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Literature Review



Literature on AAPI Youth Need and the Demand for Increased Workforce Capability:

NY Asian American Pacific Islander (NYAAPI) children living in poverty. (Asian American Federation of New York, Press Release 2010.) AAPI children/youth in NY are economically limited with resources. Economic opportunities are needed to expand the support of AAPI youth to pursue and support educational endeavors.

Asian American young professionals, as compared to white professionals in the same age group, struggle to find jobs. (asianweek.2010.) AAPI, even with advanced degrees, have difficulty with employment options and would benefit from social and career networking that provide opportunities for career guidance and development.

Asian Americans continued to suffer the most form long-term unemployment 2011. Economic Policy Institute. (<http://www.epi.org/publication/ib323s-asian-american-unemployment-update/>). AAPIs continue to have the highest level of long term unemployment among all other groups.

Lack of opportunities for Asian American Pacific Islander in education (AAPI) children/students. (National Education Association; A report on the Status of AAPI in Education. 2005) Like other ethnic minorities, AAPI youth who are economically disadvantaged lack the opportunity for education support and guidance to secondary schools.

AAPI in NY continues to grow with AAPI currently the third largest ethnic minority group. New York as a major metropolitan area for AAPI. (U.S. Census Bureau. <http://quickfacts.census.gov/qfd/states/36/3651000.html>). There is a need to build and retain bicultural, bilingual social service workforce pool able to serve population needs. With federal and local mandates to increase service access through adequate and effective language services, a workforce pool needs to be developed.