

# API Women Overcoming Domestic Violence & Human Trafficking



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# API Women Overcoming Domestic Violence & Human Trafficking

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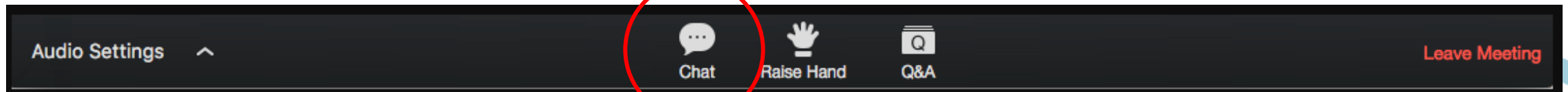
# About the Asian Pacific Fund

- Mission: *To strengthen the Asian and Pacific Islander community in the Bay Area by increasing philanthropy and supporting the organizations that serve our most vulnerable community members*
- \$750K in grants and scholarships each year



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***Have you or someone you  
know been personally affected  
by domestic violence or human  
trafficking?***



# Voices from the Field



**Orchid Pusey**

*Asian Women's Shelter*



**Gloria Tan**

*Gum Moon Women's Residence*



**Rovina Nimbalkar**

*Narika*



# Orchid Pusey



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# About Asian Women's Shelter

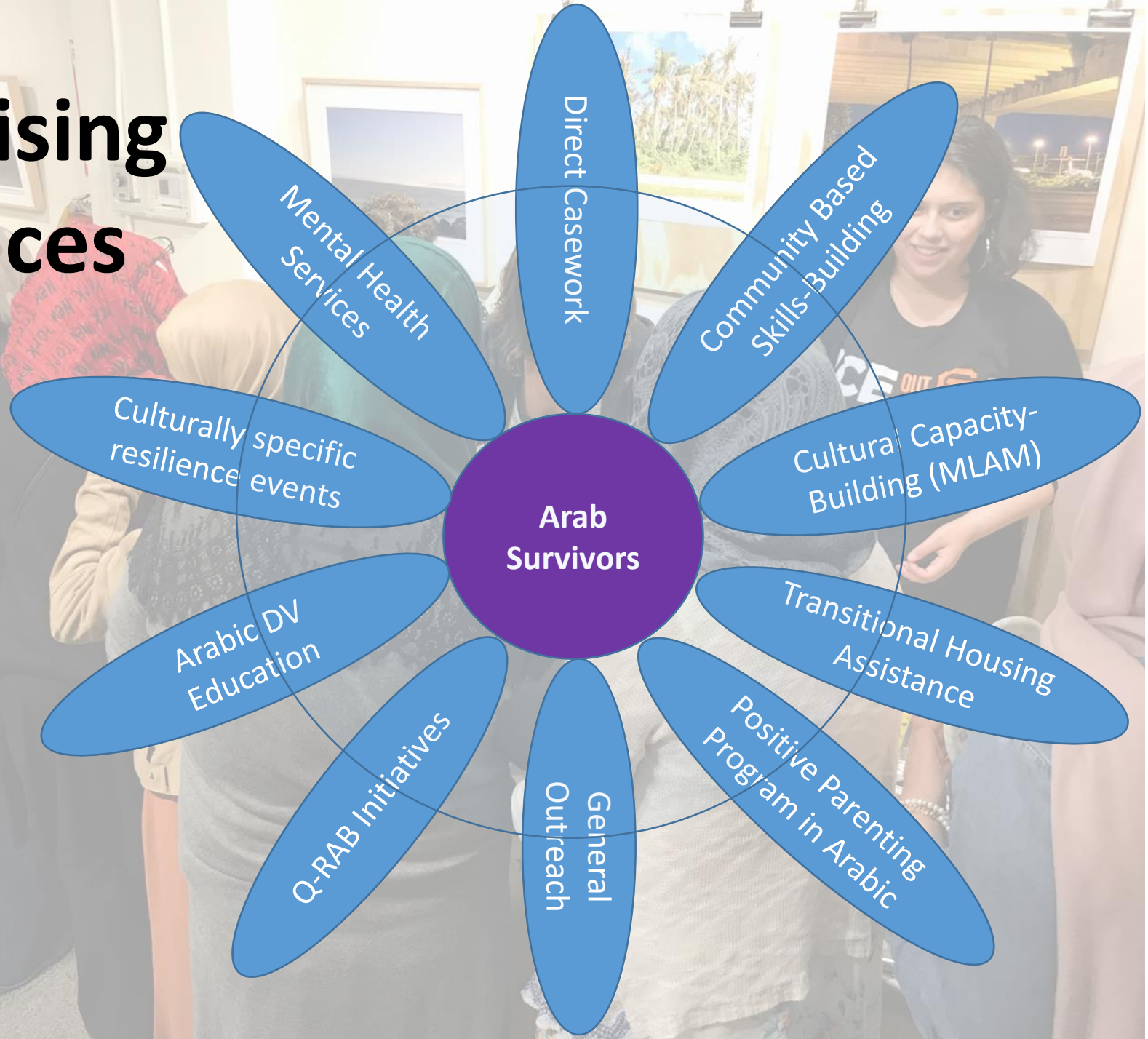
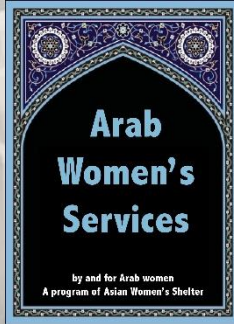


