

The Rights Of Immigrants
The Immigration & Naturalization Project

The work of this project focuses on providing direct legal services as well as advocacy, community education, and technical assistance to sister organizations in the areas of

- naturalization, (including language, disability, and fee waivers)
- family based petitions
- domestic violence based petitions
- change of visa status
- human trafficking.

API Legal Outreach will continue to work with and on behalf of the community to counter anti-immigrant legislation and policies.

By And For The Community
Community Advocacy & Services

Services To Groups

- Non-profit incorporation
- Educational programs
- Training for agency staff

Community Issues

API Legal Outreach remains constantly involved in issues which impact the Asian and Pacific Islander community. API Legal Outreach advocated for and assisted those of Japanese decent seeking redress for their unjust incarceration during World War II; promoted learning these lessons from history in symposiums through its Civil Liberties Legal Education Project; joined in efforts to maintain affirmative action, worked to end bias in the courts, advocated for community input on local development, and promoted bilingual and culturally competent community services.



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Asian Pacific Islander Legal Outreach

(formerly Nihonmachi Legal Outreach) combines the commitment of a non-profit, community-based organization with the professional services of a law office. Founded in 1975, API Legal Outreach has worked against the long-standing barriers which have denied Asian and Pacific Islander people equal justice and equal access to the legal system.

API Legal Outreach provides services in Cantonese, Mandarin, Chiu Chow, Japanese, Korean, Vietnamese, Tagalog, Ilocano, and many other languages to the Asian, Pacific Islander and South Asian communities, primarily in San Francisco, Alameda, and San Mateo Counties.

API Legal Outreach promotes the provision of services:

- in the client's language of choice
- appropriate for the culture of the client
- at a site of the client's choice if not ambulatory
- that aid the client in making decisions rather than dictating a course of action
- which are holistic in a collaborative effort with other service providers.

API Legal Outreach services are free to those receiving public benefits or who are low-income and are also offered on a sliding fee

API Legal Outreach Services

API Legal Outreach provides attorney representation, consultation, educational workshops, prevention activities, and training through the following priority projects.

Violence Against Women

The Asian/Pacific Domestic Violence Project

Domestic Violence

The Project's priority is the representation of survivors of violence, not only in seeking legal protections, such as restraining orders, but by offering comprehensive services.

Family Law

- Marital terminations (divorce, separation, annulment)
- Same sex violence
- Custody
- Family support
- At-risk or abused children
- Guardianships
- Adoptions

Immigration

- Waivers and VAWA petitions for battered women
- Relative petitions
- Naturalization petitions

Sexual Harassment

- Workplace and school harassment
- Prevention workshops
- Workplace staff trainings

Asian Domestic Violence Clinic

This Clinic is a collaborative project with the Asian Community Immigration Clinic providing assistance with restraining orders, family law, elder abuse and immigration from the Oakland office of API Legal Outreach.

Working With Youth

The Asian Domestic Violence Prevention Collaborative

This project's work is by and for young people to change attitudes, beliefs, and behaviors which contribute to violence against women. Workshops, media projects, and internet activities developed by teens promote an intolerance of violence.

Seniors And The Frail

The Senior Law Project

The Project advances the independence and dignity of older persons by securing legal rights, protections, and entitlements, in order to increase the ability to remain at home and to decrease the incidence of physical and financial abuse.

- Elder Abuse
- Long-Term Care
- Estate planning
- Wills, trusts, powers of attorney
- Medi-Cal, SSI, Social Security
- Taxes
- Conservatorships
- Consumer fraud