



YOUTH WIRE

connecting Asian & Pacific Islander health advocates

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ABOUT YOUTH WIRE

The National Asian & Pacific Islander Youth and HIV/AIDS Network is youth, youth providers, advocates and allies working together to address the critical HIV/AIDS related issues facing Asian & Pacific Islander youth in the United States, including the Pacific Island jurisdictions. One way we work together is to distribute resources and make connections between people through publications such as *YOUTH_WIRE*. Currently the network is convening monthly conference calls, meeting in-person twice a year, and working on the following subcommittee projects:

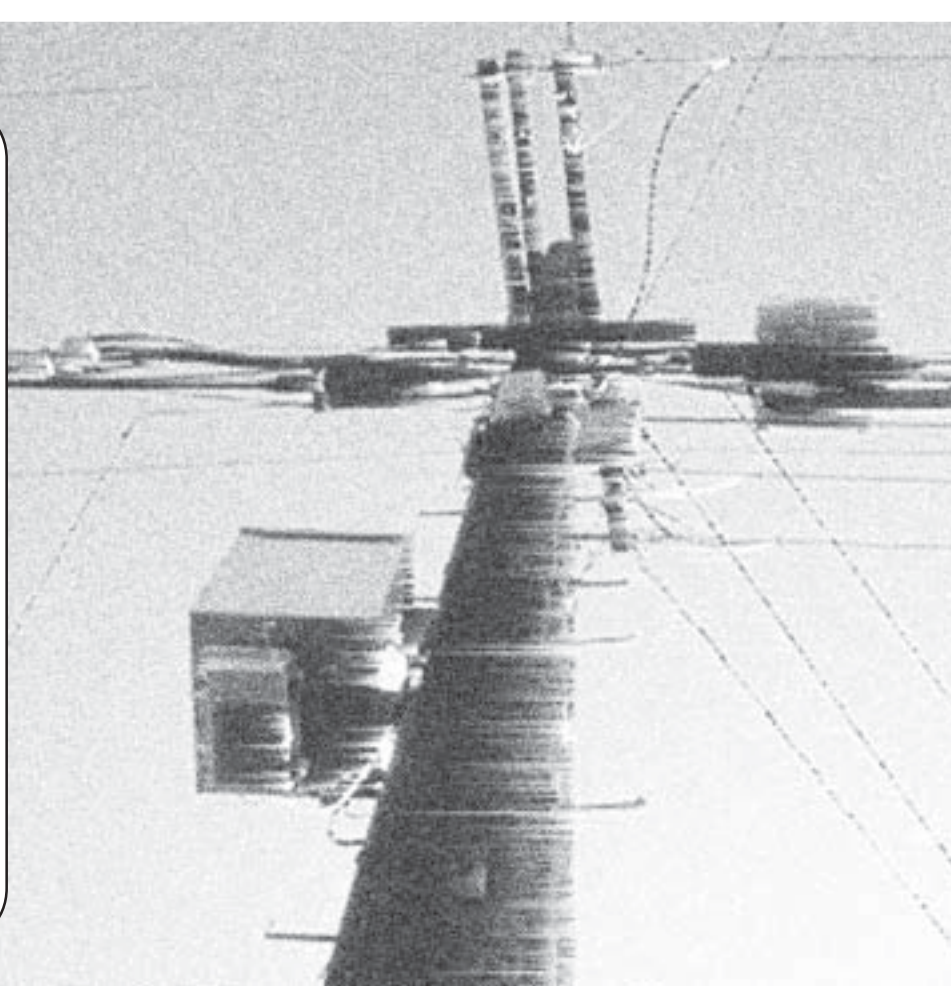
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Programs That Work Guide

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Queer Resource Guide

If you want to help build a Asian & Pacific Islander Youth voice on a national level, and make resources more available for youth on a local level, join us.



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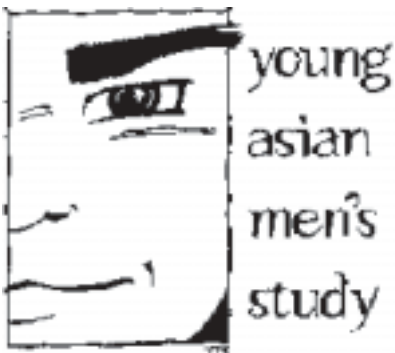
*to all the people who helped with the
premier issue of YOUTH_WIRE.*

*to those who submitted newsletter
names and voted.*

*to the members of the network for
the enthusiasm, ideas and vision.*

*to the staff of A&PIWC, NYAC and
APIAHF for the ongoing support.*

*and last but not least, to the
Centers for Disease Control and
Prevention for funding.*



WHAT IS THE YOUNG ASIAN MEN'S STUDY?

