



SARAH WAN

Community Youth Center (CYC) Executive Director Sarah Wan has dedicated her career to improving the lives of young people in San Francisco. Her work has focused on youth and leadership development, gang violence and juvenile delinquency prevention.

Sarah's career at CYC has spanned over two decades, starting as a youth and family counselor, then a program director, and finally as the Executive Director, a position that she has held since 2002. Over the years, Sarah has been appointed to serve on City Commissions, including the Juvenile Justice Commission (2009 to 2013) and the Commission on the Environment (2003 to present.) In addition, Sarah has also dedicated her time to serving on a number of nonprofit community boards and presently, she is the co-chair of the API Council, a community collaborative that represents over 50 organizations.

Sarah's experience as an immigrant in a challenging environment has instilled in her a deep sense of commitment to community service, devoting her career to implementing innovative programs that positively impact the future of our youths.

Sarah has received a number awards and recognitions for her work. In 2012, she was recognized for her accomplishments by the Board of Supervisors during the APA Heritage Month Commendations. In 2013, she was honored by the San Francisco District Attorney's Office and in 2019, she was among the honorees at San Francisco's Women History Month celebration being recognized for courageous leadership in improving the quality of life in San Franciscans.

Born and raised in Hong Kong, Sarah received her Bachelor of Art Degree with Distinction in Psychology from the University of California, Berkeley and her Master of Social Work Degree from San Francisco State University. She was also awarded a scholarship to attend a one-year cultural program in Japan.