CONNECT! GUIDE
your guide to community organizations serving Asian Americans & Pacific Islanders in the DC Metro area
### TABLE OF CONTENTS

1. Introduction
2. How to use the CONNECT! Guide
3. About AAPIP
4. About the Metro DC and Baltimore Chapter
5. Program Areas

1. AASuccess
2. ASHA for Women
3. Asian Americans Advancing Justice (AAAJ)
4. Asian American Center of Frederick, MD
5. Asian American LEAD (AALEAD)
6. Asian and Pacific Islander American Health Forum (APIAHF)
7. Asian & Pacific Islander American Scholarship Fund (APIASF)
8. Asian and Pacific Islander American Vote (APIA Vote)
9. Asian Pacific American Labor Alliance (APALA)
10. Asian Pacific American Legal Resource Center (APALRC)
11. Asian/Pacific Islander Domestic Violence Resource Project (DVRP)
12. Asian Community Service Center
13. Association of Vietnamese Americans (AVA)
14. Boat People SOS - Washington, DC
15. Capital Area Immigrants’ Rights (CAIR) Coalition
16. The Center for Asian Pacific American Women
17. Chinatown Community Cultural Center (CCCC)
18. Chinatown Service Center (CSC)
19. Chinese Culture and Community Service Center (CCCSC)
20. Conference on Asian Pacific American Leadership (CAPAL)
21. Counselors Helping (South)Asians/Indians (CHAI)
22. Dana Tai Soon Burgess and Company
23. Halau O’Aulani
24. Hepatitis B Initiative of Washington, DC (HBI-DC)
25. International Nepali Literary Society (INLS)
26. Japan-America Society of Washington, DC
27. Just Neighbors
28. Kollaboration DC
29. Language ETC
30. Many Languages One Voice (MLOV)
31. Montgomery County Coalition for Adult English Literacy (MCCAEL)
32. National Asian Pacific American Women’s Forum (NAPAWF)
33. National Coalition for Asian Pacific American Community Development (National CAPACD)
34. National Council of Asian Pacific Americans (NCAPA)
35. National Institute of Family Counseling (NIFC)
36. Newcomer Community Service Center (NCSC)
37. Sikh American Legal Defense and Education Fund (SALDEF)
38. South Asian Americans Leading Together (SAALT)
39. Southeast Asia Resource Action Center (SEARAC)
40. Vietnamese Resettlement Association
The Metropolitan Washington DC/Baltimore Chapter of Asian Americans/Pacific Islanders in Philanthropy (AAPIP) is proud to bring you the 2nd edition of the CONNECT! Guide to Nonprofits Serving Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders in our region. This guide introduces 40 nonprofit organizations serving the Greater Washington, DC metro area. We hope you will learn about their missions and programs, and discover ways to support them through your individual contributions and institutional funding opportunities.

We would like to thank AAPIP and recognize the many dedicated individuals whose support and expertise made this guide possible, especially:

Rosie Abriam, Center for Asian Pacific American Women
Andrew Ho, Council on Foundations
Teresa Hsu, Brookings Institution
Sonia Segarra Law, Cherry Blossom Giving Circle
Gale Aways McCallum, Metro DC/Baltimore AAPIP Chapter
Edwin Quiambao, The Annie E. Casey Foundation
Danielle Reyes, Eugene and Agnes E. Meyer Foundation
Nageeb Sumar, Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation
Emily Yu, The Case Foundation

We thank you for your numerous contributions!

This is a growing list of community organizations serving Asian Americans/Pacific Islanders in the Metro DC/Baltimore area. The organizations are listed in alphabetical order. We hope you will use it to learn more about these organizations, and support them through your charitable donations and volunteer time.

Don’t see an organization that you think should be included? Email aapip.dc.balt@gmail.com and let us know!
Our chapter, founded in 2002, supports the mission and goals of AAPIP (Asian Americans/Pacific Islanders in Philanthropy), a national member-supported philanthropic advocacy organization dedicated to advancing philanthropy and Asian American/Pacific Islander (AAPI) communities. Its members include: representatives from foundations; staff and trustees of grantmaking institutions; and nonprofit organizations in 10 regional chapters across the United States. AAPIP engages communities and leverages philanthropy to address unmet needs; serves as a resource for and about AAPI communities; supports and facilitates giving by and to AAPI communities; and incubates new ideas and approaches to democratizing philanthropy.

Our region is home to many national and local Asian American Pacific Islander organizations, national foundations and government agencies. Our members hail from Washington, DC, Maryland, and Northern Virginia.

The Metro DC/Baltimore chapter’s goals are to:

- Raise awareness in the field of philanthropy, among members, partner organizations and constituents within the region about critical issues facing our communities;
- Expand and increase the impact of community philanthropy within the region by helping to grow and support local Giving Circles, and;
- Serve as a resource and a champion for the AAPI community.

Alongside three local AAPI focused giving circles – the Cherry Blossom Giving Circle, the MASALA Giving Circle, and the Rainbow Dragon Fund—we aim to serve as a resource on and issues in our communities and to connect local grantmakers and donors to AAPI nonprofits.

