

Asian & Middle Eastern American Resource Guide Montgomery County

Asian American Health Initiative

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The Asian American Health Initiative (AAHI) was established to help eliminate health disparities between Asian Americans and their non-Asian counterparts in Montgomery County. AAHI provides education and awareness about hepatitis B, cancer (breast, cervical, colorectal, and prostate), diabetes, osteoporosis, and tobacco control education through seminars, health events, and community outreach.

In addition, AAHI conducts on-site osteoporosis screenings and offers breast, cervical, colorectal, oral and prostate cancer screenings to eligible Montgomery County residents. To provide culturally and linguistically appropriate services and interventions to Asian Americans, AAHI also developed a Patient Navigators Program. Through this program, trained Asian American medical interpreters may provide translation services at community clinic sites as well as assist with navigation of health care access over the telephone hotline.

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Ahmadi Muslims in the Washington DC area

The Ahmadiyya Muslim Community is an international religious organization, with branches in over 189 countries in Africa, North America, South America, Asia, Australia, and Europe. A dynamic denomination of Islam in modern history, it has worldwide membership exceeding tens of millions. Wherever the Community is established, it endeavors to exert a constructive influence of Islam through social projects, educational institutes, health services, Islamic publications and construction of mosques, despite being bitterly persecuted in some countries. The Ahmadiyya Muslim Community's doors are open to all community members, Muslims and non-Muslims alike.

The Community offers a clear presentation of Islamic wisdom, philosophy, morals and spirituality as derived from the Holy Qur'an and the practice (Sunnah) of the Holy Prophet of Islam, Muhammad.

Asian American LEAD (AALEAD)

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Founded in 1998, Asian American LEAD (AALEAD) is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization that promotes the well-being of low-income Asian American youth and families through education, leadership development, and community building. AALEAD facilitates a multi-pronged, culturally-appropriate approach that encourages parent involvement and increases the opportunities and ability of low-income Asian American youth to move out of poverty and become successful, self-sufficient adults.

We have developed five programs to help us achieve our goals: Mentoring, Tutoring, After-School Academic Enrichment, Academic, Leadership & Resiliency Secondary School, and Family Strengthening Programs. A community of caring adults – teachers, program coordinators, mentors, tutors and volunteers supports each child in achieving his or her personal and academic goals through these programs.

Asian American Political Alliance (AAPA)

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Asian American Political Alliance (AAPA) is a nonprofit, non-partisan, political and educational organization founded in early 1999 by a group of Asian American leaders in Montgomery County, Maryland. AAPA's primary mission is to increase the visibility and opportunities for Asian Americans. It seeks to unite the diverse Asian American community, address common issues, enhance civic participation and develop grassroots leadership.

Activities of AAPA include: convening regular meetings with public officials; sponsoring Minority Legislative Breakfasts; hosting Political Candidate Forums; and advocating on behalf of the community and cultivate community leadership.

Priority of needs of constituents:

1. Linguistically friendly and culturally sensitive services including education, health, and business opportunities.

2. Development of community and political leadership to fully participate in all civic and government activities.

Asian Pacific American Chamber of Commerce (APACC)

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Asian Pacific American Chamber of Commerce Inc. is a private, nonprofit organization of business leaders and professionals dedicated to improving the economic environment for those from or working with the Asian Pacific American business community. APACC promotes a vibrant business environment by providing networking opportunities, education, advocacy, and cooperative interaction with and among Asian Pacific American businesses, regional governments and our community.

Asian Pacific American Employees Association (APAEA)

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Community Served: Montgomery County employees and all interested individuals or groups supporting APAEA's mission.

APAEA is a nonprofit organization committed to enhancing the success and presence of Montgomery County employees of Asian Pacific American heritage through its programs and initiatives. Its services include:

1. Linking employees with County services and programs that enhance their professional development, effectiveness, and career development.
2. Encouraging and promoting increased representation of Asian Pacific Americans in County employment.
3. Providing an avenue for exchanging ideas and communication among employees, the County and the community.
4. Building cultural awareness and diversity through programs and activities that foster equity, recognition, and respect for all cultural differences.

Asian Pacific American Legal Resource Center (APALRC)

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APALRC is a nonprofit organization dedicated to advancing the legal and civil rights of Asian Americans in the Washington, DC metropolitan community through direct services, education, and advocacy. APALRC's priority is to serve low-income and/or limited English proficient Asian Americans, and to advocate for broad-based systemic change on civil rights issues impacting Asian Americans.

