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May 2021

This May, we both honor Asian American Pacific Islander (AAPI) Heritage Month and recognize the dramatic increase in violence against AAPI communities in the past year.

From March 2020 to May 2021, [Stop AAPI Hate](#) recorded more than 6,600 acts of hate, harassment, and civil rights violations, with far more incidents going unreported. Although the new COVID hate crimes law is intended to address this surge, a large coalition of LGBTQ and AAPI organizations has [spoken out against the bill](#) and called for a shift of resources from law enforcement to communities.

This month's Equity Newsflash features a collection of resources and events

on anti-Asian hate. For more resources on LGBTQ AAPI identity and healing, check out the Statement of Solidarity we released in April:

<https://conta.cc/3cU8KDn>

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Stopping anti-Asian hate

Stop AAPI Hate

Reporting center and advocacy group addressing anti-Asian racism. **New resource:** on May 20, Stop AAPI Hate released a new report documenting [The Rising Tide of Violence and Discrimination Against Asian American and Pacific Islander Women and Girls](#).

HRC Editorial: Anti-Asian Hate Must Stop and as a Community We Must Remain United and Speak Out

"The truth is that those who are living at the intersection of being LGBTQ, Asian American and an immigrant while confronting a surge in anti-Asian hate and violence are facing a multi-fronted battle to live their lives openly and safely in this country. Yet, while many of us hold multiple identities that often compound our experiences, it also means we can and must create community, build allyship and organize coalitions in response to all forms of discrimination and racism."

Event: What's Next? Community Action for Transformation Change (May 27)

This is the third session belonging to a three-part virtual roundtable to address the impact of historical and present day trauma and social injustice on their mental health, provides self-care strategies, and identifies long term community engagement strategies to address the mental health of Asian American, Native Hawaiian, and Pacific Islander communities.

Event Recording: Addressing Racism and Intolerance Against Asian Americans Virtual Panel

Office of Minority Health, the National Park Service, and the White House Initiative on Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders hosted this virtual panel on May 8. The panel highlighted current federal efforts addressing racism and health inequities.

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Next month! Free conference on anti-racism and healing in crisis & justice systems

California's CARE (Crisis and Recovery Enhancement) TA Center is hosting a free virtual conference next month, June 16-17: "Listening, Learning, Leading: Anti-Racism in the Crisis Continuum of Care." Driven by resilience and the healing power of community like Black Joy and Indigenous intergenerational wisdom, this conference engages difficult discussions directly with evidence-based hope.

This conference addresses the crisis continuum of care and justice diversion from the perspectives of communities who experience racial trauma and disproportionate health disparities, and for whom connection to cultural practices can be distinctly healing. This conference addresses systemic racism within behavioral health and justice systems by acknowledging the impacts of policies, programs, hiring practices, and services on Black, Indigenous, and Other People of Color (BIPOC).

[Register: tinyurl.com/care-conference-2021](https://tinyurl.com/care-conference-2021) | [Download the Flyer](#)

Get ready for Pride Month

Pride Month is coming! After last year's numerous canceled Pride events, many cities are eager to get together--virtually or in person--for Pride 2021. From drive-thru parades to movie screenings to TikTok concerts, below are just a few of the many celebrations coming up in June. (Stay tuned for even more Pride in July and August!)

[Compton 2021 Pride Festival](#)

[1st Annual Lodi PRIDE Festival](#)

[LA Pride 2021: Thrive with Pride](#)

[Napa Valley Pride](#)

[Oakland Black Pride: Inside/Out!](#)

[San Francisco Pride 2021: #SF Pride 51 All in this Together](#)

[SaMo Pride](#) (Santa Monica)

[Santa Cruz Pride](#)

[Sonoma County Pride](#)

Honoring Californians lost to anti-trans violence

On April 23, Natalia Smüt lost her life in Milpitas, CA, becoming at least the seventeenth transgender person to die to violence in the U.S. in 2021. Smüt, a 24-year-old Afro-Rican woman, is remembered by her community as a beloved drag artist and dancer. Smüt is at least the second transgender person killed in California in 2021, following Rayanna Pardo, a 26-year-old Latinx woman killed in Los Angeles in March.

For uplifting news and stories that center trans people, check out our newsflash for International Day of Transgender Visibility (March 2021): <https://conta.cc/3yupKdu>.

[Remembering Natalia](#) | [Remembering Rayanna](#)

Training teachers to better support LGBTQ+ students

Gov. Newsom's new \$268 billion 2021-2022 state budget would allocate \$3 million for the California Department of Education to develop an LGBTQ cultural competency training for public school teachers and staff.

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