

APILO Youth Program has 5 programs

Youth Advisory Council

APILO established the Youth Advisory Council (YAC) in 1997 as a youth-led teen dating violence prevention program. Since its inception, it has evolved into a social justice and leadership development internship for high schoolers. Through YAC, high schoolers across the Bay Area create and implement presentations, workshops, campaigns, and art/media projects on teen dating violence and other issues that impact their communities.

YAC has developed curriculum by youth, for youth, on the following topics:

- Domestic violence: gender-based violence, rape culture, consent, toxic masculinity, know your rights workshops
- Immigration: immigrants' rights, DACA resources for API youth (ASPIRE), intersectionality of immigration, incarceration, and domestic violence
- AAPI gender and sexuality: queer/trans identities and rights, dating violence in LGBTQ relationships Local youth issues: gun violence, housing insecurity and gentrification, bullying, TITLE IX, etc.



Partnerships with Schools and Community Based Organizations

The Youth Program works with schools and community based organizations to increase access to social and legal services among our communities. For example, we have worked with Laney College, Oakland Unified School District (through API Student Achievement and Dual Enrollment programs), and San Francisco State University to share our violence prevention curriculum and offer social and legal services.

We have also done co-programming with the organizations of the Oakland Asian Youth Collaborative to cultivate community and promote social services among Oakland youth of color. Lastly, our youth program manager Bianca recently published a curriculum guide with California Faculty Association on anti-Asian racism, to be implemented in California high schools and colleges.

Youth Case (Care) Management

Our youth case/care management is approached through a harm reduction model. We take into account the realities and vulnerabilities of our youth, and develop strategies for safety and harm reduction from there. We prioritize relationships with youth as we support them with safety, counseling, legal services, crime victim compensation benefits, and navigating institutions. We also provide appropriate resources and referrals to relevant community partners through warm introductions.



YAC Spotlights:



“Throughout my four years as a YAC intern, I have learned so much about myself, my community, and the world. YAC has equipped me with the necessary resources to educate my community on domestic violence. I’ve grown more confident in my abilities and have learned how to effectively engage with my peers.” - Emily Liang, senior

“Since I became an intern for YAC, I have witnessed myself grow in many different ways from stepping up to be a leader and understanding the problems my communities face. By engaging in heavy discussions with my peers and fellow community members, I have learned how to advocate for domestic violence survivors and gained the language to rewrite what love and healthy relationships mean in my personal life.” - Kathy Liang, senior



APILO Family Law & Violence Against Women (VAW) Prevention Project

APILO is dedicated to working with communities to prevent and protect against intimate partner and family violence. Our practices are both survivor-centered and trauma-informed.

APILO provides services in the following areas to survivors of intimate partner violence:

Restraining Orders, Dissolution, Legal Separation, Nullities, Child Custody, Child Visitation, Child Support, Spousal Support, Property Division, Violence Against Women Act (VAWA), Self-Petitioners, I-751 Removal of Conditions on Permanent Residence, U-Visa for Victims of Crime, T-Visa for Victims of Human Trafficking, Public Benefits, Tax Support (Innocent Spouse, Injured Spouse), Housing actions, Referrals for Social Services and/or Case Management Counseling & Safety Planning.

Domestic violence is a pattern of behavior used by one person to exercise power and control over another person in an intimate relationship.

What is Abuse?

Physical

Sexual

Emotional

Psychological

Financial

Stalking

Cultural and Identity Abuse



TYPES OF RESTRAINING ORDERS:



Emergency Protective Orders (EPO)

What is it?

A protective order that is requested by law enforcement and issued by a judge, generally in response to a domestic violence call to law enforcement.

What is the purpose?

It allows time to file for a civil restraining order and/or a Criminal Protective Order that is handled by the District Attorney's office.

How long does the protection last?

Generally 7 days.

Domestic Violence Restraining Orders (DVRO)

What is it? - It is a civil court order that can help protect people who have been abused or threatened with abuse.

Do I qualify? You and the person you want to restrain must be:

Married or registered domestic partners

Divorced or separated

Dating or used to date

Living together or used to live together

Parents together of a child, OR

Closely related (parent, child, brother, sister, grandmother, grandfather, in-law)

How will a domestic violence restraining order help me? - The court can order the restrained person to:

Not contact or go near you, your children, other relatives, or others who live with you

Not have any guns or ammunition

Move out of your house

Obey child custody and visitation orders

Pay child support

Pay spousal support

Obey orders about property

How long does the protection last? - Between 6 months and up to 5 years. It can be renewed.

PATH TO SAFETY

A safety plan is a personalized, practical plan that includes ways to remain safe while in a relationship, planning to leave, or after you leave. Safety planning involves how to cope with emotions, tell friends and family about the abuse, take legal action, and more.

For assistance on safety planning, please contact:

National Domestic Violence Hotline

Call 1-800-799-7233,

Text LOVEIS to 1-866-331-9474

Asian Women's Shelter

1-877-751-088

Riley Center

415-255-0165

WOMAN, Inc.

1-877-384-3578

Ruby's Place

1-888-339-7233 / 510-303-9953 (Spanish)

