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LGBTQ TA CENTER

Equity News

Statement of Solidarity

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The LGBTQ TA Center Team stands in solidarity with our Asian, Asian American, and Pacific Islander (AAPI) colleagues, with AAPI community members, and with those who serve AAPI communities. We condemn the ongoing violence and hate speech against AAPI communities that has been exacerbated during--not created by--the COVID crisis.

As a center, we are committed to recognizing and uplifting the voices and experiences of LGBTQ AAPI Californians.

Last fall, API Equality Northern California released the results of a groundbreaking study: [Up to Us: A Community-Led Needs Assessment of Transgender and Gender Non-Conforming Asians and Pacific Islanders in the Bay Area](#). Among other findings, their results showed that two-thirds of TGNC AAPIs in the Bay Area had been verbally harassed, and nearly one in five had been physically attacked.

The LGBTQ TA Center supports the recommendations offered in *Up to Us*, particularly those for the healthcare and mental health field:

*"An overwhelming amount of respondents are unable to afford the care they need, matched with non-affirming providers, or barred from learning about available resources. To ensure TGNC APIs receive the care we need and deserve, we need doctors, nurses, and mental health providers to receive **training specifically about caring for trans and API patients, ideally by paying trans API people to provide this education**. We also need providers to make health information and care available in many languages, so TGNC APIs and our communities feel empowered to communicate our needs. We need more insurance programs to include gender-affirming care for trans people, so that the life-saving medical attention we need is easily accessible. We need to fight for the creation of alternatives to calling the police in crisis situations, such as the Mental Health First program piloted in Oakland and Sacramento, and support campaigns, such as Medicare for All, that seek to make healthcare easy to access for all people."*

Below, we offer resources to support, engage, and stand with AAPI members of the LGBTQ community.

Visit the [LGBTQ TA Center Website](#)

Resources

Spotlight Event

[AAPI Provider Listening Session in Response to 3/16 Atlanta Shootings](#)

Thursday, March 25
4 p.m. PT

The Pacific Southwest Mental Health Technology Transfer Center (PS MHTTC) is offering a listening session for AAPI providers to share their experiences with each other in a safe space where they can be supported by others in the community. This is an opportunity to grieve losses together and find strength in solidarity. Facilitators will also hold time to develop calls for action for ourselves as participants, our communities, and our country.



Arts, Storytelling, and Awareness

[Asian Pride Project](#): innovative film, photography, art, and writing projects that amplify the voices of LGBTQ AAPIs

[Family is Still Family – Multilingual PSA Campaign](#) (NQAPIA)

[Q&A Space](#), a video storytelling project from API

Equality LA

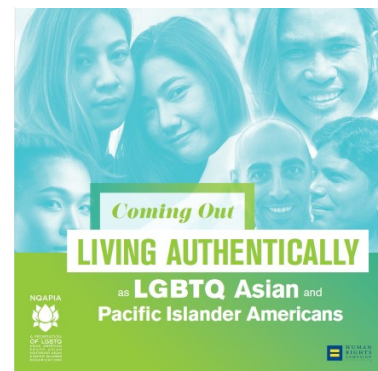
[The Visibility Project](#): stories and images AAPI women and transgender community

Articles and Written Resources

[“I’m Building Counter-Narratives”: LGBTQ+ Asian Americans on How They’re Processing Racism During Coronavirus](#) (Them)

[Coming Out: Living Authentically as LGBTQ Asian and Pacific Islander Americans](#) (Human Rights Campaign): in English, Hindi, Simplified Chinese, Korean, Japanese, and Vietnamese

[Asian American & Pacific Islander Mental Health Resources](#) (The Mental Health Coalition)



Organizations

California

[API Equality LA](#)

[API Equality Northern California](#)

[Asian Americans Advancing Justice LA](#)

[Trikone \(Bay Area\)](#)

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[Prism](#)



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