For assistance, please contact hotline: 202-393-3572 (Chinese – ext. 18, Hindi/Urdu – ext. 19, Vietnamese – ext. 20, Korean – ext. 21)

Asian/Pacific Islander Domestic Violence Resource Project (DVRP)

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The Asian/Pacific Islander Domestic Violence Resource Project's mission is to address and prevent domestic violence in Asian and Pacific Islander communities in the Washington, DC metropolitan area.

DVRP provides:

1. Individual support for API survivors of domestic violence in order to assist them in accessing resources and improve their overall safety.
2. Services are available in 13 Asian languages.
3. Community engagement programs to increase understanding of domestic violence within API communities.
4. Technical assistance and cultural competency trainings for other agencies working with APIS or victims of domestic violence.

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The Cambodian Temple is a place of worship and a community center for all Cambodian Americans. It is a place for conservation of Cambodian culture, training, and social services. The Cambodian Temple provides:

1. Religious services
2. Training – dance, music, Khmer language, English, citizenship
3. Humanitarian assistance- shelter, food, youth program, senior program, health program, civic program

Priority of needs of constituents includes health, youth services, and senior services.

Chinese American Senior Services Association (CASSA)

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CASSA's mission is to:

- Provide community service information to Chinese seniors
 - Organize volunteers to conduct social and community programs
 - Provide a platform for senior activities
 - Provide Opportunities for seniors to acquire new knowledge and learning, and participate in volunteer work
 - Advocate for seniors
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Chinese Culture and Community Center (CCACC)

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CCACC is one of the largest grassroots community-based APA service organizations in the Washington Metro area with a strong membership of over 1,500 people. Established in 1982, CCACC serves as a bridge to enrich, empower, and assist Asian Pacific Americans in the community. The Center works to build strategic community, private, and public partnerships to extend and enhance the scope and effectiveness of its programs and services to Chinese immigrant communities.

CCACC provides a wide variety of programs, services, and activities for the APA and mainstream communities – as well as advocacy, education, and empowerment of the APA community. The programs and services are grouped into the following seven areas:

- Education, Culture, and Arts; Health and Human Services; Community Services; Senior Services; Teens and Youth; and Sports and Fitness. Enrich families with educational, cultural, health, and social services programs.

- Promote mutual understanding, awareness, and appreciation of Chinese and American culture and heritage.
- Encourage the exchange of Chinese and American cultures and enhance the positive image of Chinese Americans.
- Facilitate assimilation of Chinese Americans into the mainstream society while striving to preserve the rights and interests of all Chinese Americans.
- Strengthen the Chinese American communities and encourage cooperation among Chinese American Organizations.

Conflict Resolution Center of Montgomery County, Inc.

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The CRCMC is a nonprofit organization dedicated to providing quality dispute resolution services and education to individuals and communities. Most services are free of charge to County residents. CRCMC provides:

1. Mediation in English and Spanish
2. Community conferencing
3. Facilitation of public meetings
4. Neighborhood problem solving
5. Training

Federation of Indian American Association (FIA)

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The mission of the organization is to promote social, cultural, and political awareness, foster goodwill between the people of Indian origin and the other American populations, and to enrich the multi-ethnic culture of the United States of America.

1. Promoting and assisting its member organizations in accomplishing their own organizational mission.
2. Promoting Indian culture, social values and political awareness.
3. Identifying and addressing issues affecting Americans of India origin.
4. Promoting and enhancing the understanding and cooperation between India and US.

GRACE (Global Reach For Arts And Cultural Education)

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GRACE promotes and educates the community about cultural understanding through the Performing Arts of different nations. This in turn may be one of the ways to bring peace and harmony among various ethnic groups. Scholarships will also be provided to individuals for the performing arts under certain criteria. This organization also organizes, sponsors, and coordinates various community events.

Indian American Leadership Council (IALC)

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The Indian American Leadership Council (IALC) is a grassroots civic organization of community leaders whose mission is to provide a unified voice for Indian Americans in the mainstream decision making process at the national, state and local level. IALC builds bridges and forges alliances with civil rights groups and Asian/or ethnic associations to promote social responsibility, economic equity, and political action through education and advocacy.

