

Asian Services In Action, Hep B Mini Grant 2017

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- ▶ **Asian Services In Action, Inc. (ASIA)** is a private, nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization with a mission to empower and advocate for Asian Americans/Pacific Islanders (AAPIs);
- ▶ **ASIA's mission:** to provide AAPIs and other communities access to quality, culturally, and linguistically appropriate information, health and social services. The organization was founded in 1995 when four Asian immigrant women identified a gap in programs and services to support the low-income, limited English proficient (LEP) Asian immigrant community in Northeast Ohio

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- ▶ **ASIA Social Services:**
- ▶ wrap-around services through six departments including:
 - ▶ Self-Sufficiency Services
 - ▶ Children, Youth, and Family
 - ▶ the Community Health, Evaluation, and Research Institute (CHERI);
 - ▶ Aging and Adult Services
 - ▶ Policy, Advocacy, and Development
 - ▶ Interpretation and Translation

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- ▶ **ASIA Health Services:**
- ▶ 2013 ASIA in response to health care needs ASIA applied for and received HRSA funding to open it's first Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC, International Community Health Center)
 - ▶ Cleveland Location- AsiaTown are of downtown Cleveland
 - ▶ Akron Location
 - ▶ School Based Health Center, North HS
 - ▶ Jennings SBHC Initiative

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2017 Hep B Mini Grant Proposal

- ▶ Goal: Intended to build upon our prior outreach and screening efforts
- ▶ ASIA received a mini-grant from Hep B United in 2014-15 and again in 2016-17, both of which focused primarily on outreach, education, and screening.

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- ▶ 2017 Proposal:
- ▶ continue outreach, education, and screening about hepatitis B, focusing on AAPI-owned businesses in Cleveland and Akron surrounding our clinic
- ▶ Focus: AAPI restaurants and nail salons within vicinity of your clinic employing underserved and immigrant AAPI individuals who may also be in need of primary medical home access
- ▶ Goal: ASIA will strive to connect patients to ICHC for Hep B vaccinations and primary/ongoing health care through hepatitis B educational outreach and screening

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- ▶ How would we accomplish this:
 - ▶ Attend 10 AAPI community events in Cleveland/Akron area
 - ▶ Distribute educational hepatitis B materials at these events
 - ▶ Educate about screening at the events, screening available at select events and/or follow up screening at the event location
 - ▶ Distribute information on our clinic and establish a drop in screening clinic at the clinic
 - ▶ Initiate a medical relationship to clients in need of follow up care for those testing positive for hepatitis B or those in need of vaccination (connect to medical provider at ICHC or disclose results and need to discuss with their provider)

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Personnel involved in the initiative

- ▶ Community Health/Health Promotions Coordinator
- ▶ Community Health Outreach worker
- ▶ PCP, Family Nurse Practitioner

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▶ Progress

- ▶ Event: Li-wah Restaurant

 - ▶ Date: 2/25/2018

- ▶ English as a Second Language (ESL) via Cross Point Alliance Church

 - ▶ Date: 3/1/2018

- ▶ Event: Food Pantry at Case Elementary School (ES), Cleveland Metropolitan School District (CMSD)

 - ▶ Date: 3/23/2018

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2018 Asian Food Safety Certification Course with
Cuyahoga County Board of Health

- ▶ Date: 4/17/2018
- ▶ Health Fair Case ES, CMSD
- ▶ Monthly HBV Screening Clinic at ICHC (4 participants in the initial 6 months)
- ▶ ESL event number 2 via Cross Point Alliance Church
 - ▶ Date: 4/26/18

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- ▶ Goal 1: Increase AAPI knowledge about HBV and increase chronic HBV carrier's knowledge about HBV diagnosis and follow up by doing the following objectives:
 - ▶ Objective 1: Develop a year-long schedule of at least 10 community events attended by AAPI communities within Cleveland and Akron **8 out of 10 events**
 - ▶ Objective 2: Distribute multilingual risk assessment and educational materials about HBV at these events to at least 25 people per event. **-Achieved**

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- ▶ Objective 3: Implement HBV screening via blood draws for at least 50 people at these events or refer participants to monthly HBV screening clinic at SBHC. We could be doing better in this area. We have drawn 8 HBV screens at the events thus far. **We've had only 4 of those attendees of the events attend the HBV blood screening clinic on Wednesday evening at ICHC**

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- ▶ Goal 2: Increase access to HBV screening, vaccinations, and care for AAPI's in high-risk industries as food service and nail salon
 - ▶ Objective 1: Identify and reach out to at least 24 AAPI businesses with employees at high risk for HBV. While we did identify 24 restaurants it has been challenging to get these businesses to buy in and commit. We have also found that leadership at the restaurants, at times, potentially may not desire employees to know this status as they are then not liable to potential health risks.

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- ▶ Objective 2: Provide education and outreach to employees at least 15 AAPI businesses in Akron and Cleveland through placement of multilingual education material or onsite presentations. -**Achieved** conducted and interpreted lectures on HBV 6 times and distributed multi-lingual educational materials on HBV at all 6 outreach events

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- ▶ Goal 3: Connect AAPI's at risk for HBV and chronic HBV carriers to ICHC for Primary Care
 - ▶ Objective 1: Implemented and promoted regular monthly, HBV screening clinics at ICHC. **These clinics are occurring monthly however the numbers screened is minimal (a total number of 4)**
 - ▶ Objective 2: Develop medical follow -up action plan for 100% of patients who are screened and are either identified as infected to ICHC for appropriate care. -Achieved

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- ▶ Summary of successes/barriers to engaging with local businesses:
 - ▶ Our main successes have been educating high risk lower income Asian employees through restaurant venues and outreach event about HBV. We also added ESL venues welcoming of health promotion
 - ▶ Our main barriers have been lack of response by the restaurant owners to the initiative.