



Ohio Asian American / Pacific Islander **LEGISLATIVE DAY**

2017 Ohio Asian American & Pacific Islander Legislative Day

**October 3rd, 2017
11:00 AM – 5:00 PM
The Ohio Statehouse – Main Atrium
Columbus, Ohio**

Ohio Asian American Health Coalition (OAAHC)

VISION

To improve the quality of life of Ohio Asian American and Pacific Islanders.

MISSION

**To eliminate social inequities that contributes to disparities
in the quality of life of Ohio's Asian American and Pacific Islanders
through community research, education and advocacy.**

Presented by:



**Ohio Asian American
Health Coalition**



**Ohio Asian American Pacific
Islander Advisory Council**

Ohio Asian American Health Coalition

Member Organizations

**Asian-American Community
Service Council**



Asian Community Alliance, Inc.



**Lao Volunteer
Donation Association**

Supporting Organization



Endorsing Organizations

Federation of Indian Association of Central Ohio (FIA, Columbus)

Federation of India Community Organizations(FICA, Cleveland)

Japanese American Citizens League, Dayton Chapter

MotivAsians for Cleveland

Ohio Progressive Asian Women's Leadership (OPAWL)

Ohio Religious Coalition for Reproductive Choice

Organization of Chinese Americans of Greater Cleveland (OCAGC)

OSU Pilipino Student Association (OSU PSA)

OwnerLand Realty, Inc.

Philippine Nurses Association of Central Ohio (PNACOH)

Philippine-American Society of Greater Dayton

Salaam Cleveland

Sikh Society of Greater Dayton (SSGD)

Society for Chinese American Professors and Scientists - Cincinnati Chapter

The Philippine American Society of Central Ohio (PASCO)

Toledo China Center (TCC)

Vietnamese Association of Greater Dayton (VAGD)

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Introduction

Ohio Asian American Health Coalition (OAAHC) and Ohio Asian American and Pacific Islander Advisory Council (OAAPIAC) hosts Ohio Asian American and Pacific Islander Legislative Day annually at the State Capital in Columbus, Ohio. The Ohio Asian American and Pacific Islander Legislative Day, now in its 7th year, provides opportunities for participants to raise visibility of AAPIs in the state of Ohio, learn about our state government and current issues impacting the Asian American and Pacific Islander (AAPI) community, engage with leaders from across the state, and meet with Ohio's representatives and senators regarding issues that affect our community.

Currently, Ohio is home to over 286,000 AAPI residents (73% increase from 2000), with over 50,195 AAPIs living in Franklin County. The largest AAPI ethnic groups in Ohio include Indian (81,000), Chinese (59,000), Filipino (26,000), Korean (22,000), Japanese (20,000), and Vietnamese (18,000). Ohio is also home to significant AAPI refugee populations including Laotian, Cambodian, Burmese, and Bhutanese-Nepali ethnic groups.

The OAAPIAC was established by the Ohio Governor John R. Kasich in 2007 with the mission of promoting Asian American Pacific Islander rights and well-being through education and mobilization of stakeholders including AAPI communities, government agencies, and the Ohio society in general. The council members include Michael Byun, Tom Chung, Vi Huynh, Ronald Katsuyama, Yung-Chen Lu, Cora Munoz, Rebecca Nelson, Bounthanh Phommasthit, and Radhika Reddy.

The OAAHC was established in 2002 with the goal of supporting health initiatives of member organizations, promoting research and education to address health inequities, and advocating for improved access to personalized, culturally and linguistically competent healthcare. It was made up of 8 member organizations including the Asian-American Community Service Council (Columbus), Asian American Community Services (Columbus), Asian American Council (Dayton), Asian Community Alliance (Cincinnati), Asian Festival Corporation (Columbus), Asian Services In Action (Akron/Cleveland), Chinese Association of Greater Toledo, and the Laotian Mutual Assistance Association (Columbus). Currently the executive director is Manju Sankarappa.

We hope to make this a positive experience and give you an understanding of how our state government works and how you can be an important voice in the political process.

Prohibition of Lobbying Activities

Due to grant funding for this event, **LOBBYING ACTIVITIES ARE NOT ALLOWED UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCE.** This means participants may not lobby for particular active legislation or bill during any part of the event. Discussions of topics (civil rights, health, immigration, etc.) with legislators and expression of ideas that are general in nature are acceptable. If you have any questions, please speak with your regional contact person.



