



# Pacific Islander/Native Hawaiian Disability and Health Resources



**American Stroke Association: Asian American, Native Hawaiian and Pacific Islander Adults Less Likely to Receive Mental Health Services Despite Growing Need**

<https://www.stroke.org/en/news/2022/05/25/asian-american-native-hawaiian-and-pacific-islander-adults-less-likely-to-receive-mental-health>

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Dallas, TX 75231  
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The American Stroke Association offers resources for professional help, life after a stroke, and funds to give back to those who might be suffering or have a loved one suffering. The link above is an article about how Asian American, Native Hawaiian, and Pacific Islander adults are less likely to receive mental health services despite growing the need to reach out.

### **Area Health Education Center (AHEC): Hawai'i/Pacific Basin**

<https://www.ahec.hawaii.edu/>

University of Hawai'i at Manoa John A. Burns School of Medicine  
651 Ilalo, Medical Education Building, Room 224  
Honolulu, HI 96813-5525  
Phone: 808-692-1060

Email: [ahec@hawaii.edu](mailto:ahec@hawaii.edu)

AHEC facilitates access to an abundant supply of knowledgeable and culturally competent providers through training and recruitment partnerships that will improve the diversity, distribution, and quality of the health professions workforce. Some core activities they have are to educate K-16+ students about health careers, training health professional students in rural and underserved communities of Hawai'i and the Pacific Basin, as well as help any student pursue a career in healthcare.

### **Asian & Pacific Islander American Health Forum (APIAHF)**

<https://www.apiahf.org/>

461 Bush Street, Suite 400  
San Francisco, CA 94108  
Phone: 415-954-9988

Email: [info@apiahf.org](mailto:info@apiahf.org)

APIAHF influences policy, mobilizes communities, and strengthens programs and organizations to improve the health of Asian Americans and Native Hawaiians/Pacific Islanders. They provide different policies and political analysis, research and data support, and effective communication strategies.

### **Asian Americans with Disabilities Initiative**

<https://www.aadinitiative.org/>

Email: [hello@aadinitiative.org](mailto:hello@aadinitiative.org)

### **Asians and Pacific Islanders with Disabilities of California (APIDC)**

<https://www.apidisabilities.org/>

905 E. 8<sup>th</sup> St.  
Los Angeles, CA 90021

Phone: 213-207-6838

Email: [info@apidisabilites.org](mailto:info@apidisabilites.org)

APIDC gives a voice and a face to Asians and Pacific Islanders with physical, mental, and developmental disabilities. Some programs they offer are accessibility resources, research programs, and a Youth Leadership Institute for young adults.

**Association of State & Territorial Dental Directors: Pacific Basin Dental Association (PBDA)**

<https://www.astdd.org/pacific-basin-dental-association/>

Majuro, MH 96960

Phone: 692-625-3355

Email: [ohnmar\\_tut@hotmail.com](mailto:ohnmar_tut@hotmail.com)

PBDA serves as a resource for professional development, oral health advocacy, and community enrichment. They promote good oral health in the Pacific Basin, facilitates improvements in oral health services, carries out continuing education, improves networking among dental professionals, and strengthens surveillance.

**Centers for Disease Control and Prevention: Health Disparities**

<https://www.cdc.gov/nchstp/healthdisparities/hawaiians.html>

The link above gives information and resources about health disparities about Native Hawaiians and other Pacific Islanders.

**Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, National Center for Health Statistic (NCHS): Native Hawaiian and Pacific Islander (NHPI) National Health Interview Survey (NHIS)**

<https://www.cdc.gov/nchs/nhis/nhpi.html>

The link above is statistics about Native Hawaiian and Pacific Islander National Health Interviews.

**Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS): Asian American and Pacific Islander Outreach**

<https://www.cms.gov/Outreach-and-Education/Outreach/Partnerships/AAPI>

CMS and its partners work together to reach Asian-American and Pacific Islander population (AAPI) Medicare beneficiaries, their families, and caregivers.

**Cohen Veterans Network (CVN): In Support of AAPI Communities**

<https://www.cohenveteransnetwork.org/in-support-of-appi-communities/>

72 Cummings Point Road

Stamford, CT 06902

Phone: 844-336-4226

Crisis Line: 800-273-8255, Press 1

Email: [info@cohenveteransnetwork.org](mailto:info@cohenveteransnetwork.org)

CVN seek to improve the quality of life for veterans, including those from the National Guard and Reserves, active duty, and their families. The link above gives support towards Pacific Islander veterans and affirms that violence against their community is violence

against all the veterans. They provide support for mental health, unemployment, housing, and education.

**Kaiser Family Foundation (KFF): Health Care Disparities Among Asian, Native Hawaiian, and Other Pacific Islander (NHOPI) People**

<https://www.kff.org/racial-equity-and-health-policy/issue-brief/health-care-disparities-among-asian-native-hawaiian-and-other-pacific-islander-nhopi-people/>

The link above gives different figures of the healthcare disparities among Asian, Native Hawaiian, and other Pacific Islander people. It also cover demographics, socioeconomic differences, experiences with racism and discrimination, and seeing what the future holds for these ethnicities.