For more information, go to http://aapip.org/who-we-are/chapters/metro-d-c
**PROGRAM AREAS**

**ADVOCACY**
- Asian Americans Advancing Justice
- Asian and Pacific Islander Health Forum
- Asian Pacific American Labor Alliance
- Asian Pacific American Legal Resource Center
- Association of Vietnamese Americans
- Boat People SOS - DC Chapter
- Conference on Asian Pacific American Leadership
- Many Languages One Voice

**COMMUNITY BUILDING**
- Asian American Center of Frederick, MD
- Asian and Pacific Islander American Health Forum
- Asian and Pacific Islander American Health Scholarships
- Capital Area Immigrants’ Rights Coalition
- The Center for Asian Pacific American Women
- Many Languages One Voice

**CULTURAL PRESERVATION**
- Asian American Center of Frederick, MD
- Asian Community Service Center
- Chinatown Community Cultural Center
- Chinese Culture and Community Service Center
- Dana Tai Soon Burgess and Company
- Halau O’Aulani
- International Nepali Literary Society
- Japan-America Society of Washington, DC

**ARTS**
- Asian Community Service Center
- Dana Tai Soon Burgess and Company
- Kollaboration DC
- Halau O’Aulani
- International Nepali Literary Society

**EDUCATION**
- AASuccess
- Asian American Center of Frederick, MD
- Asian American LEAD (AALEAD)
- Asian Community Service Center
- Asian and Pacific Islander American Vote
- Asian Pacific American Labor Alliance
- The Center for Asian Pacific American Women
- Chinatown Service Center
- Chinese Culture and Community Service Center
- Conference on Asian Pacific American Leadership
- Dana Tai Soon Burgess and Company
- Sikh American Legal Defense and Education Fund

**CHILDREN & YOUTH**
- ASHA for Women
- AASuccess
- Asian American LEAD (AALEAD)
- Asian and Pacific Islander American Vote
- National Institute of Family Counseling

**CRISIS SUPPORT**
- ASHA for Women
- Asian Pacific American Legal Resource Center
- Asian/Pacific Islander Domestic Violence Resource Project
- Boat People SOS - DC Chapter
- Chinatown Service Center

**PROGRAM AREAS**

**EMPLOYMENT**
- AASuccess
- Newcomer Community Service Center

**HEALTH & WELLNESS**
- ASHA for Women
- Asian Americans Advancing Justice
- Asian/Pacific Islander Domestic Violence Resource Project
- Boat People SOS - DC Chapter
- Chinatown Service Center
- Counselors Helping (South) Asians/Indians
- Hepatitis B Initiative of Washington, DC
- National Institute of Family Counseling
- Vietnamese Resettlement Association

**LANGUAGE**
- Association of Vietnamese Americans
- Chinese Culture and Community Service Center
- Chinatown Service Center
- Counselors Helping (South) Asians/Indians
- Language ETC
- Many Languages One Voice
- Montgomery Coalition for Adult English Literacy

**LEGAL SUPPORT**
- Asian Pacific American Legal Resource Center
- Capital Area Immigrants’ Rights Coalition
- Sikh American Legal Defense and Education Fund

**WOMEN**
- ASHA for Women
- Asian/Pacific Islander Domestic Violence Resource Project
- The Center for Asian Pacific American Women
- National Asian Pacific American Women’s Forum

**WORKERS’ RIGHTS**
- Asian Pacific American Labor Alliance
- Asian Pacific American Legal Resource Center
- Boat People SOS
Founded in 2007, AASuccess aims to create an environment where volunteer professionals and students will learn from one another and exchange resources. All participants in AASuccess are required to serve the community, pursuant to AASuccess’s mission, and to support the organization in various capacities. To accomplish these goals, AASuccess addresses a host of issues, including: self-discipline, stress management, accountability, citizenship, self-esteem, leadership skills, physical and emotional health, and prudent decision-making. In doing so, the participants directly learn valuable professional life skills, mentoring and coaching skills, while supporting the organization that will support them.

With help from the business community, AASuccess provides students with funding, internship opportunities, coaching, and other resources critical to developing and accomplishing our student and community-focused mission. Our overall goal at AASuccess is to help students succeed in life.
ASHA for Women provides volunteer-run, community-based, culturally-competent services within the Washington metropolitan area to South Asian women and their children experiencing domestic violence.

ASHA was created in 1989, to support South Asian victims in securing their immigration status, in overcoming language and cultural barriers, and in finding resources. ASHA volunteers do not give professional advice, but offer sympathetic, non-judgmental support and provide information and resources, including: Information about and access to battered women’s shelters and other housing; referrals to social, legal, and mental health services; court accompaniment and advocacy; and translation assistance in several South Asian languages including Hindi, Punjabi, Bengali, Gujrati, and Urdu.

Perhaps most importantly, ASHA for Women provides a safe place where women can talk about their situations and discuss their options without fear of criticism or shame.

### Programs
- Free and confidential 24-hour help line
- Volunteer advocate support
- Emergency financial assistance
- Community outreach
- Advocacy
- Service providers’ education

### Serve
- Recruiting board members

### Donate
- Donate at ashaforwomen.org
- United Way #9371

### Contact
P.O. Box 2084
Rockville, MD 20847
p: 202-230-8152
helpline: 1-888-417-2742
e: coordinator@ashaforwomen.org
Founded in 1991, the Asian Americans Advancing Justice (formerly Asian American Justice Center) works to advance the human and civil rights of Asian Americans, and build and promote a fair and equitable society for all.

