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CONNECT! GUIDE

your guide to community organizations serving
Asian Americans & Pacific Islanders in the DC Metro area



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INTRODUCTION

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.

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HOW TO USE THE CONNECT! GUIDE

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!

ABOUT AAPIP

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.

ABOUT THE METRO DC AND BALTIMORE CHAPTER



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

ARTS

Asian Community Service Center
Dana Tai Soon Burgess and Company
Kollaboration DC
Halau O'Aulani
International Nepali Literary Society

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
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COMMUNITY BUILDING

Asian American Center of Frederick, MD
Asian and Pacific Islander American Health Forum
Asian and Pacific Islander American Scholarship Fund
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

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

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

IMMIGRATION

Asian Americans Advancing Justice
Asian Pacific American Labor Alliance
Asian Pacific American Legal
Resource Center
Association of Vietnamese Americans
Just Neighbors
Language ETC
Newcomer Community Service Center
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



AASUCCESS

WORKING WITH HIGH SCHOOL AND COLLEGE STUDENTS TO ENHANCE THEIR INDIVIDUAL APPROACHES TO ACADEMIC WORK, CAREER DEVELOPMENT, AND OTHER LIFE CHALLENGES

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.

PROGRAMS

- Life Skills Academy
- Arc360
- Civics Project
- Annual AASuccess YouthCon Scholarship
- Community services to "Perfect the Act of Giving Back"

SERVE

- Seeking volunteers with training experience, plus career professionals for LifeSkills Academy
- Recruiting board members
- Seeking business sponsors

DONATE

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- Please note Sustaining Members program

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ASHA FOR WOMEN

EMPOWERING SOUTH ASIAN WOMEN TO BECOME SELF-RELIANT AND LIVE IN AN ABUSE-FREE FUTURE

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
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ASIAN AMERICANS ADVANCING JUSTICE

ADVANCING THE HUMAN AND CIVIL RIGHTS OF ASIAN AMERICANS, BUILDING AND PROMOTING A FAIR AND EQUITABLE SOCIETY FOR ALL

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
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- CFC #11161; donations will be matched

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ASIAN AMERICAN CENTER OF FREDERICK, MD

BUILDING A BETTER
COMMUNITY BY
INTEGRATING ASIAN
AMERICAN FAMILIES
INTO THE AMERICAN
WAY OF LIFE IN
FREDERICK COUNTY

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.

PROGRAMS

- Citizenship classes
- ESL classes
- Annual community health fair
- Annual Asian Heritage Cultural Celebration
- Interpreter services
- Health education and access

SERVE

- Recruiting board members
- Accepting native and non-native English speakers as volunteers. Please call or email info@aacfmd.org.

DONATE

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ASIAN AMERICAN LEADERSHIP, EMPOWERMENT, AND DEVELOPMENT (AALEAD)

PROMOTING THE WELL-BEING OF LOW-INCOME AND UNDERSERVED ASIAN AMERICAN YOUTH THROUGH EDUCATION, LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT, AND COMMUNITY-BUILDING

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
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- United Way #9613

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ASIAN AND PACIFIC ISLANDER AMERICAN HEALTH FORUM

INFLUENCING POLICY, MOBILIZING COMMUNITIES, AND STRENGTHENING PROGRAMS AND ORGANIZATIONS TO IMPROVE THE HEALTH OF ASIAN AMERICANS, NATIVE HAWAIIANS, AND PACIFIC ISLANDERS

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.

PROGRAMS

- Chronic diseases program
- HIV program
- Research, Evaluation, and Data (RED) team

SERVE

- Internship opportunities

DONATE

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ASIAN AND PACIFIC ISLANDER AMERICAN SCHOLARSHIP FUND

SUPPORTING ASIAN AND PACIFIC ISLANDER AMERICAN STUDENTS WITH SCHOLARSHIPS FOR HIGHER EDUCATION, SO THEY CAN DEVELOP AS FUTURE COMMUNITY LEADERS

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.

