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NAPCA Surveys AAPI-Serving Organizations

[Seattle, WA] - The National Asian Pacific Center on Aging issued a report on the results of a needs assessment survey it conducted among AAPI-serving community-based organizations (CBOs) across the nation. The report illustrates the extent to which AAPI-serving CBOs vary in programming, resources, and clientele, and identifies the service gaps and barriers to information and resources of the AAPI older adult community.

Responding CBOs reported that while health/medical care, economic security, and housing are top priority issues for AAPI elders, they feel that social isolation, transportation, and mental health are key issues for AAPI elders that are not being adequately addressed in AAPI communities. Language, transportation, and cultural appropriateness were identified as the main barriers for AAPI elders to accessing information and resources.

"We will use the results from this survey to work with our community partners to improve upon existing services and to address the unmet needs of the AAPI community," says Christine Takada, NAPCA President and CEO. "We greatly appreciate these organizations for their feedback and for providing essential services to this population."

For a copy of the report or more information, please contact Karen Blacher, Research Associate, at Karen@napca.org.

NAPCA is the leading advocacy and service organization committed to the dignity, well-being, and quality of life of Asian American and Pacific Islander elders as they age.

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