**Programs**
- Census
- Health
- Immigration and Immigrants’ Rights
- Keeping Families Together Campaign
- Telecommunications and Broadband Policy
- Voting
- Youth Advisory Council

**Serve**
- Recruiting board members
- Seeking interns and law clerks

**Donate**
- Donate at advancingjustice-aajc.org
- Contact: dmalone@advancingjustice-aajc.org
- CFC #11161; donations will be matched

**Contact**
Mee Moua
President and Executive Director
mmoua@advancingjustice-aajc.org
1140 Connecticut Ave. NW, Suite 1200
WDC 20036
p: 202-296-2300
f: 202-296-2318
e: information@advancingjustice-aajc.org
The Asian American Center of Frederick (AACF) is a non-profit organization founded in 2005. AACF’s mission is to enhance community services through improving access and advocacy, empower Asian American communities through education and training, and enrich Frederick’s culture through multi-ethnic events and diverse programs.

Elizabeth Chung
Director
629 N. Market St.
Frederick, MD 21701
p: 301-694-3355
e: info@aacfmd.org
f: 888-559-6557
Asian American Leadership, Empowerment, and Development (AALEAD)

Founded in 1998, Asian American LEAD (AALEAD) is the District of Columbia’s first youth development organization to focus on serving the area’s low-income and underserved Asian American population. In 2006, AALEAD expanded its programs into Maryland’s Montgomery County. The organization serves 300 youth every year through the After School, Summer, & Mentoring Programs in DC and MD.

Programs

- After school programs: DC elementary school, DC secondary school, Maryland middle school, Maryland high school
- Mentoring program

Serve

- All volunteers accepted, sign up at aalead.org
- Recruiting board members

Donate

- Donate at aalead.org
- CFC #88412
- United Way #9613

Contact

Surjeet Ahluwalia
Director
schoi@aalead.org
2100 New Hampshire Ave, NW
WDC 20009
p: 202-884-0322
f: 202-884-0012
The Asian and Pacific Islander American Health Forum (APIAHF) has two offices: The headquarters in San Francisco and the policy shop in Washington, DC. There are four main policy priorities that drives the work of APIAHF: Health care access, health care quality, data and research, and health equity.
Many Asian and Pacific Islander Americans (APIA) struggle for a higher education. More than 24 percent of American adults hold a bachelor’s degree or higher, compared with only 7.4 percent of Hmong, 9.1 percent of Cambodians, and 16.5 percent of Native Hawaiians and Pacific Islanders.

Since 2003, the Asian and Pacific Islander American Scholarship Fund (APIASF) has awarded more than $1.8 million in scholarships to more than 850 APIA students with financial need, regardless of their ethnicity, national origin, or financial means. The APIASF receives applications from high school seniors in almost every state in the United States, the Freely Associated States, and the United States Territories. As it grows, APIASF hopes to continue supporting these students by increasing the number and amounts of scholarships distributed and making the scholarships renewable.
APIA Vote envisions a world that is inclusive, fair, and collaborative, and where Asian Americans and Pacific Islander communities are self-determined, empowered, and engaged.

WORKING WITH PARTNERS TO MOBILIZE ASIAN AMERICANS AND PACIFIC ISLANDERS IN ELECTORAL AND CIVIC PARTICIPATION

PROGRAMS

• Education and outreach
• Field and infrastructure building
• Leadership training
• Youth workshops

SERVE

• Seeking organizers: Visit apiavote.org for toolkit and information

DONATE

• Donate at apiavote.org
• Matched gifts accepted by mail

CONTACT

Christine Chen
President
cchen@apiavote.org
P.O. Box 101268
Arlington, VA 22210
p: 202.649.0130
e: info@apiavote.org
Founded in 1992, Asian Pacific American Labor Alliance (APALA) is the first and only national organization of Asian Pacific American union members to advance worker, immigrant, and civil rights.

As a member based organization, APALA has 17 chapters in 12 states, serving as a bridge connecting Asian Pacific Americans with the broader labor movement. In 2011, to ensure broader education, civic engagement and capacity building for APAs, we established the Institute for Asian Pacific American Leadership & Action (IAPALA). The DC Chapter serves as a bridge connecting Asian Pacific Americans with the broader labor movement.

APALA offers APALA Organizing Institute & Capacity Building Trainings, and an Every Vote Counts political program which provides non-partisan voter registration, education and turn out. APALA also strengthens labor and community partnerships, through issue organizing, coalition building and youth engagement.

**PROGRAMS**

- APALA Organizing Institute & capacity building trainings
- APALA Every Vote Counts political program
- Strengthening labor and community partnerships

**SERVE**

- Recruiting board members and members for the Young Leaders Council
- Volunteer for local actions or the communications and development office. Contact apaladc@gmail.com

**DONATE**

- Donate at apalanet.org
- Matched gifts accepted by mail

**CONTACT**

Gregory Cendana
Executive Director
gcendana@apalanet.org
815 16th St., NW
WDC 20006
p: 202-508-3733
f: 202-508-3716
e: apala@apalanet.org
The Asian Pacific American Legal Resource Center (APALRC) is the region’s primary nonprofit direct legal services agency for low-income and limited English proficient Asian Americans.

Through its innovative programs and strategic partnerships, the APALRC works to address the individual legal needs of these community members, particularly in the areas of workers’ rights, tenants’ rights, domestic violence, and immigration. The APALRC also advocates for broad-based systemic change on civil rights issues affecting Asian Americans.