PROGRAMS

- Scholarships
- Student resource center

SERVE

- All volunteers accepted

DONATE

- Online donations accepted at apiasf.org

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ASIAN AND PACIFIC ISLANDER AMERICAN VOTE

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



APIAVote envisions a world that is inclusive, fair, and collaborative, and where Asian Americans and Pacific Islander communities are self-determined, empowered, and engaged.

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

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ASIAN PACIFIC AMERICAN LABOR ALLIANCE

CONNECTING ASIAN PACIFIC AMERICANS WITH THE BROADER LABOR MOVEMENT



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

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ASIAN PACIFIC AMERICAN LEGAL RESOURCE CENTER

ADVANCING THE LEGAL AND CIVIL RIGHTS OF ASIAN AMERICANS IN THE WASHINGTON METROPOLITAN COMMUNITY THROUGH DIRECT INDIVIDUAL REPRESENTATION, COMMUNITY LEGAL EDUCATION, AND ADVOCACY

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.

PROGRAMS

- Multilingual Legal Helpline
- Housing and Community Development Project
- Legal assistance for victims of domestic violence
- Legal Assistance for Domestic Workers Project
- Crime Victim Assistance Partnership
- Deferred Action for childhood arrivals
- Legal Interpreter Project

SERVE

- To volunteer, 3 days per week commitment and proficiency in Asian languages preferred
- Recruiting leadership circle members, interns

DONATE

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ASIAN COMMUNITY SERVICE CENTER

PRESERVING AND PROMOTING TRADITIONAL ASIAN CULTURES AND ASIAN VALUES; ENCOURAGING CULTURAL EXCHANGE; EMBRACING DIVERSITY; ENHANCING THE HEALTH AND WELL-BEING OF ALL PEOPLE IN OUR COMMUNITIES; PROMOTING UNIVERSAL IDEALS OF FREEDOM, INTEGRITY, COMPASSION, TOLERANCE, JUSTICE AND CROSS-GROUP RECONCILIATION; AND EXTENDING THE MORAL ADVANCEMENT OF SOCIETY

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@asian-servicecenter.org
- Recruiting board members

DONATE

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ASIAN/PACIFIC ISLANDER DOMESTIC VIOLENCE RESOURCE PROJECT

ADDRESSING AND PREVENTING DOMESTIC VIOLENCE BY SUPPORTING ASIAN/PACIFIC ISLANDER SURVIVORS AND PROMOTING CULTURAL COMPETENCY IN OUR COMMUNITIES

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

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ASSOCIATION OF VIETNAMESE AMERICANS

ADVANCING THE VIETNAMESE AMERICAN COMMUNITY IN MARYLAND THROUGH DIRECT SERVICES, ADVOCACY, AND EDUCATION

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

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BOAT PEOPLE SOS - WASHINGTON, DC

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

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.

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

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- Matched gifts accepted by mail
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CAPITAL AREA IMMIGRANTS' RIGHTS COALITION

PROVIDING LEGAL ASSISTANCE TO DETAINED IMMIGRANTS AND ASYLUM SEEKERS IN THE WASHINGTON, DC METROPOLITAN AREA; STRENGTHENING AND SUPPORTING THE WORK OF CAIR'S COALITION MEMBERS

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.

PROGRAMS

- Legal services for detained immigrants
- Coalition member support
- Pro bono partnerships
- Education and training

SERVE

- Accepting coalition members: caircoalition.org
- Non-legal, pro bono legal, and bilingual volunteers needed. Contact allie@caircoalition.org

DONATE

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THE CENTER FOR ASIAN PACIFIC AMERICAN WOMEN

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



the center
for asian pacific american women

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

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

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CHINATOWN COMMUNITY CULTURAL CENTER

PROMOTING AND PRESERVING CHINATOWN AND ITS CULTURAL IDENTITY WHILE CELEBRATING THE RICH CHINESE CULTURE, HISTORY, LANGUAGE, AND HERITAGE DEEPLY EMBEDDED IN THIS COMMUNITY

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

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CHINATOWN SERVICE CENTER

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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

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.

