



#### Increasing Access to Care and Improving Health Outcomes: A SPOTLIGHT ON ASIAN AMERICAN, NATIVE HAWAIIAN, AND PACIFIC ISLANDER-SERVING HEALTH CENTERS

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## About AAPCHO

- The Association of Asian Pacific Community Health Organizations (AAPCHO) was formed in 1987
- National association of 32 community health organizations serving Asian Americans, Native Hawaiians, and other Pacific Islanders (AA and NHPIs)
- Dedicated to improving the health status and access of these medically underserved communities
- Bureau of Primary Care (BPHC) funded National Cooperative Agreement (NCA) to provide training and technical assistance to health centers





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### Learning Objectives

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To present an overview of patient demographics, health utilization and patient health outcomes at AA&NHPIserving health centers

To highlight some key differences between AA&NHPIserving health centers and other community health centers across the nation

To discuss the implications of key trends, findings and opportunities to improve health care delivery and outcomes at AA&NHPI-serving health centers



## Speakers



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## **Polling Questions**



- Which of the following best describes your organization type?
- 2. Does your organization work with or focus on Asian American, Native Hawaiian and Pacific Islanders?
- 3. For health centers, do you have new populations or growing populations of AA&NHPIs in your city, state, or region?



# A Spotlight on AA&NHPI-Serving Health Centers

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### FOCUS ON ASIAN AMERICANS, NATIVE HAWAIIANS AND PACIFIC ISLANDERS

Asian Americans, Native Hawaiians and Pacific Islanders (AAs and NHPIs) are among the fastest growing and highly diverse racial/ethnic groups in the United States

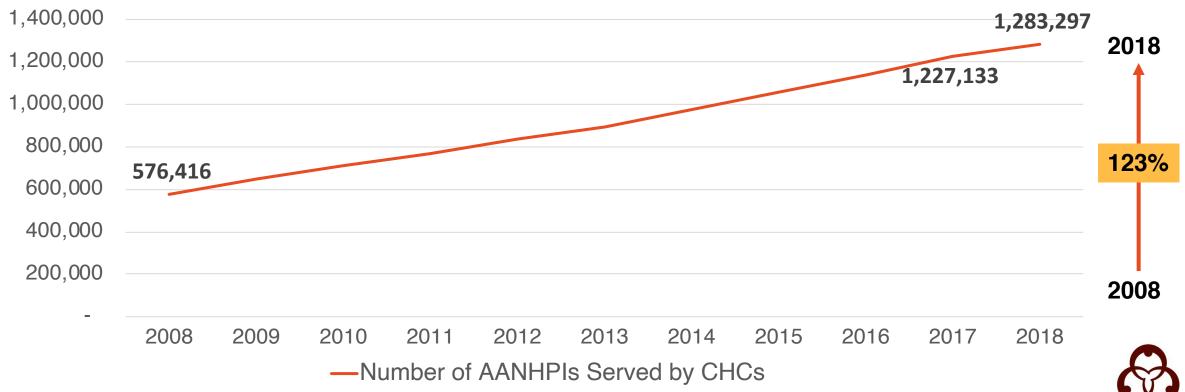
- Projected to grow from 15 million in 2005 to 40 million in 2050
- More than 50 ethnic groups and over 100 languages



## AA and NHPIs & HEALTH CENTERS

 Almost 1.3 million AA&NHPIs receive care at FQHCs in 2018, about a 123% increase between 2008-2018

#### Growth in AA&NHPIs Seen at FQHCs



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### METHODOLOGY

Target health centers: (N=136)

- Top 10% in terms of the number of AA&NHPI patients served at the health center in 2018
- National FQHCs N=1,362
- Averages were calculated using raw UDS. To determine statistical significance, two-sample t-tests were conducted (significance level = 0.05)



