



2021 Q2 (April – June) Newsletter

Dear CPC Community,

We hope you and your loved ones are staying healthy and safe. Since the pandemic began, CPC has been committed to two goals: 1) keeping our staff and community members healthy and safe and 2) providing services safely and securely.

As of April 19, Manhattan Community Centers is opened for in-person, appointment-only services. To schedule an appointment, please call 212-941-0030. For more information on our updated guidelines, please visit www.cpc-nyc.org

- CPC has a WeChat account for distributing information, updates, and CPC workshops and trainings. Please engage with us by scanning the QR Code.

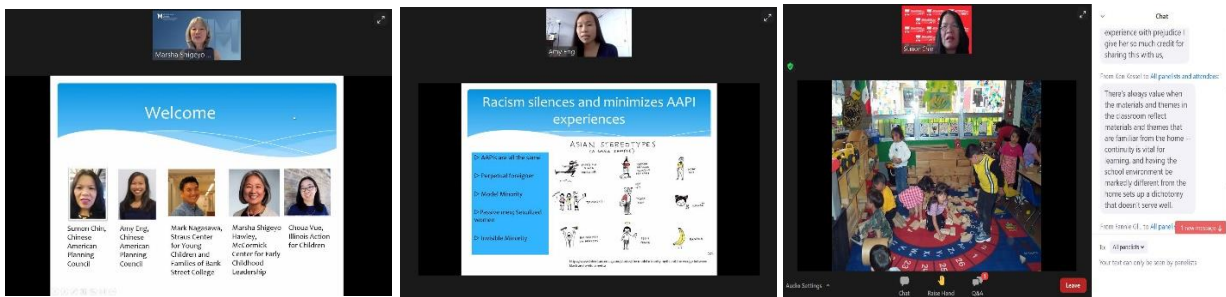


- Manhattan Community Center staff, along with other CPC staff and community members, joined CPC's 4th Annual City Advocacy Day on April 14. CPC met with 20 City Council Members and their staff, discussed how CPC has been supporting our communities during COVID-19, why it is critical that we fund our programs and human services staff, the increase in AAPI hate, and how we need to invest in AAPI's long-term healing and recovery. The day concluded with a press conference in 4 languages with 6 legislators speaking and more than 1,000 views via Facebook Live. To watch the full press conference: <https://www.facebook.com/CPC.NYC/videos/1721728841340018>

- Asian Family Services (AFS) has re-started in-person home visits for community members that agree and are deemed safe as the city slowly starts to open. AFS also participated in a community outreach event on May 22 organized by the New York Chinese Alliance Church to share resources for children, seniors, and their families, and to celebrate Asian American Pacific Islander (AAPI) Heritage Month.



- May 19 is National Asian and Pacific Islander HIV/AIDS Awareness Day, Community Health Services (CHS) created a series of posters to engage community members to start conversations, discuss cultural challenges, build understanding, and most importantly get tested and educated. Young people are mostly unaware of their infection. According to CDC analysis in 2018, an estimated 44.9% of young people aged 13 to 24 who were living with HIV were unaware of their infection.
- June 24 is National HIV Testing Day, which was observed on June 27 this year, CHS hosted a virtual workshop on HIV testing: What to Expect and How to Find It to educate community members on the importance of early testing=early treatment, know your status, and how to prevent transmission. CHS also has a series of educational posts to promote the importance of HIV testing on Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/CPCCHS>
- CHS conducted 4 virtual HIV 101 workshops with the CPC's Manhattan English literacy classes. These workshops aim to help educate what HIV/AIDS is, how it is transmitted, the prevention methods, and testing availability in NYC. CHS Personal Responsibility Education Program (PREP) also held 3 virtual cohort workshops for the youth.
- CHS joined CPC Manhattan Learn and Earn's year-end celebration at Brooklyn Bridge Park, where over 50 youth met in person for first time this school year. CHS works closely with Learn and Earn to provide educational workshops for the youth with constructive engagement and enrichment activities. We are proud of their accomplishments. CHS will start the summer Health Advocacy session series shortly.
- Multi-Social Services (MSS) and New York Legal Assistance Group (NYLAG) conducted an online Legal Immigration Workshop: Know Your Rights on April 8 in English and Chinese. The workshop provided information on one's rights if stopped by the policy/immigration and customs enforcement/customs and border patrol, how to create a safety plan if you have an Immigration Case-Removal, and how to avoid immigration fraud. Over 20 community members attended the workshop.
- MSS conducted a virtual Housing Workshop on NYC Affordable Housing Lottery Application on May 17 in Cantonese and on June 7 in Mandarin. The workshop explained what affordable housing is, how to prepare and apply, what to expect after you apply, and shared resources.
- On June 29, MSS hosted an online workshop on The Basics of Medicare to help community members better understand Medicare Part A, Part B and Part D, and Medicare Advantage. It also provided information on Medicare eligibility, enrollment, and cost.
- Sumon Chin, Director of CPC Early Childhood Learning & Wellness Services (ECLW), and Amy Eng, ECLW Infant Toddler (IT) Mental Health Consultant & Program Supervisor, spoke at the "April Learning Café" on "Understanding Impacts of Systemic Racism on AAPI Community". A conversation on how anti-Asian sentiment is evident in early childhood classrooms and its impact on early childhood, how racism silences and minimizes AAPI experiences, and a call to action and how to be an ally.



- Funded by the United Federation of Teachers (UFT) Professional Development Grant and the Korean American Community Foundation, ECLW conducted the 30-hour virtual cohort training on 5 Saturdays for 43 licensed family child care providers in Spanish, CPR & First Aid certification training for 53 providers in Chinese and Spanish, and Health and Safety training for 64 providers in Chinese, Korean, and Spanish. ECLW also conducted multiple orientations on How to Become a Family Child Care Provider in Chinese and Korean to over 40 prospective providers. In addition, 14 prospective Korean child care providers were awarded the Start-Up Grant, 10 Korean providers were awarded the Quality Improvement Grant, and 24 Korean providers received PPE supplies, educational materials, and toys from the Korean American Community Foundation.
- ECLW Family Child Care (FCC) Network offered a Professional Development training on April 2 in English, Spanish, and Chinese for 138 network-affiliated providers. The training focused on how to support and foster healthy social-emotional development in early childhood, from birth to age 5.

About CPC

Chinese-American Planning Council (CPC) is the nation’s largest Asian American social services organization. Founded in 1965, CPC promotes the social and economic empowerment of Chinese American, immigrant, and low-income communities of New York City.

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