Originally formed as an all-volunteer organization in 1998, the APALRC grew out of a unique collaborative effort by students from D.C. area law schools and attorneys associated with the Asian Pacific American Bar Association and the South Asian Bar Association. The APALRC’s more than 20 bilingual law student volunteers and more than 30 trained and qualified legal interpreters provide linguistically and culturally appropriate legal services for the growing number of Asian Americans in the region.
Asian Community Service Center’s objectives are to enhance cultural exchange and mutual understanding between East and West, and to serve as a link between Asian American and mainstream American communities in the Greater Washington DC area. The Center hosts and supports a wide variety of events including cultural, educational, mass media, social services and other activities to achieve its objectives.

Programs
- Annual Chinese New Year festival
- Traditional Chinese performing arts
- Workshops on Chinese handicrafts
- “Chinese Corner” immersion programs for non-Chinese speakers
- Seminars on traditional Chinese culture

Serve
- All volunteers accepted, email contact@asianservicecenter.org
- Recruiting board members

Donate
- Mail checks to: Asian Community Service Center 2821 Grovemore Lane Vienna, VA 22180

Contact
Tiny Tang Executive Director 2758 Stone Hollow Dr. Vienna, VA 22180 p: 703-868-1509 f: 703-562-7992 e: contact@asianservicecenter.org
In 1995, a diverse group of Asian Pacific Islander (API) women came together to discuss the issue of domestic violence in the API community and the resources available to assist survivors. In response to the lack of services for API survivors in the Washington, DC metropolitan area, the founders created the Asian/Pacific Islander Domestic Violence Resource Project (DVRP).

Today, DVRP provides direct services to survivors, engages with local API communities and provides technical assistance to service providers, including domestic violence agencies, shelters, law enforcement and API community-based organizations.

PROGRAMS

- Advocates program
- Community outreach program
- Technical assistance program
- Project AWAE (Asian Women Advocating Respect and Empowerment)

SERVE

- All volunteers accepted: Hotline Volunteer Program (daytime), Bilingual Advocate (fluent in an Asian language), Community Outreach program
- Recruiting board members, interns

DONATE

- Donate at dvrp.org

CONTACT

P.O. Box 14268
WDC 20044
p: 202-464-4477
f: 202-986-9332
e: info@dvrp.org

In 1995, a diverse group of Asian Pacific Islander (API) women came together to discuss the issue of domestic violence in the API community and the resources available to assist survivors. In response to the lack of services for API survivors in the Washington, DC metropolitan area, the founders created the Asian/Pacific Islander Domestic Violence Resource Project (DVRP).

Today, DVRP provides direct services to survivors, engages with local API communities and provides technical assistance to service providers, including domestic violence agencies, shelters, law enforcement and API community-based organizations.

PROGRAMS

- Advocates program
- Community outreach program
- Technical assistance program
- Project AWAE (Asian Women Advocating Respect and Empowerment)

SERVE

- All volunteers accepted: Hotline Volunteer Program (daytime), Bilingual Advocate (fluent in an Asian language), Community Outreach program
- Recruiting board members, interns

DONATE

- Donate at dvrp.org

CONTACT

P.O. Box 14268
WDC 20044
p: 202-464-4477
f: 202-986-9332
e: info@dvrp.org
Formerly the Maryland Vietnamese Mutual Association, the Association of Vietnamese Americans (AVA) implements three cornerstones in its approach: 1) empowering low-income families and seniors through direct services and providing access to government and private programs; 2) advocating for social and economic equality by building awareness, capacity and solidarity within the community; 3) unifying multiple generations of Vietnamese Americans by promoting cultural traditions, history, art and language.

Programs

- Immigration service and referral
- Golden Age projects for seniors
- Parenting Enrichment project

Serve

- All volunteers accepted

Donate

- Donate at mdvietmutual.org

Contact

Thomas Tran
Executive Director
8121 Georgia Ave.,
Suite 503
Silver Spring, MD 20910

p: 301-588-6862
f: 301-576-4502
e: info@mdvietmutual.org
Boat People SOS is a National Vietnamese American community organization with the mission to “empower, organize, and equip Vietnamese individuals and communities in their pursuit of liberty and dignity.” Since 1980, one in 10 Vietnamese Americans has received assistance from BPSOS while still in Vietnam, on the high seas, in a refugee camp, or after arriving in the United States.

Boat People SOS - Washington, DC

EMPOWER, ORGANIZE, AND EQUIP VIETNAMESE INDIVIDUALS AND COMMUNITIES IN THEIR PURSUIT OF LIBERTY AND DIGNITY

PROGRAMS
- Emergency relief and recovery
- Support for survivors of domestic violence, human trafficking, and labor exploitation
- Leadership development
- Advocacy

SERVE
- All volunteers accepted
- Recruiting board members
- Accepting sponsors

DONATE
- Donate at bpsos.org
- Matched gifts accepted by mail
- CFC #10038

CONTACT
Nguyen Dinh Thang
Executive Director
thang.nguyen@bpsos.org
6066 Leesburg Pike Suite 100
Falls Church, VA 22041
p: 703-538-2190
f: 703-538-2191
e: info@bpsos.org
CAIR Coalition mission is to serve as the primary source of legal assistance for detained immigrants and asylum seekers in the Washington, DC metropolitan area and to strengthen and support the work of our coalition members.
The Center for Asian Pacific American Women believes that effective and ethical leaders continually move beyond established paradigms to create new and more inclusive visions and connections—both professionally and personally. We help build a solid base for ethical leadership by nurturing stewardship within our communities.