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**11:00am –
12:00pm**
Statehouse Atrium

Registration and Lunch

**12:00 –
12:25pm**
Statehouse Atrium

Opening Ceremony

National Anthem

- *Patch Wetzel, PatchWorks Ministries*

Welcome & Orientation

- *Dr. Cora Munoz, Chair, Ohio Asian American Health Coalition*
- *Michael Byun, Chair, Ohio AAPI Advisory Council*
- *Manju Sankarappa, Exec. Director, Ohio Asian American Health Coalition*
- *Kimlee Suremee, Chair, Ohio Asian American Legislative Day 2017*

12:30 – 1:30 pm
Statehouse Atrium

Breakout Sessions (Select one, A – C)

A. Health Inequities in the AAPI Community

This session will discuss the opioid crisis, Hep B prevention and control, and why Medicaid expansion and Medicaid funding is vital to the AAPI community.

Facilitator: *Dr. Cora Munoz, OAAHC, Ohio AAPI Advisory Council*

Panelists:

- *Dr. Greg Lam, Cardiologist, OhioHealth*
- *Dr. Mysheika Williams Roberts, Medical Director, Assistant Health Commissioner, Columbus Public Health*
- *Heather Skrabak, Associate Director, Assn. of Asian Pacific Community Health Organizations*

George Washington

B. Preserving Rights of DACA Recipients and Other Immigrants

This session will discuss challenges of all undocumented immigrants, particularly those with DACA status. Focus will be upon privacy rights, obtaining state IDs, and opportunities for work and higher education.

Facilitator: *Kelly Hill, Ohio Progressive Asian Women's Leadership*

Panelists:

- *Melissa Gawelek, Esq., Immigration Attorney*
- *Dr. Emily Houh, University of Cincinnati College of Law*
- *Inna Simanovsky, Esq., Immigration Attorney*
- *Thalita Pontes, Legal Assistant for Immigration Law*
- *Kimlee Suremee, Asian Services in Action, Inc.*

Stateroom

C. Safety Concerns in the Current Environment

This session will discuss hate crimes and bias-related incidents within the AAPI community, the role of local law enforcement and Federal Agencies, how to advocate our concerns, and how state policies and statutes can address these growing concerns.

Facilitator: *Dr. Ron Katsuyama, OAAHC, Ohio AAPI Advisory Council*

Panelists:

- *Romin Iqbal, CAIR-Columbus*
- *Amar Pandey, Federation of Indian Associations-Ohio*
- *Jaipal Singh, UNITED SIKHS*
- *Peter Glenn-Appelgate, Assistant United States Attorney*

1:30 – 3:45

Advocacy in Action (Select one, A – B)

Breakout Rooms:

*Statehouse Atrium
George Washington
Stateroom*

A. Legislative Visits

Participants will prepare to advocate for the issue areas discussed by panelists during the breakout sessions, and visit the offices of state legislators in the breakout groups.

1:30 – 2:00 Preparation for Legislative Office Visits (In Breakout Rooms)

2:15 – 3:45 Legislative Visits on Key Issues

Statehouse Atrium

B. Advocacy Basics

Participants will learn how to write letters, send emails, and make calls to your local state legislator regarding to health Inequities in the AAPI community, including Hepatitis B prevention and control, the opioid crisis, and Medicaid expansion.

Map Room

C. Statehouse Tours (Optional)

Guided tours are offered every hour on the hour with the first tour beginning at 10 a.m. and the last tour beginning at 3 p.m. Tours depart from the Map Room accessible from the Third Street entrance.

3:50 – 4:20

Statehouse Atrium

Debriefing

4:20 -- 4:30

Statehouse Atrium

Closing Ceremony:

Continuing the Momentum Beyond Legislative Day

Participant Evaluation Form

As an active participant in the 2017 Ohio AAPI Legislative Day, your opinion regarding the success of this activity is important to us. Please take a few minutes to complete this questionnaire and return to evaluation box.

	<u>Strongly Agree</u>	<u>Agree</u>	<u>Neutral</u>	<u>Disagree</u>	<u>Strongly Disagree</u>
1. <u>Orientation:</u>					
The orientation provided a good background for the day's activities.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
The orientation provided a good educational overview of the OAAPI Legislative Day Advocacy Issues.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
The orientation is a critical component of Legislative Day.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2. <u>Information Packet:</u>					
The information packet was complete and informative.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
The agenda for the legislative day was well planned.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
The constituency talking points for the AAPI Legislative Advocacy issues were clear and concise.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3. <u>Breakout Sessions:</u>					
Circle the breakout the session you participated in:					
A. Health Inequities in the AAPI Community					
B. Preserving Rights of DACA Recipients and Other Immigrants					
C. Safety Concerns in the Current Environment					
The panelists were knowledgeable and informed regarding the topic.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
The panelists presented the information in an engaging and interesting way.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
The topic was relevant and timely issue in the AAPI community.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Additional Comments:

