



## The Asian Health Coalition expands partnerships with community-based and national organizations to support the *All of Us* Research Program

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Continuing a national effort to engage Asian Americans, Native Hawaiians, and Pacific Islanders (AANHPIs) in the *All of Us* Research Program, the Asian Health Coalition is partnering with 20 community-based organizations and two national organizations to form the *Asian Engagement and Recruitment Core* (ARC).

The National Institutes of Health's *All of Us* Research Program is a key element of the Precision Medicine Initiative (PMI) launched by the Obama Administration in 2015. Precision medicine is an approach to tailoring disease prevention and treatment that accounts for genetic, environmental, and lifestyle factors in providing targeted medical interventions.

The All of Us Research Program will enroll at least one million people from across the United States to participate in building one of the most diverse biomedical databases in history. This rich information is utilized by researchers to develop and uncover new and targeted ways to treat and prevent disease.

The following organizations have been selected to partner with the Asian Health Coalition and form the ARC:

- Arab-American Family Support Center (Brooklyn, NY)
- Asian Media Access (Minneapolis, MN)
- Asian Pacific American Medical Student Association (National)
- Asian Women for Health (Somerville, MA)
- Asians and Pacific Islanders with Disabilities of California (Los Angeles, CA)
- Center for Southeast Asians (Providence, RI)
- Colorado Alliance for Health Equity and Practice (Denver, CO)
- Greater Boston Chinese Golden Age Center (Boston, MA)
- India Home Inc. (Jamaica, NY)
- Korean Community Service Center (Annandale, VA)
- Light and Salt Association (Houston, TX)
- LTSC Community Development Corp (Los Angeles, CA)

- National Tongan American Society (Salt Lake City, UT)
- Ohio Asian American Health Coalition (Columbus, OH)
- Orange County Asian Pacific Islander Community Alliance (Orange County, CA)
- Pacific Islander Health Board of Washington (Seattle, WA)
- Philippine Nurses Association of America Foundation (National)
- South Asian American Policy and Research Institute, in collaboration with Indo-American Center (Chicago, IL)
- Tucson Chinese Cultural Center (Tucson, AZ)
- Vietnamese American Cancer Foundation (Fountain Valley, CA)
- Waikiki Health (Honolulu, HI)
- Xilin Association (Chicago, IL)





The goal of the ARC is to shape and implement the *All of Us* Research Program strategy tailored to AANHPI communities and create culturally appropriate, cost-effective, and scalable education and outreach. The Asian Health Coalition will provide training and technical support and lead collaborative efforts among and within the ARC cohort to drive *All of Us* engagement and participation of AANHPI communities.

"The Asian Engagement and Recruitment Core will help build vital connections with groups nationwide to ensure our participants reflect the cultural diversity of the broader AANHPI community," said Karriem Watson, D.H.Sc., M.S., M.P.H., chief engagement officer of the *All of Us* Research Program. "Together, we can create a healthier future for all of us."

"The ARC partners will continue their vital role to engage and recruit AANHPI communities," says Fornessa T. Randal, Executive Director of the Asian Health Coalition. "We will build upon the numbers and ensure that our voices and bodies are more fully represented in biomedical research."

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The <u>Asian Health Coalition</u> is a non-profit 501(c)(3) with a mission to improve the health and wellness of Asian and African immigrants, among other ethnic minority communities through advocacy, technical assistance, community-based education, and research.

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