CAPAW’s goals:
• expand leadership capacity
• foster awareness of APA issues
• create a supportive network for APA women and our communities
• strengthen community through positive change

DEDICATED TO THE ENHANCEMENT AND ENRICHMENT OF LEADERSHIP SKILLS THROUGH EDUCATION, NETWORKING AND MENTORING

PROGRAMS
• National Asian Pacific American Women’s Leadership Institute (APAWLI)
• Regional Whole Person Leadership Conferences
• Biennial National Leadership Conference

SERVE
• Accepting volunteers for onsite programs and virtual support; info@apawomen.org
• Recruiting Board members; email info@apawomen.org

DONATE
• Donate at apawomen.org or send donation to CAPAW

CONTACT
Rosie Abriam
President/CEO
rosie@apawomen.org
1776 I Street NW
9th Floor
WDC 20006
p: 202-810-2720
e: info@apawomen.org
Located near the Chinatown Metro, Chinatown Community Cultural Center (CCCC) enriches the lives of its members and visitors alike through a variety of programs focused on Chinese cultural exploration, while simultaneously focusing on educating and empowering Asian immigrants living in Chinatown and the Greater Washington, DC area.

Our mission is two-fold because the success of Chinatown as a cultural destination and ethnic neighborhood is intrinsically connected to, and dependent upon, a strong community and social structure, consisting primarily of immigrants who live and work in this area. The Chinatown Community Cultural Center is the heartbeat of Chinatown and Washington, DC’s premier destination where East meets West.

**Programs**

- English as a Second Language classes
- Art and culture classes
- Youth programs

**Serve**

- Accepting members at ccccdc.org

**Donate**

- Donate at ccccdc.org

**Contact**

Stephanie Cheng
Executive Director
scheng@cccdc.org
606 H Street, NW
Suite 201
WDC 20001
p: 202-628-1688
f: 202-628-1003
e: info@cccdc.org
Chinatown Service Center (CSC) was established in 1977 by the Chinese Community Church in response to the growing need to provide essential social services to the Asian community in the Washington, DC metropolitan area. Bilingual staff workers and volunteers directly respond to over 3,000 inquiries annually.

Providing social services tailored to the needs of Asian American seniors, families, and youth, many of whom are newly-arrived immigrants, low-income, underserved, and lack English proficiency.

Programs: Counseling, Referrals and translation services, English classes, Life and health workshops, Computer classes

Serve: All volunteers accepted

Donate: Donate by check

Contact: Shirley Woo Director 500 I Street NW Room 107 WDC 20001 p: 202-898-0061 f: 202-637-9857 e: chinatownscdc@gmail.com
Established in 1982, the Chinese Culture and Community Service Center has evolved from a recreational and sport community center into one of the major service providers in Maryland’s Montgomery County. Since its inception, the Chinese Culture and Community Service Center has offered community programs in English language learning, citizenship assistance, arts and culture, senior support and care, youth and teen development, career assistance, health care, and health education.

Enhancing life for Chinese Americans, promoting Chinese culture, helping Chinese immigrants assimilate into U.S. society, and building communities.
The Conference on Asian Pacific American Leadership (CAPAL) is a charitable and educational organization dedicated to building leadership and public policy knowledge within the Asian Pacific American community. Its mission is to promote APA interest and success in public service careers, provide information and education on policy issues affecting the APA community, and serve the APA community at large.

PROGRAMS
- Washington Leadership Program
- Federal Internship Program
- Scholarship program
- Professional development program

SERVE
- Volunteers and mentors accepted throughout the year; email volunteer@capal.org
- Applications to serve on the Board of Directors are accepted every Fall

DONATE
- Donate at capal.org

CONTACT
Rebecca Lee
Chair, Executive Board
P.O. Box 65073
WDC 20035
p: 877-892-5427
f: 877-892-5427
e: info@capal.org
CHAI works collaboratively with communities and service organizations to end stigma and increase access to mental health services.

CHAI provides information and referrals for therapists/counselors, either with specific South Asian language skills, or cultural background/knowledge. Additionally, CHAI provides professional workshops for counseling centers or providers working with this population.

CHAI hosts community discussions on mental health and wellness, blogs on topics related to mental health and wellness, and provides translated materials on mental health issues (in Hindi, Urdu, Tamil and Bengali). CHAI also runs a Women’s Wellness Group and a quarterly book club about South Asians or topics of wellness/positive mental health.

**Programs**

- Workshops for counseling centers and providers
- Community discussions and information on mental health and wellness
- Translated materials in Hindi, Urdu, Tamil and Bengali
- Yearly Women’s Wellness Group
- Quarterly book club

**Serve**

- Please contact raziakosi@chaiscounselors.org for more information

**Donate**

- Donate at chaicounselors.org

**Contact**

Razia Kosi, LCSW-C
Executive Director
raziakosi@chaiscounselors.org
P.O. Box 2161
Ellicott City, MD 21041
p: 443-615-1355
Dana Tai Soon Burgess and Company debuted its first performance in 1992, under the auspices of the nonprofit arts organization, Moving Forward. Since then, the company has performed at top national and international venues, including the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts in Washington, DC, the Harbourfront Center in Toronto, and the Lincoln Center in New York. The company has received commissions from the DC Commission on the Arts and Humanities, the National Endowment for the Arts New Forms/Andy Warhol Foundation, the Kennedy Center, the Washington Performing Arts Society, the Smithsonian Institution, and is currently a participant of the Kennedy Center’s Capacity Building Program.

