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Target Population and Service Area

- ▶ Asian and Pacific Islander (AAPI) survivors of domestic and sexual violence in Central Texas, specifically, Travis, Williamson, Hays, Caldwell and Bastrop Counties.



Need for the Project

- ▶ AAPI communities are commonly overlooked by service providers due to the “model minority” myth. Furthermore, programs will mistakenly prescribe solutions without understanding the true needs of a community or do not engage in issues that are intersectional to violence such as poverty, mental health, health access, education, systemic racism, economic security, or overall community safety.



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What Will Be Done

Implement innovative and culturally-informed community education and outreach strategies for AAPI immigrant communities

- ▶ Provide outreach and prevention to AAPI communities through an array of activities that are projects that are community driven includes a holistic approach.
 - ▶ Community Gardens
 - ▶ School-Based Engagements
 - ▶ Building Support Networks



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- ▶ Provide outreach and prevention to AAPI communities through health-focused initiatives.
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- ▶ Build a pipeline of community leaders to address domestic and sexual violence in their own ethnic communities



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- ▶ Provide trauma-informed crisis intervention services for AAPI survivors who disclose abuse as a result of community engagement activities.
 - ▶ culturally grounded individual and group counseling
 - ▶ crisis intervention support
 - ▶ legal advocacy
 - ▶ assistance with public victim's compensation and public benefits
 - ▶ information and referral
 - ▶ personal advocacy and accompaniment
 - ▶ emotional support, and criminal and civil justice system advocacy
 - ▶ access long-term supportive housing with wrap around economic empowerment services