### NUMBER OF AA and NHPIs SERVED BY FQHCs in 2018 (TOP 5 STATES)

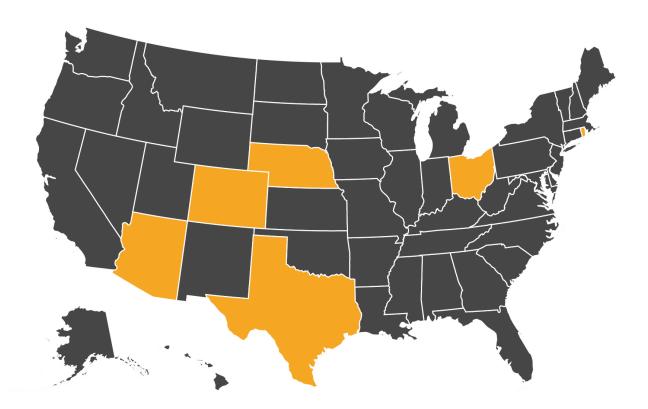
### 2018 (TOTAL FQHCs = 1,362)

STATE	AA&NHPIS SERVED BY STATE	# FQHCs BY STATE
CA	328,171	177
NY	117,375	62
HI	85,957	14
WA	85,953	27
MA	66,857	39



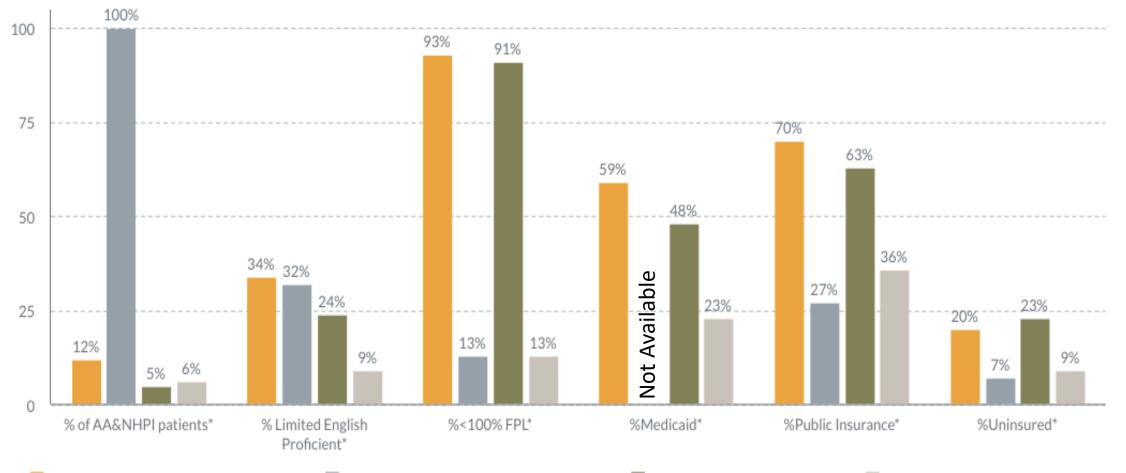
## New Growth States, 2017-2018

- Colorado (Δ66%)
- Texas (Δ32%)
- Arizona (Δ14%)
- Rhode Island ( $\Delta 12\%$
- Nebraska (Δ11%)
- Ohio (Δ10%)