The IALC's leadership networks provide forums through which citizens, immigrants, and new Americans can exchange expertise, share resources, enhance global partnerships, and collaborate with the mainstream community. The IALC designs, develops, implements, monitors, and evaluates promising programs and projects that show the potential to empower future community leaders and enrich society

Indonesian Christian Fellowship Church (ICFC)

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ICFC was established by the late Rev. Nicolas M. Lewier in June 1988 as the first nondenominational Indonesian Christian church in the Washington DC area. Since then,

several denominations have branched out, such as Catholic, Pentecostal, Presbyterian and Charismatic Churches.

We provide Christian services, Bible Study, social services for Indonesian communities in Washington DC area.

Islamic-American Zakat Foundation, Inc.

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The Islamic-American Zakat Foundation provides assistance for food, shelter, clothing and transportation for the poor and needy, orphans, wayfarers, and other persons of needs deserving of charity under Islamic law by assessing, collecting and distributing obligatory and voluntary charity called zakat and sadaqa. Our primary objective is to serve the poor and needy Muslims in the United States, eligible non-Muslims are also helped and some aid is sent abroad to help the poor or needy orphans and other children.

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The mission of the Islamic Weekend School is to provide the highest quality Islamic education to a student population of ethnically diverse backgrounds, thereby fostering growth and development within the community at large. The Islamic Weekend School (IWS) is operated by The Center for Islamic Education and provides educational programs that integrate religion, Quran, and Arabic studies in a structured classroom environment.

The School offers a Children/Youth Education Program, and an Adult Education Program. The Children/Youth Program is designed to teach students the ethics and fundamentals of Islam, Quranic recitation, and the Arabic language. The purpose of teaching Arabic is to deepen the student's ability to read and understand the Quran. The School also offers an Adult Education Program, focused on widening the level of understanding of the religion of Islam and its morals and views relative to personal and cultural issues facing individuals, the community, Muslims in the United States, and the community at large.

Japanese American Citizens League (JACL)

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The Japanese American Citizens League, the nations' oldest and largest Asian American civil rights organization, was founded in 1929 to address issues of discrimination targeted specifically at persons of Japanese ancestry residing in the United States.

JACL provides advocacy, community and leadership development, education, civil rights protection, and scholarships.

Korean Community Service Center of Greater Washington

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The purpose of KCSC is to better assist social service agencies serving the Korean American community through networking and shared resources and to advocate for issues and projects that need collaboration from all agencies. For the association to serve its purpose of supporting Korean agencies, we need to broaden our reach and focus on the needs of Korean communities nationwide.

KCSL provides social services and immigration, health, domestic violence prevention, and education services. Priority of needs of constituents include:

1. Support services for self-sufficiency
2. Access to affordable health care and culturally appropriate health care system
3. Family support service (family counseling, divorce, domestic violence)

Maryland-China Business Council

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The mission of MCBC is to provide opportunities for increased business understanding and activity between the US and China via:

1. Effective and meaningful China-related business development and networking opportunities for members
2. Relevant and timely presentations concerning developments and trends in the US-China relationship
3. Assistance to Chinese organizations interested in establishing a presence and/or business relationships in the US Mid-Atlantic region
4. Opportunities to interact with US and Chinese government and business leaders

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MVMA is a nonprofit organization founded in 1982. The organization is governed by a Board of Directors and membership is open to all Vietnamese Americans and friends of the Vietnamese community in the state of Maryland.

MVMA's mission is to serve, support, and advance the Vietnamese American community. While MVMA's special commitment is to advocate for the cause of Vietnamese Americans, it serves all immigrant communities. Our three core programs are:

1. Immigration Services: assist with permanent residency, citizenship, etc. Pro-Bono attorney available.
2. Vietnamese Parenting Enrichment Services (VPEP): empowers parents to be more involved in their children's education. Activities include home visits, family workshops, link to resources.
3. Golden Age Project for Seniors (GAPS): Aims to bridge language barriers to help seniors lead healthy autonomous lives. Assistance with health information and health care, Medicare/Medicaid, social security benefits, food stamps, housing.

Minaret of Freedom Institute

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The Minaret of Freedom Institute was founded in 1993 with a dual mission for educating both Muslims and non-Muslims.

For non-Muslims our mission is to counter distortions and misconceptions about Islamic beliefs and practice; to demonstrate the Islamic origins of modern values like the rule of law and sciences like market economics, and to advance the status of Muslim peoples maligned by a hostile environment in the West and oppressed by repressive political regimes in the East.