The Young Asian Men's Study (YAMS) is a federally-funded research project designed to evaluate the effects of a community-level intervention aimed at promoting safer sex behavior among Asian & Pacific Islander (API) young men who have sex with other men (YMSM) aged 15-25. University of California San Francisco's Center for AIDS Prevention Studies (CAPS) helps support many of the program's activities.

WHO DO I CONTACT FOR INFORMATION?

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FEATURE ORGANIZATION

WHAT DOES YAMS DO?

Qualitative Research

During the first of two phases of the study, YAMS conducted qualitative research to learn more about young API MSM, their families, peers, and communities in Seattle, Washington and San Diego, California. Seattle was randomly designated the intervention site and San Diego the comparison site.

Intervention Components:

YAMS launched a 5-component intervention in Seattle starting January 2000: Capacity Building, Social Marketing, Community Health Advisors Network, Social Events, and Small Groups Workshops.

Data Collection

YAMS assess individual and community changes made by the intervention by conducting surveys in Seattle and San Diego before, during, and after the intervention.

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SAN FRANCISCO, JANUARY 2002



Wear your raincoat because the storm has arrived at your doorstep! Youth providers, educators, and advocates from all over the country came together for a face-to-face meeting on January 11th – 13th in San Francisco. Asian and Pacific Islanders had taken over the Cathedral Hill Hotel in San Francisco! All together, there were nearly 35 dynamic individuals, each who brought his/ her experiences, insights, and ambitions. By the end of the meeting, we shared our visions, expectations, and goals for the National Asian & Pacific Islander Youth and HIV/AIDS Network and collaborated to determine the mission of the group.

The presence of all API leaders in

one room was definitely in itself uplifting. I met motivated youths that were really passionate and outspoken, along with youth supporters who were determined to work with and encourage the youth leaders. My favorite part of the meeting was on Saturday, after we separated into groups for young women and young men who have sex with men (MSM) issues. I was a part of the women's issues group. All the people in our group opened up and shared their personal experiences of issues that they have encountered either growing up as an API woman or working in this field. It really made me feel like I belonged here, being a young API woman myself, and it made me realize the importance of what we are doing.

Between the sessions, representatives of organizations spoke about their organization and the resources they provide. We browsed around the enormous table covered with brochures, information packets, and toys regarding the programs offered by the organizations. We all exchanged our resources. I had the opportunity to talk to people from different areas about what issues they encounter in their surroundings. Furthermore, the conference room was filled with side conversations of people exchanging information and really learning from one another.

The three days were long



KING IT OVER

By Supreet Kaur Maniktala, Boston MA

who we're targeting, what our mission is, along with a timeline of what we are going to accomplish. I am extremely excited to be working with all the people from the conference. Though it was difficult establishing

quite an accomplishment!

I really want to thank the organizers and everyone from near and far for making the most out of these three days. I really hope we can keep this type of dedication going

throughout the year both in this network and in our own organizations. In addition to all this fun, I enjoyed my



what we were going to be, may it be a network, alliance, or something else during the meeting, it was definitely clear that we were willing to work as a team. After all, we successfully supported each other's weight during the afternoon icebreaker. That was

stay. Even the food was awesome. I felt overly stuffed from the huge Mexican dish at the restaurant. I'm sure those three days were quite memorable for everyone that attended, and I hope that we have more face-to-face meetings.



RESOURCES

places to go for A&PI Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender and Questioning Youth

NATIONAL YOUTH ADVOCACY COALITION 1638 R Street, NW, Suite 300, Washington, DC / **Phone:** 202-319-7596, ext. 12 / **TTY:** 202-319-9513 / **Email:** nyac@nyacyouth.org / **Website:** www.nyacyouth.org

CORAL LIFE FOUNDATION Guam / **Phone:** (671) 479-2437 / **E-mail:** vincecrisostomo@hotmail.com or alexsilverio@hotmail.com

AMERICAN FRIENDS SERVICE COMMITTEE LGBT Program Honolulu, HI / **Phone:** (808) 988-6266 / **Website:** www.afsc.org

LIFE FOUNDATION - IKON PROGRAM Honolulu, HI / **Phone:** (808) 521-2437 / **Website:** www.lifefoundation.org

ASIAN/PACIFIC ISLANDER FAMILY PRIDE San Francisco, CA / **Phone:** (510) 818-0887 / **E-mail:** apifamilypride@aol.com

ASIAN & PACIFIC ISLANDER WELLNESS CENTER San Francisco, CA / **Phone:** (415) 292-3400 / **TTY:** (415) 292-3410 / **Website:** www.apowellness.org / **AQUA's webzine:** www.aquanet.org

