The National Technical Assistance Center for Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders (NTAC-AAPI) with Disabilities
in cooperation with the
Federal Asian Pacific American Council (FAPAC)

Vocational Rehabilitation Reps and Community Based Rehabilitation Personnel . . .

Looking to gain extra continuing education credits?  
Want more knowledge of diverse populations with disabilities? 

Learn practical applications of working with Asian Pacific Islanders with disabilities during this exciting and stimulating day training session in sunny San Francisco, California! This training institute will focus on outreaching to employers of and communities of Asian American and Pacific Islander communities with disabilities. Explorations of Asian Pacific Islanders as a highly diversified group in the context of disability will be discussed. Culturally appropriate strategies, family, and the role of community in terms of networking for positive outcomes concerning employment for APA’s with disabilities will also be addressed. Free breakfast and lunch will be included.

During the 21st May 2004 – 8 a.m – 4 p.m.
One day training institute for vocational rehabilitation representatives and community based rehabilitation personnel.

At the
Hyatt Regency Hotel in San Francisco 
5 Embarcadero Center 
San Francisco, CA 
94111

415-788-1234 or 1-800-233-1234 or log onto www.Hyatt.com

• Remember to register early . . . !
First Come, First Served! Those who register early are given first priority and will be able to secure a five star hotel room at the Hyatt (See Below).

LODGING:
Hotel accommodations are at FAPAC’s group rate at the Hyatt in San Francisco for $139 per night. Please book your room by April 23rd 2004. All reservations must be made individually. You must state that you are with the FAPAC conference and give the Group Code “G-FAPA” to get the FAPAC rate. For those with special needs, please state what you will need when you call the hotel.

*For further questions, please contact Amy Nawatani at 808-956-0947 or amy.nawatani@cds.hawaii.edu
Registration:

Please fill out the registration form below by April 15th 2004 and **fax this page** to:

NTAC-AAPI. Attn: Amy Nawatani facsimile: (808) 956-7878.

Remember to obtain a badge when entering the NTAC-AAPI sponsored events.

Full Name Including Title __________________________________________________

Full Address ___________________________________________________________________

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Contact Number __________________________________________________________________

Email Address ___________________________________________________________________

Affiliation with NTAC-AAPI _____________________________________________________

NTAC-AAPI event which you plan to attend (one hour workshop, one day training session, exhibit booth)

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**Special Needs:**
(Place an X next to special needs accommodations)

Wheelchair Accessible Room ____________
Audio Materials ______________
Interpreter Services ______________
Room Near Elevator ______________
Braille Materials ______________
Large Print ______________
Other (Please Specify) ______________

Do you plan to reserve a room at the Hyatt Regency? __________

( Remember to give the Hotel the group code “G-FAPA” to get FAPAC’s reduced rates.)
(*DRAFT) Agenda of Day Long Training Session:
* Draft will be revised to include Chicano Latino’s and Native American’s with Disabilities
* Conference Rooms TBA

Gayle Palumbo, Rehabilitation Services Administration Program Specialist

Paul Leung, Ph.D., Department of Rehabilitation, Social Work and Addictions, University of North Texas

Nanzhang Hampton, Ph.D., Certified Rehabilitation Counselor, University of Massachusetts-Boston

Amy Nawatani, Conference coordinator, NTAC-AAPI with disabilities at the Center for Disability Studies, at the University of Hawaii, Manoa.

Jessica Villaruz, Outreach coordinator, NTAC-AAPI with disabilities at the Center for Disability Studies, at the University of Hawaii, Manoa.

Panel Presenters, TBA

FAPAC Outline

Title: Vocational Rehabilitation and Asian Pacific Americans

Learning Goals:

Provide an overview of Asian Pacific Islander Americans in the United States
Review perspectives of disability and rehabilitation among Asian Pacific Islander Americans
Suggest culturally competent counseling skills that meet the needs of Asian Pacific Americans with disabilities and their families.

Contents

Morning Session

8am-12pm

Welcome (15min) by Gayle Palumbo

Introduction (30 min)

AAPI’s Who, What, and Why? (60 min)
This session will explore laws, important events, and 2000 census and other data about Asian Pacific Islander Americans in the United States. We will also examine AAPI Myths and Realities including notions such as AAPI’s as a model minority, perpetual foreigners and honorary whites. Between group differences as well as immigration, acculturation and generational differences will be described.

Traditions, Values of AAPI’s (60 min)

This session will explore the diversity of Asian Pacific Americans with regard to cultures, languages, customs, religions. Individualism vs collectivism and other world views that may impact behavior will be described along with some attention to philosophical perspectives such as Confucianism on family member roles and responsibilities.

**Lunch 12-1pm**

**1-2:20 – Outreach strategies by Jessica Villaruz, NTAC Outreach Coordinator**

**Afternoon Session**

**2:30 – 4pm**

Empowering Asian Pacific Islander Americans with Disabilities and Their Families

Panel Session (90min) – (Amy Nawatani (NTAC-AAPI with disabilities, conference coordinator Jean Lin, Others TBA)

Panel members will be asked to share their disability experiences related to their own ethnic group and the AAPI population in general. Members will also be asked to relate what they believe VR counselors should know about AAPI’s and working with AAPI’s in the rehabilitation process.

Applying Culturally Appropriate Strategies in a VR Context (60 min)

Paul and Nan

This session will discuss culturally appropriate counseling skills that will help state VR counselors and community-based rehabilitation personnel enhance their ability to work with Asian Pacific Islander Americans with disabilities and/or their families (e.g., high school students in transition from school-to-work, working age adults, and elderly APA. What can VR counselors do that will facilitate VR for AAPI’s and their families. There will also be focus on outreach to AAPI communities. Resources and effective ways of working with various Asian Pacific American communities will be explored.

Summary (30 min) and Evaluation
At the end of the conference please remember to fill out the survey passed out after the day long training session or downloaded on the [www.ntac.hawaii.edu](http://www.ntac.hawaii.edu) website