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To empower Asian American and Pacific Islanders (AAPIs) in Northeastern Ohio to access quality culturally, and linguistically appropriate information and services.



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Asian Services In Action, Inc. Celebrates Asian American and Pacific Islander (AAPI) Heritage Month

This May, Asian Services In Action, Inc. (ASIA) celebrates Asian American and Pacific Islander (AAPI) Heritage Month to recognize the culture, traditions, and history of Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders in the United States.

Originally introduced by Reps. Norman Y. Mineta and Frank Horton in 1977 as “Asian-Pacific Heritage Week,” the celebration was officially designated and extended to a month under President George H. W. Bush in 1992. The month of May was chosen to commemorate the immigration of the first Japanese to the United States on May 7, 1843, and to mark the anniversary of the completion of the transcontinental railroad on May 10, 1869. The majority of the workers who laid the tracks were Chinese immigrants.

Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders (AAPIs) are the fastest growing racial group in our country, growing over four times as rapidly as the population of the United States. As one of the most culturally and linguistically diverse groups in America, the AAPI community have distinct backgrounds and origins from 320 countries and racial groups who speak more than 100 languages.

At the same time, the AAPI electorate is growing rapidly, nearly doubling over 12 years, and on pace to grow by more than 600,000 voters in each presidential cycle according to AAPIData. Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders will play an important part of in the 2016 Presidential Election. In Ohio, there are over 200,000 AAPI voters of 11.5 million Ohioans.

As we celebrate Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month, we remind you to register for the 2016 Presidential Election by October 11, 2016. Call or visit ASIA today. Our staff can guide you through the registration process.

U.S. Department of Education Announces AAPI Data Disaggregation Initiative

U.S. Department of Education Secretary John King announced the launch of a new federal

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program that will be a foundational step in identifying educational opportunity gaps, and targeting support to improve the college and career readiness of underserved Asian American and Pacific Islander (AAPI) students and English learners.

The investment of 1 million dollars to the AAPI Data Disaggregation Initiative will encourage state educational agencies to obtain and evaluate disaggregated data on English learners and AAPI subpopulations beyond the existing 7 racial and ethnic categories.

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In reality, the AAPI community is not a monolithic group. Disaggregated data demonstrate that some AAPI subgroups face greater challenges than aggregated data suggests.

Disaggregated data will help target resources where they're most needed, such as high schools where almost half of Cambodians aren't earning a diploma, or in communities where the average per capita income of Hmong Americans is lower than any racial group nationwide.

For information on the 2016 Asian American and Pacific Islander Data Disaggregation Initiative Grant Competition, please visit the [applicant information page](#).

[Asian Services In Action \(ASIA\)](#) provides programs in the areas of health promotion and prevention, mentoring and job skills development, public policy and advocacy, senior wellness, cultural competency training and interpretation and translation. Our policy is to provide equal opportunity in employment, development and advancement for all qualified individuals without regard to age, ancestry, color, marital status, national origin, physical or mental disability, race, religion, sex, sexual orientation, and veteran status. We are committed to and promote diversity within our workplace environment. We currently have openings for the following positions:

ICHC Akron and Cleveland:

- Billing Assistant (Finance Department)
- Medical Assistant (ICHC Akron)
- Medical Assistant (ICHC Cleveland)
- Family Nurse Practitioner (ICHC Cleveland)
- Family Practice Physician Doctor (ICHC Cleveland)

Cleveland Office:

- Community Engagement Coordinator (PAD Department)
- Fundraiser & Events Coordinator (PAD Department)
- Program Assistant - Arabic (SS Department)

Akron Office:

- LQ Manager (LQ Department) (Akron)

If interested, send a cover letter and resume to Mao Vue, Chief Operating Officer (mvue@asiaohio.org). See the job posting: <http://goo.gl/wTMqBK>