

ASAP Community Board

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Our Mission...

The Coalition for Asian American Children and Families is dedicated to improving the health and well being of Asian Pacific American children in New York City.

Everyday, CACF is:

- ◆ Challenging stereotypes about Asian Pacific Americans
- ◆ Connecting Asian Pacific American communities with policymakers
- ◆ Empowering parents to advocate for their children

We are the only children's advocacy organization for the Asian Pacific American community. We work with the East Asian, Southeast Asian, South Asian, and Pacific Islander communities.

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Say
something...



Asian American
Student
Advocacy Project

What is ASAP?

ASAP stands for the Asian American Student Advocacy Project (ASAP) is a youth leadership program for Asian Pacific American high school students who want to learn how to make positive changes in their communities through advocacy.

What does “advocacy” mean?

Advocacy is what we do to express our ideas about what can be improved. By identifying problems and coming up with helpful solutions, we can **advocate** for improvements in our community.

What does this have to do with me?

If you...

- Feel that improvements can be made in the community for Asian Pacific Americans
- Wish you could do something about it
- Want to meet other students with similar ideas
- Want to **voice** your ideas to community decision makers
- Want to be heard...

Then join ASAP!

Who is ASAP?

ASAP leaders are a selected group of youth advocates from New York City high schools. Their diversity is represented across race, ethnicity, culture, gender, sexual orientation, age, ability, family structure, and life experiences (e.g. class, immigration history, health status, etc.).

What does ASAP do?

ASAP leaders are trained to be a voice for the community. They learn public speaking skills, research and writing skills, and other advocacy skills. ASAP leaders will develop leadership skills, learn about advocacy, work as a member of a team, and get to know other students.

Sessions include:

- Group discussions
- Guest speakers
- Skills-building workshops
- Visits to community organizations
- Meetings with public officials and community leaders

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Testimonials

“Growing up, I have learned that a small voice could be trained to become a louder one. Through ASAP, I am hoping to learn to confront problems and not run away from them.”

- ASAP leader, 9th grader

“I see a problem that takes place in school and in the nation. Asian people are not being recognized because our voices are not heard.”

-ASAP leader, 11th grader

“Changes begin with me, but if I want to be an advocate, I need to start to make change happen in my own school, community, and home.”

-ASAP leader, 12th grader

“ASAP has heightened my interest in helping people. It encouraged me to make a difference and to help make positive changes.”

-ASAP leader, 10th grader



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