

MISSION

Giving a voice and a face to Asians and Pacific Islanders with physical and mental disabilities.

GOALS

To help break down the service and cultural barriers faced by APIs with disabilities; to provide APIs with disabilities and their families with knowledge; to create a community network for empowerment and independence.



APIDC was created to provide:

- **information clearinghouse:** resources for APIs with disabilities and individuals/organizations seeking information about APIs with disabilities.
- **leadership development:** advocacy and leadership training for APIs with disabilities; assist APIs to become involved in the disability rights community in order to advocate for public policy changes at the community, local, state and federal levels of government.
- **data collection and analysis:** utilize community collaborators in a “participatory research model” to collect data on APIs with disabilities. The data will be disseminated at conferences, published in planning and policy journals and will be used to enhance policy development for Asian and Pacific Islanders with disabilities.
- **policy development and advocacy:** APIDC provides information and creates opportunities for Asian and Pacific Islanders with disabilities to influence, comment on and understand pending legislation, regulations and local ordinances impacting the disabilities community.

Resource for policymakers seeking input on issues affecting people with disabilities.

PROGRAMS

- Issue Forums
- Leadership Training
- AAPI Disability 101 Training
- Research
- Conferences

