

SERVICES:

The Pacific Islander Initiative (PII) can help with the following community needs:

- Connecting to behavioral health services in San Mateo County
- Translation support
- Behavioral Health Career Exploration
- Connecting with other community members and resources

Trainings

PII can help arrange access to various Behavioral Health and Recovery Services facilitated trainings. In addition, PII can facilitate the following trainings:

- Mental Health First Aid (Adult, Youth, Teen)
- Stigma Reduction - Stigma Free

Campaign

- Suicide Prevention
- Photovoice
- Pacific Islander Focused Parent Project®

Collaborative Efforts

- HEI partnership projects
- Community Based Organization partnership events/initiatives
- Community advocacy support

***All Trainings & Projects are FREE**

Resources

BHRS ACCESS Call Center
(800) 686-0101

Suicide Prevention Lifeline
988 or (650) 579-0350

Mental Health First Aid
www.smchealth.org/mhfa

Parent Project®
www.smchealth.org/parentproject

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Learn more about PII



Learn about other Health Equity Initiatives

PII is supported by San Mateo County Behavioral Health and Recovery Services, Office of Diversity and Equity. It is one of nine Health Equity Initiatives funded by the voter-approved Mental Health Services Act (Prop 63).



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**BEHAVIORAL HEALTH
& RECOVERY SERVICES**

WHO ARE WE?

The Pacific Islander Initiative (PII) was established to combat health disparities and tackle the stigma surrounding behavioral health within our community. We hope to connect families to essential resources and services they may not be aware of but are entitled to access.

Comprised of dedicated community members, clients, and individuals from the Pacific Islander community who are in our behavioral health workforce the PII is inclusive and open to all who share our vision and mission. While our focus is on Pacific Islanders, we extend a warm invitation to anyone passionate about supporting the community and aligning with our goals. ,

MISSION

Our mission is to elevate awareness of the Pacific Islander community, dismantling the stigma surrounding behavioral health challenges in San Mateo County (SMC). In collaboration with providers, we are committed to identifying and addressing barriers faced by individuals when seeking behavioral health services through advocacy, education, and support, we aim to create a more inclusive system that honors the needs and expertise of Pacific Islanders.



VISION

The Pacific Islander Initiative envisions a community in SMC that is vibrant, healthier, and deeply supported by a comprehensive system of care. A community that embraces behavioral health challenges with acceptance and understanding, fosters an environment where individuals feel empowered to seek help without stigma. Our vision encompasses a community that is well-informed about the resources and services available, ensuring equitable access to support and promote overall well-being for all.

GOALS & OBJECTS

Education & Awareness: Elevate awareness of the unique challenges experienced by Pacific Islanders and advocates for community resources that bolster wellness within the community.

Prevention: Champion initiatives that actively encourage healthy behavioral and physical well-being through engagement with families and communities.

Capacity Building & Leadership: Foster opportunity for skill development and leadership among Pacific Islanders through comprehensive training, meaningful dialogue, mentorship, and recognition of achievements.

Collaboration: In partnership with county staff, community partners, and stakeholders, offer a diverse array of services and activities aimed at wellness that includes accessible educational materials, in multiple languages.



JOIN US!

We host our monthly hybrid meetings on the first Wednesday of every month from 6PM - 7:30PM.

IN PERSON AT:

Le Maota Community Space:
833 Mahler Road STE 5 Burlingame, CA 94010

ZOOM:

Please contact the Co-Chair for the Zoom info.

Stipends are available for community members and clients who attend our meetings.