



# A Case for a Cause: Connecting Service to Social Justice

SJLI presents its inaugural community organization cohort:

“A Case for a Cause: Connecting Service to Social Justice” is open to community-based organization staff who work with children and/or youth and are interested in making deeper connections to APA community issues in New York City. Participants will conceptualize and connect with various community needs and larger social change efforts, locally and nationally, for our diverse APA communities.

## Description of Sessions and Schedule

All sessions run from 9:30AM-12:30PM

Location: TBA

### **March 23: Find Your Theory of Change**

Explore what your motivations are for the work you do – develop your theory of change. Identify how your theory of change aligns with larger needs in the APA community. Connect your everyday work with positive social change!

### **April 6: Identify Needs and Assets in Communities**

Learn the nuts and bolts of how to accurately collect and define the needs and assets of a community, as well as understand gaps that require more work.

### **April 20: Advocacy 101**

Understand the importance of policy advocacy and demystify how advocacy works. Learn skills to be a better advocate.

### **May 4: The Art of Storytelling**

Our work touches the lives of real people and their lived experiences. Learn techniques to share your own experiences and how they connect to larger systems at play.

### **May 18: Connecting with the Cause**

Identify how our communities’ issues overlap and intersect with each other as well as with other marginalized communities. Develop strong partnerships and align your day to day work with broader systems change.

**APPLY TODAY! Applications must be submitted along with a current résumé no later than Wednesday, February 28th 2018**

For more information, please contact Mitchel Wu, Director of Programs

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The **Social Justice Leadership Institute (SJLI)** builds social justice leaders:

forward-thinking, community-connected, and long-term drivers of social change. Participants will:

- ◆ Identify, share, and understand the breadth of APA community needs
- ◆ Gain knowledge and skills of advocacy and social change within communities, schools, and workplaces
- ◆ Conceive of and engage in larger policy and systems change
- ◆ Network and learn about other organizations and movement-building efforts.

### **Program Eligibility**

Professionals in various sectors such as non-profit organizations, government, and private institutions who:

- ◆ Work with children and youth in the APA community or have a desire to work with this community in NYC
- ◆ Have a desire to develop their leadership skills in advocacy and collective action-taking
- ◆ Have a vision to see positive long-term change in the APA and larger communities in NYC
- ◆ Open to members and those who are interested in becoming members
- ◆ Program costs:
  - \$125/participant for Members\*
  - \$450/participant for Non-Members

\* For its inaugural year, CACF will provide full scholarships to all member organizations.

*The Coalition for Asian American Children & Families (CACF) is the nation’s only pan-Asian children and families advocacy organization. CACF brings together community-based organizations as well as youth and parents to advocate for equity for Asian Pacific Americans.*