## **Patient Demographics**

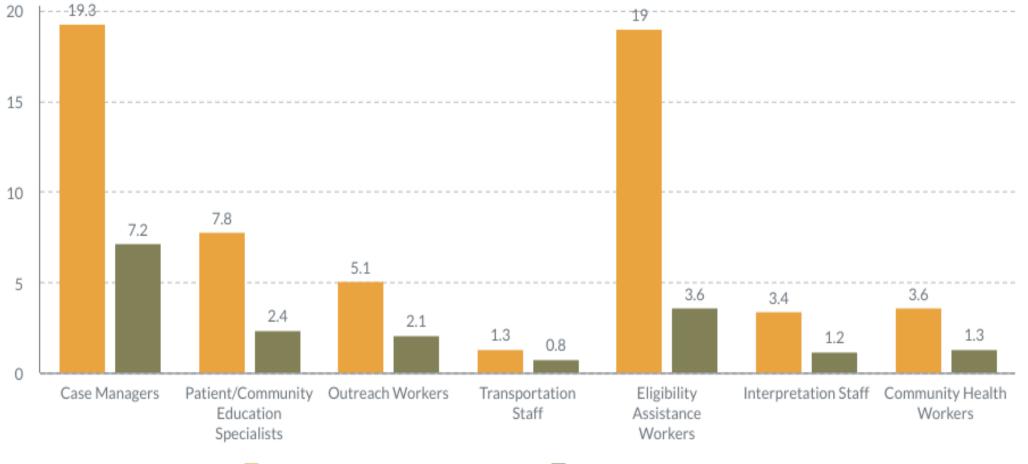


AA&NHPI-serving health centers average\* General U.S. AA&NHPI population average\*