For Muslims, our mission is to discover and publish the politico-economic policy implications of Islamic law (shari`ah) and their consequences on the economic well-being of the community; to expose both American and Islamic-world Muslims to free market thought; to educate Islamic religious and community leaders in economics and in the fact that liberty is a necessary, though not sufficient, condition for the achievement of a good society, and to promote the establishment of free trade and justice (an essential common interest of Islam and the West).

Muslim Community Center (MCC)

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The Muslim Community Center (MCC) in Silver Spring Maryland serves thousands of families in Maryland, Virginia, and Washington, D.C. area. The Muslim Community Center was officially established in May 1981 and has since grown to become a nationally recognized Islamic center.

MCC has become prominent by offering services and programs for the benefit of our community at large. The Center is a volunteer-managed, nonprofit, church-exempt organization established under the laws of the State of Maryland. While the area Muslim population utilizes most of its services, MCC is dedicated to serving all people, regardless of faith, color, origin, and creed of the service seeker.

MCC provides free health clinic to the uninsured population on Fridays (2-4pm) and Sundays (11am-1.30pm). Priority needs of constituents:

1. Free or affordable health care in culturally sensitive environment
2. Affordable housing in Montgomery County
3. Affordable or free legal assistance on matters such as immigration, business start-ups, domestic issues, etc.

Organization of Chinese Americans (OCA), Greater DC Chapter

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OCA-DC is one of the founding chapters of OCA, a national civil rights organization of Asian Pacific Americans. Made of both immigrants and native born American Asians, OCA-DC educates the public about Asian American issues and advocates for the long-term collective well-being of Asian Americans in this country.

The vision of OCA-DC is to be a vibrant, influential, and effective leader in advancing the civic, cultural, personal, professional, and economic well-being of the Chinese American community in the Greater Washington, DC Metropolitan area, and in doing so, embrace the hopes and aspirations of Chinese and other Asian Americans.

Organization of Chinese American Women (OCAW)

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Established in 1977, the Organization of Chinese American Women is comprised of a group of dedicated Chinese American women who develop programs to advance and advocate for the needs and concerns of Chinese and other Asian American women.

OCAW provides educational seminars and networking opportunities.

Rockville Sister City Corporation

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Rockville Sister City Corporation provides a means to gain knowledge of, understand, and respect the lifestyle, culture, and ideas of other people in foreign countries. RSCC sponsors educational, cultural and professional exchanges with its Sister Cities (currently Pinneberg, Germany and recently Jiaying, China). The organization also sponsors community events and activities with different ethnic communities in Rockville.

Sikh American Legal Defense and Education Fund (SALDEF)

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The Sikh American Legal Defense and Education Fund (SALDEF) is the oldest and largest Sikh American civil rights and advocacy organization in the United States. We empower Sikh Americans through legal assistance, educational outreach, legislative advocacy, and media relations. SALDEF's mission is to protect the civil rights of Sikh Americans and ensure a fostering environment in the United States for future generations.

Sumi-e Society of America, Inc.

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Sumi-e Society of America, Inc. is a non-profit educational organization founded in 1963 to foster and encourage an appreciation of East Asian brush painting techniques through publications, workshops, lectures and exhibitions, to serve as a cultural bridge between East and West, and to furnish information to all persons who wish to learn about this art. Membership is open to painters and non-painters.

The Society has 11 chapters across the United States, and a National Board of Directors. East Asian brush painting consists of many styles, which originated in China centuries ago and spread throughout East Asia. Sumi-e member artists use many styles, from representational to abstract, and form purely East Asian to a combination of Western and East Asian.

Tzu Chi Foundation, USA, Greater Washington Chapter

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The Tzu Chi Foundation is a volunteer-led Buddhist charitable organization providing humanitarian aid, spiritual care, and medical services to local families and international communities in need. Tzu Chi in Chinese means "Serving with Compassion".

Our organization has four missions: Charity, Medicine, Education, and Humanistic Culture. For the Greater Baltimore-Washington Metropolitan area, Tzu Chi Foundation's local services include senior services, homeless services, family services and disaster relief services in the District of Columbia, Maryland, and Virginia. We provide scholarships to college-bound high school graduates and have a Gift-of-Books program to provide books to local schools and libraries in need.
