Our Work

- Incarcerated Support Work: 50%
- Immigration: 10%
- Healing & Mentorship: 10%
- Advocacy: 10%
- Community Building: 10%
- Leadership Building: 10%
Why do we do this support work?

We can bring in community members who can serve incarcerated API individuals better than what DOC has in place. Our understanding and experiences of API incarceration are unique, and participation by the larger community can really help people inside.
Support Work 50%

- Annual API Cultural Banquet in the 5 prisons
  - Fundraising
  - Mobile community and formerly incarcerated
  - Supplies for the cultural banquet

- Education/Workshops
  - Book drive
  - Peer2Volunteer
  - Immigration
  - Social Justice
  - Job readiness
  - Anti-Violence, Internalize Oppression, & Gender Violence

- Early Release / Clemency
  - Letter of Support
- Programs
  - Youth Summit
  - Asian Studies
  - Cultural Domestic Violence Course
  - Independent Studies
  - Writing for the International Examiner
  - Building Leadership and Organizing skill with the APICAG
- Prison Advocacy
- Weekly Support (Check-ins by phone)
  - Correctional Industries
  - Education
Immigration 10%
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- Assisting with individual cases
- Putting money on individual phone accounts
- Visiting individuals at the NWDC
- Media
- Connecting with families
Advocacy 10%
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- Discuss issues happening to our communities to local and state representatives
- Work with our US representatives on the fight against deportations
- Ending the School-To-Prison-To-Deportation pipeline
Leadership Building 10%
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- Send our members across the country to workshops and trainings
- Send our members to Leadership Advocacy Training to SEARAC (Southeast Asian Resource Action Center)
- Attend and work with our allies on events and actions
Community Building & Organizing
10%
Community Building & Organizing 10%

- Community Events
  - Holding Our Stories (2016)
  - Upcoming Family Dinner Event (2018)
  - Know your Rights Immigration Workshop (2017 ongoing)

- Educating the Community
  - APIs in prison and experiences
Healing & Mentorship 10%
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- Hold monthly Healing Circles with members of FIGHT
- Support & mentor individuals when they are released
- Teach individuals about social justice issues and participation in community events
- Address experiences of institutionalization
- Understand our roots
- Work and learn from Asian Prisoner Support Committee (APSC) & Asian Pacific Islander Reentry of Orange County (APIROC)
Barriers & Obstacles

- Lack of family support
- Not enough culturally relevant programs
- Not enough community support
- Hard for some of us to work with DOC
- No parole system
- Individuals with ICE detainers are not able to go to a work camp or work release
- Commutes to prisons are costly
How to support FIGHT

- Funding
  - Supplies
  - Travel for members and volunteers to the prisons
  - Intern

- Volunteers
  - Educators
  - Speakers
  - Community Members to teach cultural dances

- Sponsors for API groups in prisons

- More support for families of currently incarcerated

- Jobs for undocumented and currently released

- Housing for recently released individuals
Thank you CAPAA!