In 2005, the company received the Washington, DC, Mayor’s Arts Award for Excellence in an Artistic Discipline. Founder Dana Tai Soon Burgess’s repertoire has been performed in Germany, Bulgaria, Colombia, Ecuador, Latvia, Venezuela, Panama, Peru, Korea, and Russia.
Founded in 1996, Halau O‘Aulani teaches the arts, music, language, and history of the Pacific Islands with emphasis on Hawai‘i. Enrollment is open to all without regard to race, color, national or ethnic origin.

During the school year, Halau O‘Aulani holds regularly scheduled classes in Arlington County across the river from Washington, DC. The school also conducts master classes, workshops, and public performances. These activities utilize Arlington County Arts Program facilities. Halau O‘Aulani has developed a regional as well as a national recognition.

Halau O‘Aulani’s weekly classes, master classes, and master workshops attract students from the entire Washington area. The reputation of master instructors has drawn workshop attendees from outside the area. Visiting cultural experts from Hawai‘i and other parts of Polynesia often volunteer to participate in the school’s program offerings. Its library of Hawaiiana is one of the most extensive on the East Coast. In all these ways, the school promotes cultural perpetuation, diversity, and awareness in the community.
Working towards a world free of liver disease caused by hepatitis B, the Hepatitis B Initiative of Washington, DC (HBI-DC)’s work is three-fold.

HBI-DC educates at-risk Asian American, Pacific Islander, and African newcomer communities in the DC metropolitan area; empowers impacted communities by partnering with civic, nonprofit, governmental and faith-based organizations; and eradicates hepatitis B by providing screening, vaccinations, and referrals to treatment.

HBI-DC serves the community by 1) providing community education regarding Hepatitis B Virus (HBV) risks and prevention; 2) providing HBV screening tests; 3) providing HBV immunization; 4) providing HBV treatment referrals; 5) building partnerships and leading coalitions committed to HBV prevention in targeted communities; and 6) gathering relevant HBV epidemiologic data.

Mobilizing communities to prevent hepatitis B virus infection and its consequences among at-risk groups, particularly Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders and African immigrants, in the DC metro area

**Programs**
- Community education
- Hep B (HBV) screening tests
- HBV immunization
- Providing HBV treatment referrals
- Building partnerships and leading coalitions
- Gathering relevant HBV epidemiologic data

**Serve**
- Recruiting board members
- Seeking interns
- To volunteer, contact janepan@hbi-dc.org

**Donate**
- Donate at hbi-dc.org or by check

**Contact**
Jane Pan
Executive Director
janepan@hbi-dc.org
1725 I St. NW, Suite 300
WDC 20006
p: 571-274-0021
The International Nepali Literary Society (INLS) was established in 1991 and incorporated in the District of Columbia. It is an international organization of volunteer members who are interested in languages, literature, art and music of Nepal.

The mission of INLS is to preserve and promote Nepali Identity by uniting people of Nepali origin around the world through continuous encouragement for promotion of Nepali languages through writing, reading, publishing, distributing, and translating Nepali literature, culture, art, music and dance.

**Programs**

- Celebrating authors and poets
- Publishing journals
- Conducting conferences

**Serve**

- Volunteers needed

**Donate**

- Donate at inls.org

**Contact**

Prakesh Nepali
President
president@inls.org
prakashnepal7@yahoo.com

1727 Horner Road
Woodbridge, VA 22191
The Japan-America Society of Washington, DC, is a nonpartisan educational and cultural organization for individuals and corporations with an interest in Japan and US-Japan relations.

Founded in 1957, the Society promotes greater understanding and networking between Americans and Japanese through its many cultural, public affairs, and educational programs.

Serving the six million residents of the Nation’s Capital region, the Society also sponsors programs of national significance, including the Japan Bowl®, the Sakura Matsuri, and the Annual Dinner.

- Educational outreach
- Japanese language
- Cultural affairs
- Public affairs
- Job searching service

- Seeking interns
- To volunteer, contact jaswdc@us-japan.org

- Donate at jaswdc.org

Mark Hitzig
Executive Director
1819 L St. NW
Level 1B
WDC 20036

p: 202-833-2210
f: 202-833-2456
e: jaswdc@us-japan.org
Just Neighbors’ vision is that immigrants in Northern Virginia will be welcomed into the community so that they can take their places as self-sufficient, contributing members of mainstream society.

Just Neighbors provides immigration legal services to low-income immigrants and refugees of all faiths and nationalities, especially those who are most vulnerable. We also seek to foster enriching experiences that enhance community and mutual understanding among our clients, volunteers and staff.
Washington, DC is one of 14 cities that holds an annual Asian & Pacific Islander American Talent Competition and Showcase, Kollaboration DC. Rooted in Los Angeles, Kollaboration was founded by comedian and champion of Asian American talent, Paul “PK” Kim. The event is produced by young Asian and Pacific Islander professionals and students, who volunteer their time and skills to celebrate the vast talents of their community and hopefully bring them into the mainstream.

