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Amplifying Voices of API Survivors and Advocates



What's new?

OVW Technical Assistance

We have been granted two-year funding from the Department of Justice, Office on Violence Against Women (OVW) to provide training and technical assistance on culturally relevant services for API communities in mainland United States, Alaska, and U.S. territories in the Pacific to current and potential OVW grantees.

Technical Assistance we provide:

- 40-hour sexual assault training to staff and volunteers
- Topic-specific training
- “one-on-one” or “peer-to-peer” consultations regarding sexual assault services to victims/survivors from the API communities

If your organization is interested in receiving training, technical assistance, or if you would like additional information, please reach us at information@napiesv.org

Supporting each other

Practice Highlight

With the current COVID-19 pandemic sweeping across the globe, we are also acknowledging a rise for a call of solidarity and mutual aid. This concept of cooperation and sharing of resources is not a practice that is new to Asian and Pacific Islander communities. Immigrant and refugee communities in the United States have always supported and provided for each other in times of need. For example, in the Filipino communities, we have the practice of “bayanihan.” In Indonesian communities, we have the practice “gotong royong” which translates to working together, helping each other. In Vietnamese communities, we have the practice of collective community financing, “chơi hội”, to help folks pay rent, buy a car, or start a business. It is important to remember that in times of crisis and uncertainty our communities have always had the solutions whether it be during a pandemic or addressing sexual violence.



COVID-19 Response

Due to concerns about the COVID-19 (coronavirus) pandemic and reported cases in the United States, Alaska, and U.S. territories in the Pacific we have suspended all TA travel, speaking engagements, and in-person training for the time being. We are still available for TA requests and consultations via phone and video call. We wish you and your families all the best during this time.

Book Club

During this time, we know that many of you are working from home or confined in your home which is a great time to catch up on some reading. Here are some of our recommended books for this quarter:

- Asian American Sexual Politics: The Construction of Race, Gender, and Sexuality by Rosalind S. Chou
- Embodying Asian/American Sexualities By Gina Maséquesmay and Sean Metzger
- Straitjacket Sexualities: Unbinding Asian American Manhoods in the Movies by Celine Shimizu

Opportunity

The New Mexico Asian Family Center Board of Directors and staff are seeking qualified candidates for the position of Executive Director. Click [here](#) to find out more.

Virtual Check-in Hour

We recognize that this is a difficult time for both individuals and organizations. To continue to provide support during this time, we will be hosting a “Virtual Check-in Hour” every Wednesday at 3:00 pm EST for anyone that would like to “drop-in” and receive TA, support, or just talk. Join by clicking on this [link](#).

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Each care pack is valued at \$5.

We hope to urgently distribute at least 1000 of these packs to these families needing them the most.



Sanitary napkin, rubbing alcohol, hand & laundry soap, shampoo, chlorine powder, reusable facemasks, toothpaste, etc.



Fresh eggs, assorted vegetables, cooking oil, dried fish, and other produce sourced from local farm cooperatives and Indigenous Population (IP) cooperatives also affected by lockdown.

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FOOD PACKS & SANITATION KITS

FOR WOMEN-HEADED HOUSEHOLDS
IMPACTED BY THE COVID-19 LOCKDOWN
IN THE PHILIPPINES

Luzon island is in lockdown since March 16 directly affecting almost 60 million lives. Of the millions of workers in the island, only a small fragment are in the formal sector while the rest are "no work, no pay" workers. Factories and shops with mostly women workers have shut down. Public transportation is suspended. Only one member per household can leave their homes and only for a brief period to buy basic necessities. Our women cannot work and hence cannot earn. For women-headed household, solo breadwinners, and who are part of the poorest of the poor, this is worst than a living nightmare.

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