAS ACHIEVED:

- ✓ Increased organizational capacity to address hate
- ✓ Increased sense of community and interconnectedness among the community partners
- ✓ Increased sharing of resources/networks/knowledge among the community partners
- ✓ Increased connection and skill-sharing among community organizations in the Bay, South Bay and Central Coast
- ✓ Developed shared understanding of purpose and goal of Stop the Hate among AHS community partners, regional leads and state

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“Stop the Hate Program is really addressing the acute causes of hate. Our programming is using the grant to increase our capacity to directly educate and protect our seniors. It also builds on institutional knowledge and educates our next generation to become more open minded and provide them with tools to address hate and expand their willingness to be open.”

— COMMUNITY PARTNER

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Left: Regional Lead staff from each of the 5 regions of the Stop the Hate program at the first statewide convening for STH community partners.
Right: Community members of the STH program having discussions during the statewide convening. Photos courtesy of Sierra Health Foundation.

Most community partners reported that it was “extremely or very important” for them to feel a sense of community and interconnectedness with other Stop the Hate community partners.

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“During the in-person and online convening I learned about the resources from other orgs in the East Bay. I also learned about the escorting services for another grantee, a mural project from another organization. These opportunities are great to understand what other community partners are working on and engage with them to see how our collective efforts are combating racism and hate.”

“We are all working towards the same goals, so it made sense for us to be able to rely on each other.”

— COMMUNITY PARTNERS

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AHS aimed to break down silos and build bridges across different sectors to address hate and violence in the community. As a result, most community partners felt that they are providing a holistic approach to addressing violence. Most community partners shared that, as a community, they were building bridges and breaking down institutional silos (i.e., anti-hate, violence prevention, mental health) to address violence.

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“As a result of the Stop the Hate grants program, we have the connections to refer those who were exposed to anti-hate violence that we can’t help to another organization we know are getting paid to help the victims.”

“We’re slowly chipping away at some of the silos... you see violence prevention groups, working with anti-hate groups, mental health groups, working with and learning from youth organizing groups... It’s such a complex issue that we have to break through some of the silos... ethnic racial groups... issue areas... and different types of agencies, elected officials, and CBOs [community-based organizations] as well.”

— COMMUNITY PARTNERS

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Asian Health Services staff and community member attending street renaming event in honor of Vicha Ratanapakdee. Photo courtesy of AHS

AHS provided leadership through a multiracial lens, recognizing that the trauma experienced by one community is a shared trauma affecting us all. Moving from the concept of “them” to “us” has been an important concept in recognizing the collective trauma and collective work needed in the region.

In addition, AHS initiated, built and facilitated partnerships to drive broader systems change throughout the region. In year one, AHS was successful in improving timely access to holistic healing and comprehensive victim services in the City of Oakland and Alameda County. AHS created a coordinated response plan and referral process for Asian victims, including coordination with Oakland Police Department victim services, Alameda County District Attorney victim services, Highland Hospital, community-based organizations funded by the City of Oakland’s Department of Violence Prevention, and internal referrals from AHS medical providers.

AHS will continue to advocate for increased resources for all, including lay mental health counseling, senior escort safety programs, and partnerships across silos, including violence prevention, reentry, public health, mental health, schools, and more.



Launch of the CA vs Hate Program. Photo courtesy of California Civil Rights Department

A CLOSING INVITATION

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“At the end of the day, I think it’s a successful showing of how we all care deeply for our communities and for our futures... It can only make us stronger, more compassionate, more human, more curious about what’s possible instead of staying in fear of what has happened.”

— COMMUNITY PARTNER

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This report is only the beginning of our journey. In year one, AHS and its twenty-one community partners targeted the root causes of violence at the individual, institutional, and societal level and shared what the power of community-based holistic solutions can look like to address hate.

Year one not only highlighted what needs to change but also multiple models of how systems change can be approached and achieved. In the coming years, we will continue to learn and highlight how Stop the Hate programs can offer best practices, replicable models, and systems change strategies that can be implemented at multiple levels (community, city, county, state) after the grant period ends.