Kollaboration DC aims to discover and nurture local Asian-American and Pacific Islander talent, to showcase their talents on stage to the DC community, and to inspire the next generation. Kollaboration DC seeks to bridge the cultural gap between the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd generation Asians and educate the youth about API culture about the possibilities of a career in the arts. Kollaboration DC aspires to replace negative stereotypes of Asian American and Pacific Islanders with positive images of expression through proactive creativity, defining our own unique community identity rather than having it defined for us through mass media. Finally, Kollaboration DC wants to elevate the level of talent in the Asian American and Pacific Islander communities in the DC metro area through friendly competition and a professional atmosphere.
Since 1993, Language, Education, and Technology Center (Language ETC), a community-based program, has offered English and literacy training to low-income adult immigrants in the greater Washington area using volunteer teachers and tutors.

PROVIDING EXCELLENT AND AFFORDABLE ENGLISH CLASSES AND OTHER EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS TO ADULT IMMIGRANTS, USING VOLUNTEER TEACHERS AND TUTORS

PROGRAMS
• English as a Second Language classes
• Computer education and access
• Citizenship preparation

SERVE
• To volunteer, visit languageetc.org
• Seeking interns

DONATE
• Donate at languageetc.org

CONTACT
Mercedes Lemp
Executive Director
mlemp@languageetc.org
2200 California St., NW
WDC 20008
p: 202-387-2222
f: 240-326-2109
Many Languages One Voice (MLOV) fosters leadership and facilitates community-led initiatives to increase the meaningful inclusion of people in the District of Columbia who do not speak English as their primary language.

MLOV works through advocacy and community organizing. MLOV advocates by administering the DC Language Access Coalition, which strives for government accessibility to limited/non-English proficient individuals. MLOV also builds community power and civic participation through Know Your Rights trainings; a Health Justice program, including the Nail Salon Project and Access Rx Campaign; and an Education Justice program which includes the SMART (Student Multiethnic Action Research Team).

Many Languages One Voice (MLOV) fosters leadership and facilitates community-led initiatives to increase the meaningful inclusion of people in the District of Columbia who do not speak English as their primary language.
Montgomery Coalition for Adult English Literacy (MCAEL) is a community coalition of adult English literacy providers based in the immigrant gateway community of Montgomery County, Maryland. MCAEL improves the quality and quantity of adult English literacy services through a year-long program of training, networking, technical assistance, provider directory, and direct resources to a county-wide network of adult English literacy service providers.

MCAEL’s diverse network includes more than 70 adult English literacy programs from the community, faith, and business sectors throughout the county. More than 1,500 instructors and program staff work and volunteer within these programs, which serve approximately 20,000 adult English Language Learners throughout Montgomery County. MCAEL receives county funding and manages grants for English language training providers. MCAEL also seeks additional private support from individuals, investment clubs, foundations and businesses to help expand the quantity and quality of English literacy programs in Montgomery County and ultimately to increase the literacy, self-sufficiency, and workforce readiness of county residents, particular newer neighbors in Montgomery County.

PROGRAMS

• Literacy services
• Provider network and directory of services
• Program funding and capacity building project

SERVE

• Volunteers accepted, visit mcael.org
• Recruiting board members

DONATE

• Donate at mcael.org
• United Way #9440
• CFC #78603

CONTACT

Kathy Stevens
Executive Director
execdir@mcael.org
12320 Parklawn Dr.
Rockville, MD 20852

p: 301-881-1338
e: connect@mcael.org
The National Asian Pacific American Women’s Forum (NAPAWF) is the only national, multi-issue Asian American and Pacific Islander (AAPI) women’s organization in the country. NAPAWF envisions a world where AAPI women and girls are: politically powerful, visible and in leadership in our communities both locally and nationally; recognized as critical to the ongoing dialogue for progressive social change among social justice movements; a part of a diverse, progressive, grassroots movement able to influence policies and practices that remove social, economic, environmental and political barriers.

Our strength and vitality lie within the connection between our public policy work and our grassroots base, which includes our twelve chapters, in Washington, DC, Seattle, San Francisco/Bay Area, Sacramento, San Diego, Orange County, Chicago, Arizona, St. Cloud, MN and New York City; plus college chapters at Yale and Hendrix universities.
The National Coalition for Asian Pacific American Community Development (National CAPACD) is the first national advocacy organization dedicated to addressing the housing, community and economic development needs of diverse and growing Asian American and Pacific Islander (AAPI) communities. Founded in 1999, National CAPACD’s mission is to be a powerful voice for the unique community development needs of AAPI communities and to strengthen the capacity of community-based organizations to create neighborhoods of hope and opportunity.

National CAPACD’s member-based network includes more than 100 community-based organizations and individuals, including community development corporations, preservation agencies, community-based social service providers, advocacy agencies, as well as national intermediaries and financial institutions. Our members are in 17 states, implementing innovative affordable housing, community development and community organizing strategies to improve the well-being of low-income AAPIs.

• Donate at nationalcapacd.org
• Matched gifts accepted by mail

Lisa Hasegawa
Executive Director
lisa@nationalcapacd.org
1628 16th St. NW
Fourth Floor
WDC 20009
p: 202-223-2442
f: 202-223-4144
The National Council of Asian Pacific Americans (NCAPA), founded in 1996, is a coalition of 31 national Asian Pacific American organizations around the country. Based in Washington D.C, NCAPA serves to represent the interests of the greater Asian American (AA) and Native Hawaiian Pacific Islander (NHPI) communities and to provide a national voice for AA and NHPI issues.