National health centers average\* General U.S. population average



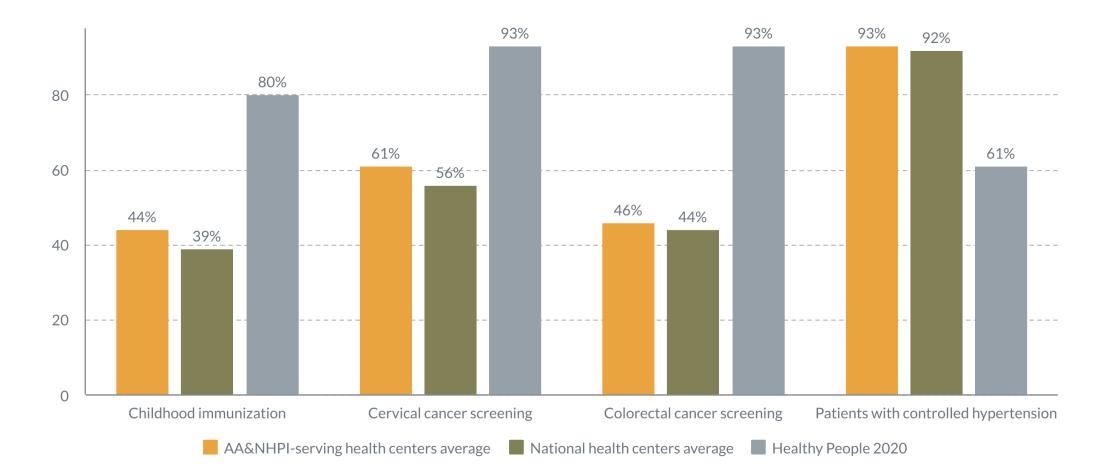
## Average Enabling Services Staff FTE



AA&NHPI-serving health centers average 🛛 📕 National health centers average

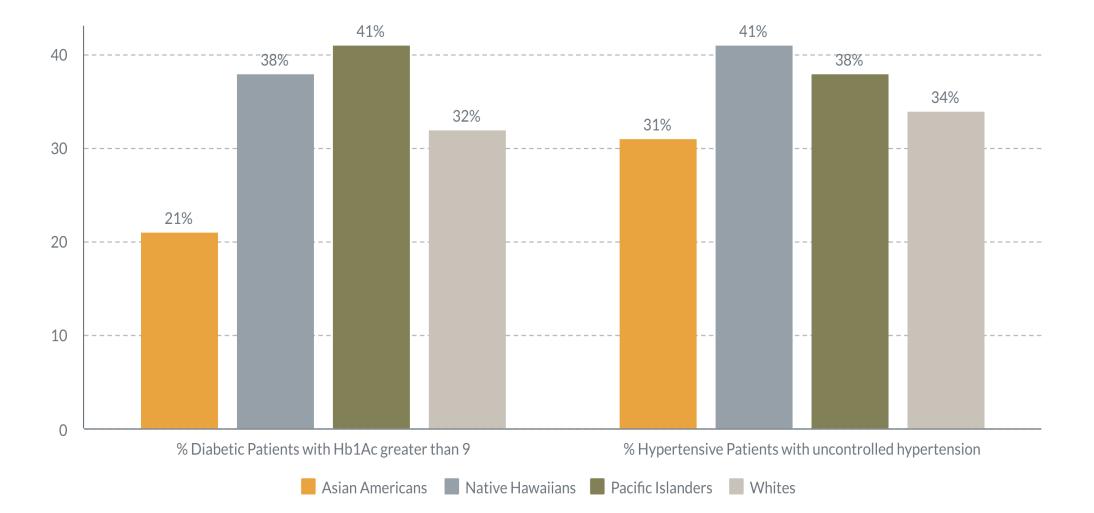


## Quality of Care





## **Diabetes & Hypertension Outcomes**





### **Data Limitations**

- UDS data is health center summary data. Averages used for comparisons.
- UDS is aggregate level data that may mask potential health and demographic differences amongst AA&NHPI populations
- Data disaggregation can distinguish racial and ethnic health outcomes
  - UDS Table 7 (health outcomes and disparities) only highlights diabetes, hypertension, and birth weight



# Summary and Recommendations

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### Summary

AA- and NHPI-Serving Health Centers	High Quality of Care Delivery Characteristics
Growth and Geographic Distribution of AA and NHPI Populations	<ul> <li>Promotion of research and data projects around disaggregating AA&amp;NHPI data at the health center</li> <li>Compare national AA&amp;NHPI health center data set to your own data set</li> <li>Assess your access to care issues for AA&amp;NHPI populations</li> <li>Inform your health center organizational and community needs assessments</li> </ul>
Higher Concentration of AA and NHPI Patients with Complex Health Needs	<ul> <li>Implementation and enforcement of Cultural and Language Access Standards</li> <li>Fostering community partnerships to enhance access to social services and legal partnerships to meet the needs of low income AA&amp;NHPI children and families (e.g. housing, transportation, language access)</li> </ul>
Greater Number of Enabling Services Staff	<ul> <li>Standardized enabling services (ES) data collection</li> <li>Workforce investments to enhance ES staffing infrastructure, especially translation and interpretation services by hiring multi-lingual staff</li> </ul>



### Summary (continued)

AA- and NHPI-Serving Health Centers	High Quality of Care Delivery Characteristics
High Quality Care	<ul> <li>Adoption of nationally recognized standards on Enabling Services and SDoH to prioritize interventions responsible for better health outcomes</li> <li>Ensuring adequate and sustainable value-based payments for ES</li> <li>Support alternative payment methods that are inclusive of ES</li> <li>Risk adjustment for language, SDoH and ES</li> <li>Advocate for enhanced reimbursement rates for interpretation (spoken) and translation (written) enabling services</li> </ul>
Health Disparities Are Masked When AA and NHPI Subpopulations Are Combined	<ul> <li>Regular data analysis to better understand relationship and impact of health center services (e.g. enabling services) on health disparities and patient health outcomes for AA&amp;NHPIs. Data may include:</li> <li>Patient-level data (vs. health center level data in UDS)</li> <li>Disaggregated AA&amp;NHPI data (vs. AA, NH, PI only in UDS)</li> <li>Analysis with Enabling Services and Social Determinants of Health data</li> </ul>
Higher Hepatitis B and Tuberculosis Rates	<ul> <li>Implementation and enforcement of high quality standards of care in screening (perinatal Hep B screening, Screen at 23, and LTBI screening etc.)</li> <li>Enhanced specialty care relationships, care coordination investments</li> </ul>



### Recommendations

#### Disaggregate Race/Ethnicity Data

### Improve Population Health Management

### Leverage Local, State, and/or Regional Resources

### Increase SDoH Screening and Standardized Data Collection

**Ensure Access to Health Insurance:**  Demonstrate the Value of Enabling Services Staff

Inform the Standards of Care



### Key Takeaway: Increase Access to Care

# VITHOUT DATA **YOU'RE JUST ANOTHER PERSON** WITH AN OPINION W. EDWARDS DEMING



### Key Takeaway: Improve Health Outcomes

- Incentives to increase adoption of quality improvement initiatives addressing diabetes, Hepatitis B, and TB
  - > U.S. Preventive Services Task Force recommended Hep B preventive services and LTBI screening
  - Diabetes Screen at 23 BMI for Asian Americans (screenat23.org)
- Expansion of evidence-based care models for addressing disparities (e.g. Chronic Care Model, Health Homes, PCMH)