PROGRAMS

- Counseling
- Referrals and translation services
- English classes
- Life and health workshops
- Computer classes

SERVE

- All volunteers accepted

DONATE

- Donate by check

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CHINESE CULTURE AND COMMUNITY SERVICE CENTER

ENHANCING LIFE FOR CHINESE AMERICANS, PROMOTING CHINESE CULTURE, HELPING CHINESE IMMIGRANTS ASSIMILATE INTO U.S. SOCIETY, AND BUILDING COMMUNITIES

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.

PROGRAMS

- Senior programs
- Health services and education
- Community services programs
- Career assistance program
- Citizenship application assistance program
- Education programs
- Adult English classes and free language training
- Culture and arts programs
- Sports and fitness programs
- Teen and youth programs

SERVE

- All volunteers accepted, weekly commitment desired. Looking for volunteers who are bilingual in Chinese.

DONATE

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- United Way #8811
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CONFERENCE ON ASIAN PACIFIC AMERICAN LEADERSHIP

BUILDING LEADERSHIP
AND PUBLIC POLICY
KNOWLEDGE WITHIN
THE ASIAN PACIFIC
AMERICAN COMMUNITY



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

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COUNSELORS HELPING (SOUTH)ASIANS/INDIANS

TAKING A HOLISTIC APPROACH TO PROVIDING PROACTIVE, CULTURALLY COMPETENT INFORMATION AND REFERRALS ON MENTAL HEALTH AND WELLNESS TO SOUTH ASIAN POPULATIONS

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

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DANA TAI SOON BURGESS AND COMPANY

PROVIDING DANCE PERFORMANCES AND EDUCATION THAT EXPLORE AND ADDRESS ASIAN AMERICAN CONSCIOUSNESS WITHIN THE AMERICAN EXPERIENCE

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.

SERVE

- Recruiting board members
- Seeking volunteers with experience with research, writing, and data analysis. Preferred age 21-60. Weekly commitment preferred, 0-5 hours per month. Visit dtsbco.com

DONATE

- Donate at dtsbco.com

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HALAU O'AULANI

TEACHING THE ARTS,
MUSIC, LANGUAGE, AND
HISTORY OF THE
PACIFIC ISLANDS WITH
EMPHASIS ON HAWAII

Hālau O Aulani 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.



SERVE

- Volunteer for special events and productions
- Recruiting board members

DONATE

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- CFC #87112

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HEPATITIS B INITIATIVE OF WASHINGTON, DC

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



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.

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
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INTERNATIONAL NEPALI LITERARY SOCIETY

PRESERVING AND PROMOTING NEPALI IDENTITY BY UNITING PEOPLE OF NEPALI ORIGIN AROUND THE WORLD, THROUGH CONTINUOUS ENCOURAGEMENT FOR PROMOTION OF NEPALI LANGUAGES

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

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JAPAN-AMERICA SOCIETY OF WASHINGTON, DC

PROMOTING GREATER UNDERSTANDING AND NETWORKING BETWEEN AMERICANS AND JAPANESE THROUGH CULTURAL, PUBLIC AFFAIRS, AND EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS

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.

PROGRAMS

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

SERVE

- Seeking interns
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DONATE

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JUST NEIGHBORS

PROVIDING IMMIGRATION
LEGAL SERVICES TO
LOW-INCOME FAMILIES
AND REFUGEES OF
ALL FAITHS AND
NATIONALITIES,
ESPECIALLY THOSE WHO
ARE MOST VULNERABLE

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.

PROGRAMS

- Community outreach
- Legal services
- Citizen and immigration services

SERVE

- Pro bono and non-legal and clinic volunteers needed, justneighbors.org
- Recruiting board members and offering internship

DONATE

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- United Way #8574
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KOLLABORATION DC

HOSTING THE REGION'S
PREMIER ASIAN PACIFIC
ISLANDER TALENT
COMPETITION TO
EMPOWER THROUGH
ENTERTAINMENT

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.

SERVE

- Accepting volunteers and interns
- Recruiting board members

DONATE

- Become a sponsor at kollaborationdc.org/sponsorships

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LANGUAGE ETC

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



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.

