

Map to the APIYVPC



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Partnering with
Communities
To Prevent
Youth Violence
In Hawai'i

The *Asian/Pacific Islander*

Youth Violence Prevention

Center (APIYVPC) was funded to

investigate various forms of interpersonal youth violence with communities in Hawai'i. Current scholarly research directed towards Pacific Islanders and/or Asian Americans on youth violence prevention is scant at best and frequently lumps all "Asian/Pacific Islanders" into one supposedly homogeneous category, thereby erasing distinct differences among specific ethnic groups. The mission of the APIYVPC is to reduce and prevent interpersonal youth violence for Asian/Pacific Islanders by developing an effective, comprehensive, public-health, and culturally competent model for one API community (i.e., Kailua-Waimānalo) to serve as a national prototype. With hopes of conducting violence prevention research that would be useful for specific Pacific Islander and Asian communities, the APIYVPC has established six aims:

APIYVPC Aims:

- 1) **Infrastructure and Collaboration:**
To build upon the APIYVPC's administrative, community, and scientific infrastructure, develop the comprehensive model, manage and increase resources, and coordinate/collaborate with other stakeholders and injury violence prevention centers.
- 2) **Community Partnership, Mobilization and Empowerment**
To build upon the current community relations and develop a strong, comprehensive, community-university partnership and mobilize/empower the Kailua-Waimānalo Community.
- 3) **Research**
To conduct innovative, scientifically rigorous, and culturally responsive research that builds upon prior studies, and that fulfills the community-based participatory research agenda through planning/coordination of surveillance, epidemiology, prevention-intervention development, evaluation, and translational projects.
- 4) **Training**
To train stakeholders regarding API community mobilization, research, dissemination, evaluation, intervention, and grant preparation.
- 5) **Communication and Dissemination**
To communicate and disseminate, in collaboration with the Kailua-Waimānalo Community, relevant information to community, state, national, and international audiences for other API and minority communities.
- 6) **Evaluation**
To evaluate the APIYVPC's progress through an adapted national logic model and contribute to the national framework through the knowledge gained by evaluation.

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Facts & Statistics

- In 2002, more than 877,700 young people ages 10 to 24 were injured from violent acts. Approximately 1 in 13 required hospitalization.¹
- Between 1994 and 1999, 172 students ages 5 to 18 were killed on or near school grounds or at school-related activities.²
- More than 50% of all school-associated violent deaths occur at the beginning or end of the school day or during lunch.²
- The APIYVPC's study on violence prevalence rates among Hawaiian, Samoan, Filipino, and Japanese public high school students in Hawai'i found that 38.7% of all students surveyed ($N = 326$) had engaged in at least one violent behavior within the last 6 months.³
- The APIYVPC's study on dating violence victimization among Hawaiian, Samoan, Filipino, and Japanese public high school students in Hawai'i found that 58.3% of the sample ($N = 247$) reported being a victim of psychological dating violence.⁴

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History

The Asian/Pacific Islander Youth Violence Prevention Center (APIYVPC) of the Department of Psychiatry, John A. Burns School of Medicine, University of Hawai'i at Mānoa, received renewal funding in 2005 to prevent youth violence and to develop a prototype model for other Asian/Pacific Islander communities. Selected from numerous applicants and following an objective review by public health experts, the APIYVPC is currently one of ten national centers established at colleges or universities to receive funding from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) for the five-year program that connects academic and community resources to study and create lasting ways to prevent youth violence. Other recipients include: Columbia University; Harvard University; Johns Hopkins University; University of California, Berkeley; University of California, Riverside; University of Illinois, Chicago; Virginia Commonwealth University; the Children's Hospital of Philadelphia; and Meharry Medical College in Nashville, Tennessee.

The APIYVPC was established in 2000 when it received its initial round of funding from CDC to conduct youth violence prevention research with predominantly Pacific Islander and Southeast Asian communities in Hawai'i and Oakland, California, respectively. During this time, the APIYVPC conducted a number of important studies that illustrated the need to disaggregate specific Pacific Islander and Asian American ethnic groups when conducting research with children and adolescents. For the current grant period, the APIYVPC will center its efforts more heavily on working with the Kailua-Waimānalo Community to prevent youth violence and strengthen community-university partnerships.

To learn more about youth violence and CDC's prevention efforts, visit www.cdc.gov/ncipc.

For an overview of the ten national centers, visit www.cdc.gov/ncipc/res-opp/ACE/ace.htm.

For more information on the Asian/Pacific Islander Youth Violence Prevention Center, visit www.hawaii.edu/apiyvpc, call (808) 945-1517 or e-mail apiyvpc@dop.hawaii.edu.

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