#### CREEN I'm Asian American. When should I



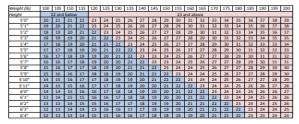
Asian Americans should seek advice from their doctor about being screened for diabetes starting at a BMI of 23.

BMI, or Body Mass Index, is a rough estimate that measures the amount of body fat based on one's weight and height.

Follow these steps to know your risk for diabetes:

#### 1. Know your BM

Calculate your BMI (Body Mass Index) by using the chart below. Circle the box that matches your weight on the top row, and your height on the left side. The number inside that box is your BMI.



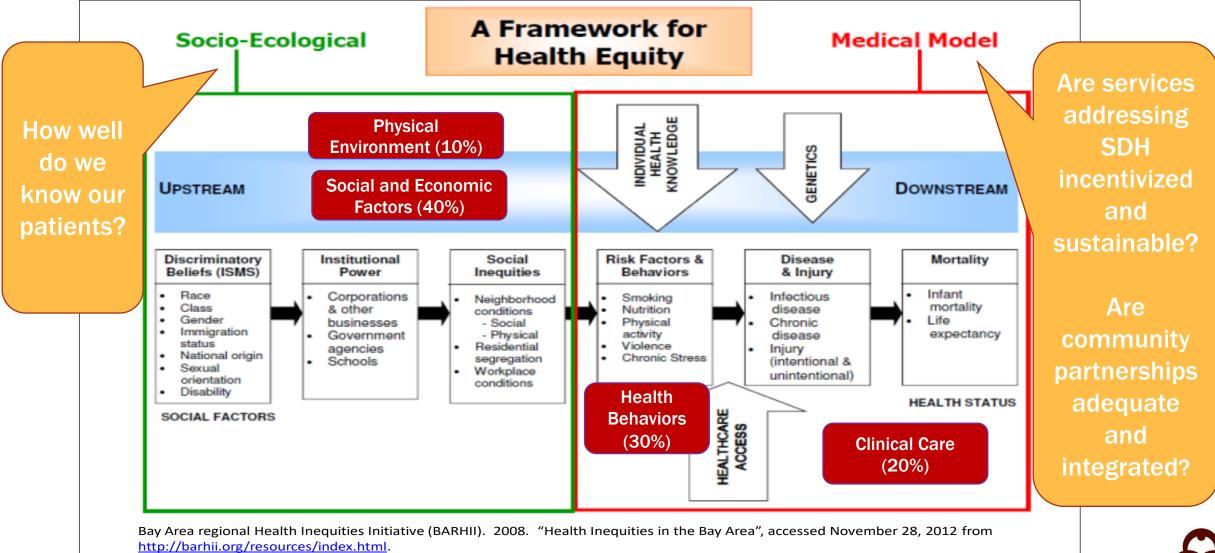
2. Seek Medical Advice

Make an appointment with a doctor and ask about being screened for diabetes if your BMI is 23 or higher.





### Key Takeaway: Promote Health Equity





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# Tools & Resources

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### **Enabling Services Data Collection Toolkit**



