



NAPAFASA

FACT SHEET

What is NAPAFASA?

National Asian Pacific American Families Against Substance Abuse (NAPAFASA) is a private, nonprofit, 501(c)(3) membership organization dedicated to addressing the alcohol, tobacco, and other drug (ATOD) issues of Asian American and Pacific Islander (AAPI) populations on the continental U.S., Hawaii, the six Pacific Island jurisdictions and elsewhere. Founded in 1988, NAPAFASA involves service providers, families, and youth in efforts to reach AAPI communities to promote health and social justice, and reduce substance abuse and related problems.

NAPAFASA is governed by a volunteer 27-member board of directors and has a national office with paid staff in Los Angeles and a regional office in Sacramento. Its nationwide network consists of about 200 AAPI and human service organizations.

Vision

To create healthy and drug free AAPI communities.

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Mission

NAPAFASA is a national organization that prevents and reduces substance abuse in AAPI families and communities through research, advocacy, education and capacity building.

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Goals

- Establish a National Institute with a major research and data component.
- Increase general operating support for NAPAFASA.
- Improve policy development and coordination at local, state and federal levels.

- Expand and improve culturally competent services.
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Services

The services NAPAFASA provides are aligned with its mission and seek to be culturally relevant. Services include:

- Information and referral regarding AAPI substance abuse, mental health and related services

Facts about AAPI Substance Abuse

- ◆ The illicit drug use rate among Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islanders is 9.1%, higher than most other racial/ethnic groups (SAMHSA, 2005).
- ◆ A larger portion of AAPI admissions in 2002 were persons under 20 years old than any other racial/ethnic groups (SAMHSA, 2005).
- ◆ AAPIs who drink habitually drink more per day than any other racial/ethnic group (Prevention Alerts, Vol. 5, No. 7, May 2001).
- ◆ The number of AAPI smokers increases seven fold from middle school to high school ("National Youth Tobacco Survey", 2000)

for the general public;

- Linkages between NAPAFASA organizations and members;
- Free technical assistance and training for appropriate AAPI serving organizations; and
- Pertinent research and policy analysis concerning AAPI populations.

Current Programs

- California AAPI Technical Assistance Project
- Recovery Month
- AAPI Impaired Driving Data Collection and Prevention Project
- Parent Corps