ASIAN PACIFIC AIDS INTERVENTION TEAM Los Angeles, CA / **Phone:** (213) 553-1830 / **Email:** apaitmain@aol.com / **Website:** www.apaitonline.org

TRIKONE San Jose and San Francisco, CA / **Phone:** (408) 270-8776 / **Website:** www.trikone.org

UTOPIA San Francisco, CA / **Website:** www.polyutopia.com

A SLICE OF RICE Boston, MA / **Phone:** (617) 266-3349 / **Email:** a_slice_of_rice@yahoo.com

AIDS SERVICES IN ASIAN COMMUNITIES Philadelphia, PA / **Phone:** (215) 563-2424 / **Website:** www.asiac.org

ASIAN AND PACIFIC ISLANDER COALITION ON HIV/AIDS New York, NY / **Phone:** (212) 334-7940 / **E-mail:** apicha@apicha.org / **Website:** www.apicha.org

ASIAN & PACIFIC ISLANDER PARTNERSHIP FOR HEALTH Washington, DC / **Phone:** (202) 986-2393 / **E-mail:** info@apiph.org

MASSACHUSETTS ASIAN AIDS PREVENTION PROJECT Boston, MA / **Phone:** (617) 426-6755 / **E-mail:** cshin@maapp.org

SOUTH ASIAN LESBIAN AND GAY ASSOCIATION New York, NY / **Phone:** 212-358-5132 / **E-mail:** salganyc@hotmail.com / **Website:** www.salganyc.org

ASIAN SOCIETY FOR THE INTERVENTION OF AIDS Vancouver, BC, Canada / **Phone:** (604) 669-5567 / **E-mail:** youth@asia.bc.ca / **Website:** www.asia.bc.ca

AL-FATIHA FOUNDATION LGBTQ Muslims & Friends Washington, DC / **Email:** gaymuslims@yahoo.com / **Website:** www.al-fatiha.net

compiled by the NYAC and the Queer Resource Guide subcommittee

For a complete listing of resources,
please contact NYAC at 202-319-7596
Watch out for more A&PI LGBTQ on-line
and print resources in the next issue.



WANTED:
WRITERS, aRTISTs, poets...
Do you have something to say?

Please submit your stories, articles, poems, drawings, photos and ideas to Rachel Gacula at rgacula@apiahf.org and the newsletter team will review your work for possible publication in upcoming newsletters.



**National Minority AIDS Council's
 United States Conference on AIDS
 September 19 – 22, 2002**

Anaheim, CA

www.nmac.org

The United States Conference on AIDS is the most widely attended gathering of HIV/AIDS service providers in the country and promises to be informative, educational and entertaining.

NETWORKING DINNER WITH A&PI YOUTH

September 19, 2002 in Anaheim, CA

Join Network members and other youth working with A&PI communities at a networking dinner during USCA. For more information contact ManChui at 415-954-9993 / mleung@apiahf.org

Do you have an event you would like to announce?
 Please contact Rachel @ rgacula@apiahf.org / 415.954.9969

GETTI NG_WI RED GETTI NG_CONNECTED

YOU CAN BE PART OF THE NATIONAL A&PI YOUTH AND HIV NETWORK BY:

JOINING the electronic MAILING LIST. Just send a message to apiyouth_hiv-subscribe@topica.com

JOINING our mailing list. Get YOUTH__WI RE in the mail plus other useful goodies. To subscribe, visit www.apiahf.org/programs/hivcba/eforms.html or just give us a call.

JOINING a sub-committee (email or call ManChui at 415.954.9993/ mleung@apiahf.org)

JOINING our monthly conference CALLS
 Here's the schedule and call-in information

Conference Call 2002 Schedule

Third week of the month.

Toll-free call in number is: **1-800-351-4890** and tell the operator you security code is: **API Youth**

Dates and times subject to change. Please keep updated about the conference calls by subscribing to the Network's electronic mailing list.

SEPTEMBER 25 @ 10am Hawai'i/ 1pm Pacific/ 4pm Eastern
 (revised time and date)

OCTOBER 17 @ 10am Hawai'i/ 1pm Pacific/ 4pm Eastern

NOVEMBER 20 @ 12pm Hawai'i/ 2pm Pacific/ 5pm Eastern

DECEMBER 19 @ 11am Hawai'i/ 1pm Pacific/ 4pm Eastern

Members from the U.S. Pacific Island jurisdiction are strongly encouraged to participate in the calls. Please contact Rachel Gacula at 415.954.9969/rgacula@apiahf.org in advance to make arrangements.