**Kids Data: Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander Children**

<https://www.kidsdata.org/demographic/20/native-hawaiianpacific-islander-children/summary#105/demographics>

The link above gives demographics of Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander children in education, physical health, family economics, and emotional and behavioral health.

**National Council of Asian Pacific Islander Physicians (NCAPIP)**

<http://www.ncapip.org/>

1032 Irving Street, PMB 907

San Francisco, CA 94122

Email: [dhawks@ncapip.org](mailto:dhawks@ncapip.org)

The NCAPIP represents Asian American, Native Hawaiian and Pacific Islander physicians who are committed to the advancement of the health and well-being of their patients and communities. They continue to work on making affordable access to care, improve the quality of care, reduce costs and value based care, and create more health workforce development and leadership positions.

**Pacific ADA Center**

<https://www.adapacific.org/>

555 12<sup>th</sup> Street, Suite 1030

Oakland, CA 94607-4046

Phone: 510-285-5600

Toll Free: 800-949-4232

Pacific ADA Center strives to build a partnership between the disability community and the public. They provide information, conduct community outreach, and referrals for implementing the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). This regional center serves organizations and individuals in Hawaii and the Pacific Basin Territories of American Samoa, Guam, and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

**Pacific Basin Telehealth Resource Center (PBTRC)**

<https://www.pbtrc.org/>

University of Hawai'i at Manoa- College of Social Sciences/ Social Science Research Institute

2424 Maile Way, Saunders Hall 713

Honolulu, Hawai'i 96822

Phone: 808-956-2897

PBTRC serves as a telehealth information resource and telehealth community-building organization. They assist healthcare organizations, healthcare networks, and healthcare providers in implementing cost-effective telehealth programs to serve rural and medically underserved areas and populations which includes Hawaii and the Pacific Basin.

### **Pacific Disability Forum (PDF)**

<https://pacificdisability.org/>

Suva, Fiji Islands

Phone: +679-773-0200

Email: [infor@pacificdisability.org](mailto:infor@pacificdisability.org)

PDF is an organization representing diverse groups of persons with disabilities and their supporters in 22 Pacific Island countries and territories They provide this through advocacy, policy engagements, and collaboration with relevant stakeholders.

### **Pacific Islander Health Partnership**

<https://www.pacifichealthpartners.org/what-we-do>

12912 Brookhurst St. #410

Garden Grove, CA 92840

Phone: 949-354-3381

Email: [info@pacifichealthpartners.org](mailto:info@pacifichealthpartners.org)

Pacific Islander Health Partnership's mission serves indigenous Native Hawaiian and Pacific Islander communities by educating, advocating, training leaders, and building community capacity to improve their overall health. They offer educational resources, host events, and create support for families who suffer with heart disease, diabetes, stroke, etc.

### **Pacific Islands Health Officers (PIHO)**

<https://www.pihoa.org/>

Pacific Guardian Center, Makai Tower

733 Bishop Street, Suite 1820

Honolulu, HI 96813

Phone: 808-537-3131

PIHO improves the health and well being of the USAPI by providing, through consensus, a unified credible voice on health issues of regional significance. They represent the collective health interests of Guam, the commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI), American Samoa, the Federal States of Micronesia.

### **Pacific Islands Primary Care Association (PIPCA)**

<https://pacificislandspca.org/>

737 Bishop Street Suite 2075  
Honolulu, HI 96813  
Phone: 808-537-5885

PIPCA promotes and supports primary healthcare in the Pacific Islands. They also provide technical assistance, hosts primary care events, trainings, and education on USAPI, and has a strong community health center that focuses on the interdependence of health systems throughout the Pacific.

### **Pacific Rim Conference: Mobilize for Action!**

<https://pacrim.coe.hawaii.edu/>

Email: [prinfo@hawaii.edu](mailto:prinfo@hawaii.edu)

The link above gives information about the annual Pacific Rim international conference on disability and diversity.

### **Pierce College: ASPIRE**

<https://www.pierce.ctc.edu/aspire>

1601 39<sup>th</sup> Avenue SE  
Puyallup, Washington 98374  
Phone: 253-840-8400

Email: [aspire@pierce.ctc.edu](mailto:aspire@pierce.ctc.edu)

The ASPIRE program aims to improve and expand the college's capacity to serve Asian Americans and Native American Pacific Islanders and low-income individuals. ASPIRE provides educational opportunities, engagement in local community events, and a supportive community.

### **RespectAbility: Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders with Disabilities**

<https://www.respectability.org/aapi-with-disabilities/>

43 Town & Country Drive  
Suite 119-181  
Fredericksburg, VA 22405

Phone: 202-517-6272

Email: [info@respectability.org](mailto:info@respectability.org)

RespectAbility is a diverse, disability-led nonprofit that works to create systemic change in how society views and values people with disabilities. RespectAbility organizes their programs' efforts into four core areas: entertainment and news media, leadership, policy, and faith inclusion.

### **Rural Health Information Hub (RHlhub): Pacific Territories, Commonwealth, and Freely Associated State Organizations**

<https://www.ruralhealthinfo.org/states/pacific-territories/organizations>

The link above provides different health resources for Pacific Territories, commonwealth, and freely associated state organizations.