- Mission
- Core values
- Who we serve
- What we do
  - *Change lives*
  - *Improve systems*
  - *Evolve culture*
  - *Build movements*

# Realities for Non-Citizen Families

- Current stressors on non-citizen communities exacerbate 1) the minimizing of domestic violence and 2) isolation for LEP survivors.
- Over 25% of the U.S. foreign-born population is in California. ~220 languages are spoken here, with ~40% of Californians speaking a language other than English at home.
- Language and cultural access to services and systems for survivors of domestic violence and human trafficking is illegally limited.

# Promising Practices



# How You Can Help

## Join our team! (facebook@sf-aws)

- Invest in solutions: Donate unrestricted funds
- Do it regularly. Like Netflix.
- Strengthen your community: Invite AWS to do a training or educational workshop
- Boost your confidence: Become an AWS volunteer and/or hourly interpreter
- Show your face: Join, sponsor, and/or invite your friends to AWS events
- Be an ally: Support people you know who are surviving violence; call us if you need support
- Model and teach gender-based justice to the children and young people in your life



# Gloria Tan

*Executive Director*



**Gum Moon Residence Hall  
Asian Women's Resource Center**

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# About Gum Moon

Gum Moon addresses the unmet needs of API immigrant women and children – especially those who are survivors of domestic violence (DV), sexual assault, and human trafficking.

We foster stability, self-reliance, self-determination, and full access to opportunity.

# Core Programs / Offerings

- Transitional Housing with bilingual supportive services
- Parenting Education and Support Groups
- Parent-Child Interactive Groups
- Drop-In Playgroups and Grandparents Support Groups
- Summer School, Weekend Children Art and Piano Classes





# Current / Key Issue

- Focus on immigrant survivors and their families is particularly needed because they lack family support and are isolated and stigmatized by the abuse.
- Immigration reforms creating fear and toxic stress with immigrants. Immigrants fear using government programs will harm their immigration status.

# Key Stats

- 19% API women reported having been pressured to have sex without their consent by an intimate partner since age 18, and of these, 44% were raped.
- 12% reported that an intimate partner had hurt or had attempted to hurt them by means of hitting, kicking, slapping, shoving, object throwing, or threatening their lives with weapons.
- Reports indicate decline in application for public benefits i.e. Medicaid, WIC, CalFresh and SNAP

# How We Address These Issues



- Outreach efforts with CalFresh (Food stamp)
- Legal Services Collaborative – attorney available to answer questions regarding public benefits and immigration issues.
- Assistance with US citizenship applications
- Bi-weekly support groups for DV clients

# How You Can Help

- Volunteerism: Being a “Friend” for our clients
- Organize and Sponsor special holidays
- Mentoring
- Donating

# Rovina Nimbalkar



*Narika*



[www.narika.org](http://www.narika.org)

# About Narika

- To promote the empowerment of women in the South Asian community and other underserved populations.
- To confront and overcome the cycles of domestic violence and exploitation.
- To build a movement to end violence against women.
- To actively support women's rights as human rights.

# Current / Key Issue

- 64% of Indian and Pakistani women have experienced abuse by an intimate partner.
- In 7/10 South Asian households there is some form of control, coercion or abuse.
- **Culturally specific challenges:**
  - Importance of honor (e.g. honor killings)
  - Role of extended families (especially in-law)
  - Arranged marriage and child marriage
  - Female feticide
  - Social stigma against divorce



# Narika Services

- Helpline (1-800-215-7308) and crisis intervention.
  - Call in and speak to one of our sensitive and knowledgeable advocates.
- SEED (Self-Empowerment and Economic Development Workshops)
  - Financial literacy
  - Career training
  - Civic engagement
  - Self-reliance skills
- Support Groups
  - Confidential, culturally specific support for survivors



# Narika Clients

- 85% of Narika clients have children
- 90% Narika clients are born outside of U.S.
- 75% of Narika clients don't have a job
- **Common Nature of Abuse in South Asian Communities**
  - Non-physical Coercive Control Tactics
  - Financial/ Communication/ Movement Control
  - Immigrant Status/ Immigration Hurdles
  - Rigid Gender Roles/ Family Values
  - Children used as pawns



# How You Can Help

- Volunteer with Narika
- Help raise awareness about domestic violence
- Use social media to speak against domestic violence
- Donate



# Q&A



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A photograph of a woman and a young girl, both wearing graduation caps and gowns, laughing joyfully. The woman is on the left, covering her eyes with her hand, and the girl is on the right, also laughing. The image is overlaid with a semi-transparent blue filter.

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