- Needs Assessment
- Readiness
   Assessment
- Workflows
- EHR Integration
- Database Strategy
- Training Guidelines
- Report Cards



http://EnablingServices.aapcho.org

### **PRAPARE Implementation and Action Toolkit**

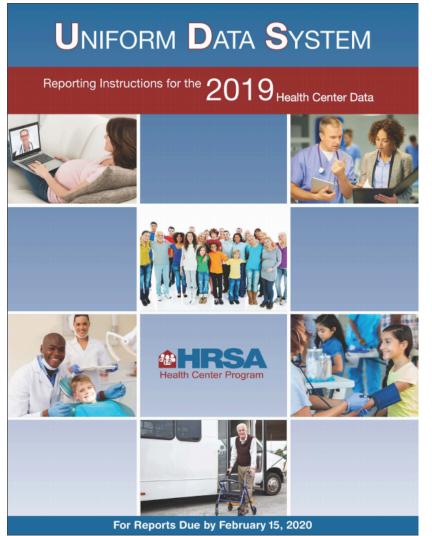


- 10 Chapters: Data Collection Preparation, Collection, Assessment, and Responding
- PRAPARE Assessment Tool translated in Arabic, Burmese, Chinese (simplified and traditional), Korean, Tagalog, Vietnamese, etc.

https://www.aapcho.org/projects/prapare/



### **NEW** UDS Questions for 2019



- Appendix D: Health Center Health Information Technology (HIT) Capabilities
- Questions 11 and 12
  - "Does your health center collect data on individual patients' social risk factors...?"
  - "Which standardized screener(s) for social risk factors... do you use?"

http://www.bphcdata.net/docs/uds\_rep\_instr.pdf



### National CLAS Standards



The National CLAS Standards are intended to advance health equity, improve quality, and help eliminate health care disparities by establishing a blueprint for health and health care organizations to:

### THINK CULTURAL HEALTH

ind respectful quality care and services that are responsive to diverse cultural health beliefs and and other communication needs.

and leadership that promotes CLAS and health equity through policy, practices, and

uistically diverse governance, leadership, and workforce that are responsive to the population i

force in culturally and linguistically appropriate policies and practices on an ongoing basis

ge assistance services clearly and in their preferred language, verbally and in writing.

materials and signage in the languages commonly used by the populations in the service area.

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e goals, policies, and management accountability, and infuse them throughout the organization's

- Conduct ongoing assessments of the organization's CLAS-related activities and integrate CLAS-related measures into measurement and continuous quality improvement activities.
- 11. Collect and maintain accurate and reliable demographic data to monitor and evaluate the impact of CLAS on health equity and outcomes and to inform service delivery.
- 12. Conduct regular assessments of community health assets and needs and use the results to plan and implement services that respond to the authors and traditional in the conduct and

15 guiding action steps intended to advance health equity, improve quality, and help eliminate health care disparities

 Translated in Mandarin or Chinese, Vietnamese, Korean, Tagalog, and more





### **Immigrant Access to Care**

### **Public Charge Resources**



Find the latest resources and information on public charge.

- Addressing Public Charge
- Protecting Immigrant Access and Eligibility
- Monitoring Enforcement
   at Health Centers
- Combating Fears



https://www.aapcho.org/projects/immigrant-access-to-care/







### NEXT STEPS

- E-mail the Training & Technical Assistance team at: training@aapcho.org
- Visit AAPCHO's Training & Technical Assistance homepage: www.aapcho.org/projects/tta-nca/
- Visit AAPCHO's Enabling Services homepage: http://enablingservices.aapcho.org
- Visit the Health Center Resource Clearinghouse: www.healthcenterinfo.org



### HELPFUL LINKS

AAPCHO Website www.aapcho.org

ES Data Collection Protocol www.enablingservices.aapcho.org

SDOH Data Collection www.healthcarecommunities.org/ResourceCenter.aspx



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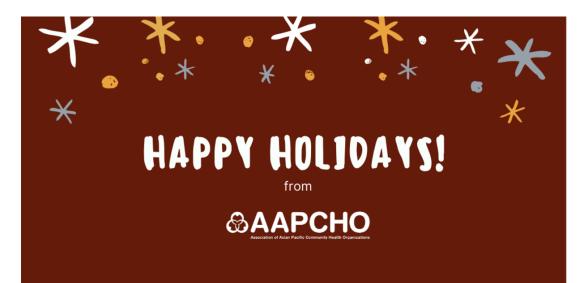
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