**Smithsonian: Smithsonian Voices article “What’s Missing from Classrooms When Asian American and Pacific Islander Voices Aren’t Included?”**

<https://www.smithsonianmag.com/blogs/smithsonian-education/2021/05/03/whats-missing-classrooms-when-asian-american-and-pacific-islander-voices-arent-included/>

This article recognizes the importance of discussing Asian American and Pacific Islander (AAPI) culture to K-12 students. In doing this it helps engage other communities to support each other rather than to increase hate and violence.

**Social Security: Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders (AAPI)**

<https://www.ssa.gov/people/aapi/>

Phone: 800-772-1213

The link above provides information about social security for Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders. They also provide AAPI links such as datasets on language preferences, immigration, heritage month, etc.

**Stanford Medicine: Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander Older Adults**

[https://geriatrics.stanford.edu/ethnomed/hawaiian\\_pacific\\_islander.html](https://geriatrics.stanford.edu/ethnomed/hawaiian_pacific_islander.html)

Email: [periyakoil@stanford.edu](mailto:periyakoil@stanford.edu)

The link above provides information about the health and healthcare of Native Hawaiian & other Pacific Islander Older adults. They also have other information and resources about culturally appropriate care and learning.

**Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA): Asian Americans, Native Hawaiians, and Pacific Islanders (AA and NHPIs)**

<https://www.samhsa.gov/behavioral-health-equity/aanhpi>

The link above includes national survey, reports, agency and federal initiatives, and related behavior health resources for Native Hawaiians and Other Pacific Islanders.

**Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA): One Size Does Not Fit All—Appreciating Diversity of Asian Americans, Native Hawaiians, and Pacific Islanders (AANHPIs) and the Implications for Mental Health**

<https://www.samhsa.gov/blog/one-size-does-not-fit-all-appreciating-diversity-asian-americans-native-hawaiians-pacific>

The link above discusses appreciating the diversity of Asian Americans, Native Hawaiians, and Pacific Islanders. It also provides multiple resources for those who are affected by mental health issues.

**U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Office of Minority Health (OMH): Profile Native Hawaiians/ Pacific Islanders**

<https://minorityhealth.hhs.gov/omh/browse.aspx?lvl=3&lvlid=65>

OMH offers data to educate Native Hawaiians/Pacific Islanders about their health which includes information about stroke, diabetes, hepatitis, mental & behavior health, etc.

**U.S. Department of Interior: Office of Insular Affairs (OIA)**

<https://www.doi.gov/oia/>

Phone: 202-208-3100

OIA coordinates federal policy in the territories of American Samoa, Guam, the U.S. Virgin Islands, and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands. They administer and oversees U.S federal assistance for the Freely Associate States of the Federal States of Micronesia, the Republic of the Marshall Islands, and the Republic of Palau under the Compacts of Free Association.

**U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) : Asian American, Native Hawaiian and Pacific (AANHPI) Islander Office of Resolution Management, Diversity & Inclusion (ORMDI)**

<https://www.va.gov/ORMDI/DiversityInclusion/AAPI.asp>

Phone: 800-698-2411

The U.S Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) proudly leads the effort to build a diverse workforce and cultivate an inclusive work environment. The VA helps AANHPI to develop and implement strategies to identify potential employment barriers in the areas of recruitment, hiring, promotion, career development and retention affecting the full participation of all races, ethnicity, etc.

**White House Fact Sheet: Biden-Harris Administration Advances Equity and Opportunity for Asian American, Native Hawaiian, and Pacific Islander Communities Across the Country**

<https://www.whitehouse.gov/briefing-room/statements-releases/2022/01/20/fact-sheet-biden-harris-administration-advances-equity-and-opportunity-for-asian-american-native-hawaiian-and-pacific-islander-communities-across-the-country/>

This fact sheet is about advances in equity and opportunity for Asian American, Native Hawaiian, and Pacific Islander Communities across the country.

**World Health Organization (WHO): Western Pacific Regional Office (WPRO)**

<https://www.who.int/westernpacific>

Email: [wprotra@who.int](mailto:wprotra@who.int)

WHO provides information and resources on public health activities, research, awareness raising, data banking, and resource mobilization on the Western Pacific Region.

**Women Enabled International: Pacific Disability Forum**

<https://womenenabled.org/partner-situation/pacific-disability-forum/>

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Washington, D.C 20001

Phone: 202-630-3818

Email: [info@WomenEnabled.org](mailto:info@WomenEnabled.org)

Women Enabled International is advancing human rights at the intersection of gender and disability. They envision a world where women and girls with disabilities claim human rights, act in solidarity, and lead self-determined lives. The link above gives resources for



women and young people with disabilities in the Pacific region such as Fiji, Samoa, Vanuatu. They also offer other publications, fact sheets, and legal advocacy.

**Please also see the Reeve Foundation factsheets specific to American Samoa, Guam, and the Northern Mariana Islands at [www.ChristopherReeve.org/factsheets](http://www.ChristopherReeve.org/factsheets).**

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