PROGRAMS

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

SERVE

- To volunteer, visit languageetc.org
- Seeking interns

DONATE

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MANY LANGUAGES ONE VOICE

FOSTERING LEADERSHIP
AND FACILITATING
COMMUNITY-
LED INITIATIVES
TO INCREASE THE
MEANINGFUL INCLUSION
OF PEOPLE IN THE
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
WHO DO NOT SPEAK
ENGLISH AS THEIR
PRIMARY LANGUAGE

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).

PROGRAMS

- Language-access training and advocacy
- Health justice
- Educational equity

SERVE

- Bilingual volunteers preferred
- Recruiting board members

DONATE

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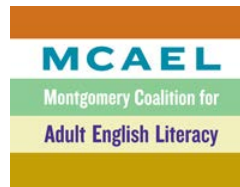
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MONTGOMERY COALITION FOR ADULT ENGLISH LITERACY

IMPROVING THE QUALITY AND QUANTITY OF ADULT ENGLISH LITERACY SERVICES



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

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- United Way #9440
- CFC #78603

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NATIONAL ASIAN PACIFIC AMERICAN WOMEN'S FORUM

BUILDING A MOVEMENT TO ADVANCE SOCIAL JUSTICE AND HUMAN RIGHTS FOR AAPI WOMEN AND GIRLS

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.

PROGRAMS

- Reproductive justice program
- Immigrant rights program
- Young women's leadership development

SERVE

- All volunteers accepted
- Accepting members at napawf.org

DONATE

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

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NATIONAL COALITION FOR ASIAN PACIFIC AMERICAN COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

ADDRESSING HOUSING, COMMUNITY, AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT NEEDS OF DIVERSE AND GROWING AAPI COMMUNITIES THROUGH NATIONAL ADVOCACY

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.

SERVE

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DONATE

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NATIONAL COUNCIL OF ASIAN PACIFIC AMERICANS

REPRESENTING THE INTERESTS FOR THE GREATER ASIAN AMERICAN (AA) AND NATIVE HAWAIIAN PACIFIC ISLANDER (NHPI) COMMUNITIES, AND PROVIDING A NATIONAL VOICE FOR AA AND NHPI ISSUES

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

SERVE

- All volunteers accepted

DONATE

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NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF FAMILY COUNSELING

HELPING CHILDREN,
YOUTH, AND PARENTS
OVERCOME LINGUISTIC
AND CULTURAL
CHALLENGES SO THEY
CAN CREATE HEALTHY
FAMILIES AND
COMMUNITIES

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.

PROGRAMS

- Immigrant empowerment services
- Health promotion services
- Senior and social services
- Family enrichment services

SERVE

- Volunteers to assist with administrative tasks, fundraising, editing, and facilitating education programs
- Recruiting board members

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- CFC #41024

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NEWCOMER COMMUNITY SERVICE CENTER

HELPING REFUGEES AND IMMIGRANTS FROM ALL COUNTRIES ACHIEVE SELF-SUFFICIENCY AND PARTICIPATE IN THEIR NEW SOCIETY

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

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SIKH AMERICAN LEGAL DEFENSE AND EDUCATION FUND

EMPOWERING SIKH AMERICANS THROUGH ADVOCACY, EDUCATION, AND MEDIA RELATIONS

The Sikh American Legal Defense and Education Fund (SALDEF) is the oldest Sikh American civil rights and educational organization. SALDEF seeks 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

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SOUTH ASIAN AMERICANS LEADING TOGETHER

COLLABORATING 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



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

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capacity-building

SOUTHEAST ASIA RESOURCE ACTION CENTER

STRENGTHENING
THE CAPACITY OF
COMMUNITY-BASED
ORGANIZATIONS LED
BY REFUGEES FROM
AROUND THE WORLD

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

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- CFC #11950

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VIETNAMESE RESETTLEMENT ASSOCIATION

ADVANCING THE VIETNAMESE AMERICAN COMMUNITY IN MARYLAND THROUGH DIRECT SERVICES, ADVOCACY, AND EDUCATION

The Vietnamese Resettlement Association provides counseling, housing and immigration assistance, and health screenings to limited-English speaking and low-income individuals.

PROGRAMS

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

SERVE

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

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