

# Letter of Greeting



Dear Conference Participants,

On behalf of the conference hosting organizations, Asian Alliance for Health (AAFH), Asian American Research Center on Health (ARCH), and the Conference Planning Committee it is an honor to welcome you all to the conference on Advancing Health and Wellness with Cultural Humility in Asian and Asian American Communities. Both AAFH and ARCH share a common vision of creating a safer and healthier Asian community through partnership.

AAFH was established in 2012 with a mission to promote a healthy and violence-free Asian community by providing culturally appropriate education programs and services, engaging in community-based participatory research and advocating for the vulnerable through local, national and global partnerships.

ARCH was established to be a leader in Asian American health research to promote health and health equity in partnership with Asian American communities. ARCH includes prominent researchers, community leaders, and clinicians in the San Francisco Bay Area.

We have made tremendous strides in advancing Asian and Asian American health, however there is still much more work to be done in many areas, including mental health, domestic violence prevention and human trafficking, chronic disease, substance use, and the breaking of barriers when it comes to topics such as the use of traditional complementary medicine and proactive cancer screenings. The purpose of this conference is to bring together community providers and academic researchers to explore using evidence-based strategies when addressing these pressing issues, ultimately leveraging each other's strengths and resources to advance Asian and Asian American health with humility and competence. We hope that this conference will help build and strengthen lasting community-academic partnerships that will enable us to better serve our communities.

Thank you all for participating in this conference and for your outstanding efforts in meeting the needs of the Asian community.

Sincerely,

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