





Asian Americans Advancing Justice | Chicago is a pan-Asian, non-partisan 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization whose mission is to build power through collective advocacy and organizing to achieve racial equity.

Advancing Justice | Chicago combines grassroots base-building, advocacy, and civic engagement to build power, strengthening our ability to hold elected officials accountable to a progressive, community-driven agenda to move us towards racial equity.

Through culturally-relevant training and opportunities, we see the emergence of powerful grassroots leadership from immigrant and refugee communities, whose contributions lead to more robust and relevant organizing and advocacy work. In addition to equipping our community members with the knowledge, skills, and resources necessary to regularly engage with power-brokers and decision-makers at all levels of society, we align, convene, and collaborate with like-minded organizations to advocate for laws and policies that benefit all communities.

Advancing Justice | Chicago is an affiliate of Asian Americans Advancing Justice. The members of Advancing Justice work as equal and independent partners under one name to provide a unified, powerful voice to advance justice for all Asian American, Pacific Islander, and marginalized communities across the nation.





Since the start of the COVID-19 pandemic, we have seen a sharp rise in anti-Asian harassment across the country, with Illinois being the 3rd ranked state in number of reported incidents. Muslims, South Asians, and Middle Eastern Americans have faced discrimination and harassment almost 20 years after the 9/11 tragedy. When attacks towards Asians and Asian Americans started making the news, it became clear to us that the same trends we saw during 9/11 of scapegoating, blame, possible violence, and loss of business will affect our communities long term due to COVID-19.

To combat the current rise in harassment and discrimination and to also proactively prepare for the future increase of hate incidents, Advancing Justice | Chicago is partnering with New York-based nonprofit Hollaback! and CAIR-Chicago to plan and implement an aggressive scaling up of locally-led bystander hate incident intervention trainings for community members. We will adopt a train-the-trainer approach, starting with a core group of staff, leaders, and volunteers from existing partnerships and coalitions.

These trainings are tailored for people of all identities and all high school and adult ages. There will be in-language adaptations for some trainings to address the unique needs of the Asian and Asian American community.



BYSTANDER INTERVENTION TO STOP

ANTI-ASIAN/AMERICAN HARASSMENT AND XENOPHOBIA TRAINING

- The one-hour, interactive online training will teach you Asian American history and discrimination as well as Hollaback's 5Ds of bystander intervention methodology.
- We'll start by talking about the types of disrespect and dangers that Asian and Asian American folks are facing right now from microaggressions to violence.
- You'll learn what to look for in scenarios and the positive impact that bystander intervention has on individuals and communities.
- We'll talk through five strategies (5Ds) for intervention and how to prioritize your own safety while intervening.
- We'll have time at the end to practice using the 5Ds, and you'll leave feeling confident intervening the next time you witness Anti-Asian/American harassment.



OUTCOMES: BUILD A SAFE AND WELCOMING SPACE

You can show your peers that disrespect and racism isn't tolerated.

You can reduce the effects of anti-Asian/American harassment or incivility,.

You can show the person/people who experienced it that they aren't alone.



IN THE NEWS

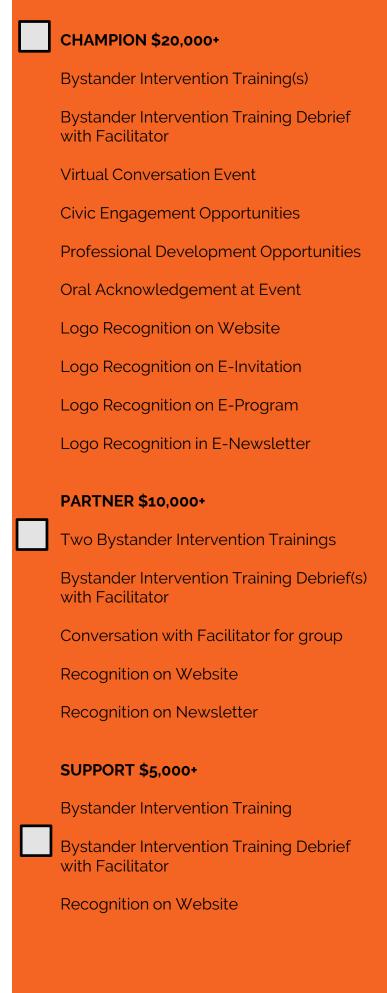
- WTTW: Study Shows Surge in Anti-Asian Hate Crimes in Some US Cities
- WBEZ: With Anti-Asian Attacks On The Rise, Webinar Teaches
 Bystanders How To Help
- USA Today: Asian American Hate Crimes
- ABC7: Our Chicago: Voices of the Community explores bystander intervention training program helps Asian Americans fight back against harassment







2021 GIVING OPPORTUNITIES





Asian Americans Advancing Justice | Chicago Commitment Form

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