In 2022, the statewide hate crime numbers on Asians decreased compared to 2021⁵. This is a testament to greater awareness and widespread community investment and programs, including the Stop the Hate program. Yet despite the year-over-year decrease, community members continue to emphasize the ongoing impact of racism, violence, and needs affecting AAPI communities⁶. Unfortunately, the number of hate crimes against other communities, including religious and LGBTQ individuals, have increased.

Over the next three years, AHS will administer another \$23,572,000 in Stop the Hate grants to 44 organizations, reaching over 15 counties, including San Francisco, Alameda, Contra Costa, Santa Clara, San Mateo, Santa Barbara, and Monterey counties. The community partners in this cycle are more diverse, encompassing programs that support a wider range of groups including, Black, Indigenous, LGBTQ, and other communities.

AHS is committed to helping to advance systems change work, supporting our Stop the Hate partners, and helping to document the successes and challenges as these efforts continue to grow and evolve. We invite you to join us in our collective efforts to build communities that are safe, healthy, and free from hate, violence, and discrimination.

5 – Source: 2022 Hate Crimes in California. Retrieved from: <https://oag.ca.gov/system/files/attachments/press-docs/Hate%20Crime%20In%20CA%202022f.pdf>

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STOP THE HATE RESOURCES

[California Department of Social Services \(CDSS\) Stop the Hate Program Funding](#) for Stop the Hate overview, highlights, Request for Applications (RFA) Instructions, application, FAQ, and CDSS contact information.

Budget and Bill Legislation:

- [API Equity Budget](#): To begin addressing historic inequities and the recent attacks adversely impacting AANHPI communities in California, the commission worked closely with the leadership of the Asian Pacific Islander Legislative Caucus (APILC), budget staff, and partnership with Stop AAPI Hate Coalition and over 150 CBOs to develop and advocate for the #APIEquity Budget in order for California.
 - With the leadership of the APILC and Governor's Office, as well as all the support from Budget Consultants and community partners, together, we were able to secure \$165.5 million over a three-year period for support to broader at-risk communities.
- [California Assembly House Resolution 23](#): February 16, 2021, Denouncing hate incidents and crimes against Asian American and Pacific Islander communities.
- [California Senate Resolution 12](#): March 5, 2021, Denouncing hate incidents and crimes against Asian American and Pacific Islander communities.

To report a hate incident or hate crime:

- [CA vs. Hate](#) is a way to report hate incidents or hate crimes online or over the phone and receive support and resources without necessarily involving law enforcement. People who report a hate incident or hate

crime through this service will be connected with a professional trained in culturally competent communication and trauma-informed practices.

- Call +1 (833) 866-4283
- Report a hate incident with [LA vs. Hate](#) and [Stop AAPI Hate](#)
- [California Department of Justice Hate Crimes and Hate Incidents Resources](#)
- [California Attorney General's 2022 Hate Crime Report](#) presents statistics on hate crimes reported by California law enforcement agencies that occurred during 2022 with prior years included for context. These statistics include the reported number of hate crime events, hate crime offenses, victims of hate crimes, and suspects of hate crimes.

Community Resources:

- [Stop the Hate](#): Learn more about Stop the Hate program with events, news, and resources
- [California State Library's Ethnic Media Outreach Grant](#): The Ethnic Media Outreach Grant aims to build public awareness of the Stop the Hate Program. Grants are awarded to ethnic media outlets and collaboratives serving communities that are historically vulnerable to hate incidents and hate crimes.
- [Oakland Neighborhood Services](#): Every block is organized, and every neighbor is skilled, networked, and empowered to work together and in partnership with the City and outside agencies to solve problems and build a healthy, resilient community.
- [Stop AAPI Hate Community Resources](#) including anti-hate resources, mental health service providers, community-based organizations, and laws to know your rights
- [Asian Health Services](#)' community partners as program service providers. Visit their respective website for more information.

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About Asian Health Services

Asian Health Services (AHS), founded in 1974, provides health, social, and advocacy services for all regardless of income, insurance status, immigration status, language, or culture. AHS provides services to 50,000 patients in English and 14 languages: Korean, ASL, Lao, Burmese, Mandarin, Cantonese, French, Mien, Karen, Mongolian, Karenni, Tagalog, Khmer, and Vietnamese. AHS provides mental health services, systems navigation, case management, and cultural healing activities for survivors of crime, hate, and violence.



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