

Letter from Director

I am proud of our reputation for providing compassionate care to individuals living with or at risk for HIV and AIDS. Our agency's growth over the past two decades indicates a growing trend toward cultural awareness in the area of health care.



Today, our fight is not done and APAIT continues to reach out to API communities with dedication and compassion. To expand our presence throughout Southern California, we are working in tandem with programs that reach out to other communities of color. Through innovative partnerships, we aim to be at the forefront of prevention, treatment, training, community leadership and advocacy.

As we move forward, we are reminded that our work is not possible without the support of our generous funders and our volunteers. I ask you to continue your support for our important work as we expand our programs and provide new approaches to HIV prevention and care.

Sincerely,

Jury Candelario
APAIT Division Director

APAIT Past and Future

APAIT was established in Los Angeles in 1987 to address the growing number of Asian Pacific Islanders affected by, and infected with, HIV and AIDS. With the opening of its Orange County office in 1999, APAIT began serving a wide geographic area, reaching out to numerous Asian and Pacific Islander populations. In 2005, APAIT joined forces with national partners to commemorate the first ever National Asian and Pacific Islander HIV/AIDS Awareness Day in the United States - the Banyan Tree Project - pledging to end HIV/AIDS discrimination among Asian and Pacific Islander communities. This celebration also came in the same year that APAIT received prestigious grants and awards from the public and private sectors that allowed the organization to expand its programs and services to other communities of color.

Supporting APAIT

By serving the Asian and Pacific Islander communities with compassion and dedication, APAIT empowers individuals to educate and protect themselves and others about HIV and AIDS. With the gracious support of our generous funders, we look to expand our reach and our role in the community, thereby reaching underserved populations with our vital services and programs. Please support our vital work for the Asian and Pacific Islander communities.



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About APAIT

The Asian Pacific AIDS Intervention Team (APAIT) is one of the nation's largest providers of HIV/AIDS prevention and care services for the Asian and Pacific Islander communities. APAIT provides culturally and linguistically appropriate services with dedication and compassion. With offices in Los Angeles and Orange County, APAIT provides multilingual services in Cambodian, Chinese, Japanese, Korean, Tagalog, Thai, and Vietnamese.



Mission Statement

The mission of APAIT is to positively affect the quality of life for Asians and Pacific Islanders living with or at risk for HIV by providing a continuum of prevention, health and social services, community leadership and advocacy to the Southern California region.



Programs

The dedicated staff of APAIT works diligently to eradicate the threat of the spread of HIV and AIDS via a variety of programs. From one-on-one counseling to community-based social events, APAIT attempts to reach members of the community in ways that are culturally appropriate, comfortable and safe.

From our STAR program to empower transgender women, to our HERO program to educate men about at-risk behavior and HIV, APAIT offers a wide range of services led by our energetic and compassionate staff. Additionally, we offer extensive treatment services for HIV positive individuals, including case management, mental health services and support groups, and treatment advocacy. APAIT also offers free HIV testing.

To expand resources in our community, APAIT incorporates a vital Community Development and Research component into its advocacy work, providing capacity building, technical assistance, and training to other AIDS and HIV organizations in Southern California.



"I am very proud to be working with professionals who care so much for the API community... It is amazing how far this organization has gone and succeeded, and I wish to see it grow further."

— Jimmy D.



"My involvement with APAIT has changed many of my views and ways of life. I truly feel that community resources such as APAIT have contributed to the sense of progress I have made both in my professional and personal life."

— Dennis M.

Prevention, Education and Volunteer Services/PEV Unit

- ❖ HIV Endeavor for Reaching Out (HERO) Adult Men's Program
- ❖ HIV Youth Prevention Education (HYPE) Youth Men & Transgender Program
- ❖ Men of Asia Testing for HIV (MATH) HIV Testing Research Project
- ❖ Serving Transgenders at Risk (STAR) Adult Transgender Prevention
- ❖ Volunteer Services
- ❖ Wonder Women Adult & Youth Women's Prevention

Treatment Services/CARE Unit

- ❖ Case Management and Benefits Services
- ❖ Emotional Support and Mental Health Counseling
- ❖ James Sakakura Family Room
- ❖ Treatment Adherence and Advocacy

Community Development and Research/CDR Unit

- ❖ Orange County Prevention Program
- ❖ National Capacity Building and Technical Assistance Program
- ❖ Regional Asian & Pacific Islander Community Development Project
- ❖ Community Organizing
- ❖ HIV Training