Together, coalition members work on various policy issues such as Immigration, Health, Education, Housing & Economic Justice, and Civil & Human Rights. Each of these policy issues has a committee which meets on a regular basis, focusing on the key issues of the moment, to ensure that the AA & NHPI voice is heard and at the table regarding these matters.

Additionally, NCAPA works closely with allies and partners such as the Congressional Asian Pacific American Caucus (CAPAC), the White House Initiative on Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders (WHIAAPI), and the White House Office of Public Engagement.
A group of volunteer attorneys and mental health professionals founded the Korean Family Counseling and Research Center in 1985, in Wheaton, MD, to meet the needs of the rapidly growing Korean immigrant population. The center relocated in 1997, to Vienna, VA, changing its name to the Korean American Family Counseling Center and expanding its programs and services to reach the broader Asian American community. In 2008, the organization changed its name to The National Institute of Family Counseling (NIFC) to reach out to other ethnic groups in the community.
A non-profit, community-based organization, the Newcomer Community Service Center (NCSC) helps refugees and immigrants from all countries achieve self-sufficiency and participate in their new society by: Helping refugees and immigrants obtain financial stability through employment; helping newcomers maintain or adjust their legal immigration status; communicating newcomers’ needs for education, health, employment and other services to public and private agencies.

NCSC’s employees, most of whom are former refugees or immigrants, serve more than 4,000 clients each year through the agency’s offices in the District of Columbia and Falls Church, Virginia.

**Programs**
- Immigration services
- English as a Second Language services
- Employment services
- Health Education

**Serve**
- Recruiting board members. Contact Director of Communications at vilay@newcomerservice.org

**Donate**
- Donate at newcomer service.org
- CFC #7769

**Contact**
Vilay Chaleunrath
Director of Communications
vilay@newcomerservice.org
1628 16th St., NW
WDC 20009
p: 202-462-4330
f: 202-462-2774
e: newcomer@newcomerservice.org
The Sikh American Legal Defense and Education Fund (SALDEF) is the oldest Sikh American civil rights and educational organization. SALDEF seeks to empower Sikh Americans through advocacy, education, and media relations.

The work carried out by SALDEF is broadly categorized into 3 areas: Legal Defense and Advocacy, Education, and Media Relations. Although many of the issues which are raised fall into more than one category, below is a description of each area:

- Legal Defense and Advocacy – Defending the civil rights and representing the interests of Sikhs;
- Education – Raising awareness about and understanding of Sikh Americans;
- Media Relations – Proactively reaching out to the media and monitoring misrepresentations of Sikhs.

programs

- Legal defense and advocacy
- Education
- Media relations

serve

- Seeking interns
- Volunteers accepted for pro bono law work, translation, mobilization. Visit saldef.org

Donate

- Donate online at saldef.org

Contact

Jasjit Singh
Executive Director
1012 14th St. NW
Suite 450
WDC 20005
p: 202-393-2700
f: 202-318-4433
e: fyi@saldef.org
South Asian Americans Leading Together (SAALT) collaborates with South Asian organizations, individuals, and civil and immigrant rights networks around the country to provide programs in community education, policy analysis, and leadership development.

SAALT works with a base of individual members around the country and coordinates the National Coalition of South Asian Organizations to engage in national- and state-level dialogues and advocacy in areas with significant South Asian populations.

PROGRAMS
- Community Engagement
- Leadership and organizational development
- Policy and advocacy
- Research leadership and advocacy training

SERVE
- Recruiting board members
- Accepting volunteers and interns

DONATE
- Donate at saalt.org

CONTACT
Deepa Iyer
Executive Director
dee@saalt.org
6930 Carroll Ave.,
Suite 506
Takoma Park, MD
20912
p: 301-270-1855
f: 301-270-1882
e: info@saalt.org
SEARAC was founded in 1979 to facilitate the relocation of Southeast Asian refugees into American society and to foster the development of nonprofit organizations led by and for Southeast Asian Americans. SEARAC has grown into an organization that strengthens the capacity of community-based organizations led by refugees from around the world.

SEARAC serves as a coalition builder and leader among diverse refugee communities; carries out action-oriented research projects; fosters civic engagement among refugees; and represents refugee communities at the national level in Washington, DC, and at the state level in California.

PROGRAMS
• Community engagement, leadership and organizational development
• Policy and advocacy research
• Leadership and advocacy training
• Refugee organization and service enhancement

SERVE
• Recruiting board members

DONATE
• Donate at searac.org
• CFC #11950

CONTACT
Phuong Do
Interim Executive Director
1628 16th St., NW
WDC 20009
p: 202-601-2960
f: 202-667-6449
e: searac@searac.org
The Vietnamese Resettlement Association provides counseling, housing and immigration assistance, and health screenings to limited-English speaking and low-income individuals.

Advancing the Vietnamese American community in Maryland through direct services, advocacy, and education.

Programs
- Immigration service and referral
- Golden Age projects for seniors
- Parenting Enrichment project

Serve
- Volunteers needed; language skills preferred. Please contact 703-532-3716

Donate
- Please send check to: 6131 Willston Dr. #6 Falls Church, VA 22044

Contact
Kim Cook
Director
hoinguoviet1@aol.com
6131 Willston Dr. #6 Falls Church, VA 22044
p: 703-532-3716
GET INVOLVED:
AAPIP.ORG/WHO-WE-ARE/CHAPTERS/METRO-D-C
AAPIP.DC.BALT@GMAIL.COM
FACEBOOK.COM/AAPIP
TWITTER.COM/AAPIP