



Greetings,

The Working Group on Violence Against Asian Women and Children in Minnesota is excited to announce the launch of a study to assess the prevalence and types of violence experienced by Asian women and children, the needs and gaps related to processes and service provision, as well as the cultural contexts that have implications for reporting, service provision and prevention.

As indicated on the attached fact sheet, the Working Group is legislatively mandated and led by Minnesota Department of Health, Center for Health Equity in partnership with Council on Asian Pacific Minnesotans, Minnesota Department of Human Services, and Minnesota Department of Public Safety.

The results from this first-ever study will provide much needed data and recommendations to policymakers in the upcoming legislative session, service providers and law enforcement to better serve Asian women across Minnesota. The study includes these elements:

- A survey will be mailed the week of October 10 to a random sample of Asian women in Minnesota.
- Because we know that newer immigrant women may be less likely to return a mailed survey, we are augmenting the statewide mailed survey with a convenience sample of women from newer immigrant communities in the metro area.
- Key informant interviews with “experts” in the field, including direct service providers, law enforcement, advocates, community and religious/spiritual leaders.
- Focus groups and interviews with women from immigrant communities, including survivors of violence.

We would appreciate your help in promoting this study by posting the attached flyer, which explains the study and encourages Asian women to look for and respond to the survey. Please forward the flyer and fact sheet to your contacts that work with Asian women.

On behalf of Claudia Waring, executive director of Asian Women United of Minnesota and chair of the Working Group on Violence Against Asian Women and Children, and Xiaoying Chen, project lead at the Minnesota Department of Health, thank you for your support of this much needed study.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Rebecca N. Saito".

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