

A statement from the AUSD Asian Pacific Islander Parent Engagement Group founders on the Atlanta mass shootings.

Dear Community,

We are heartbroken by the recent tragedy of the eight lives lost--six of whom are Asian women--horrendously murdered at three Atlanta massage parlors. They deserve justice and to be known in their life and not just in their death. From what has been released, their names are Xiaojie Tan, Delaina Ashley Yaun, Daoyou Feng, Julie Park, and Hyun Jung Kim. They are mothers, a small business owner, a former school teacher, and a new bride on a date with her husband at the time of the incident. You can learn more about [their lives here](#) and [here](#).

The shooting in Georgia highlights the deeply overlooked history of hypersexualization and discrimination against Asian and Asian American women, especially as so many Asian immigrant women with limited-English proficiency work in unprotected, low-wage service industries, like nail salons and spas, for survival. They are often targeted for economic exploitation and sexual violence, while they strive to make ends meet or provide for their families. Their hopes, dreams, and struggles are universal to the immigrant experience and are part of the fabric of our collective API stories in this country.

There is no doubt that this news is traumatic for many as we continue to face increased violence and hate in our community across the nation. We encourage everyone to take care of themselves--from reaching out, getting access to resources, and sharing information to supporting the survivors or organizations rooted in the work of serving our most vulnerable community members. We hope the select resources and organizations below offer a starting point for you and your family.

Our presence and work to advocate for our API students in the school district--including educating on our history, celebrating our milestones, and coming together as one collective voice--and build solidarity with other communities are more important than ever.

Resources

- How to talk to kids about [racism and racial violence](#), [violence in the news](#), [violence, crime and war](#), and [difficult subjects](#)
- [Explaining the news to our kids](#)
- [How White Parents Can Use Media to Raise Anti-Racist Kids](#)
- [Self-Care Tips For Asian Americans Dealing With Racism Amid Coronavirus](#)
- [5 Asian-Founded Mental Wellbeing Resources](#)

Donate

- [Asian Americans Advancing Justice - Atlanta](#): Protects the civil and human rights of Asian Americans in Georgia and the Southeast
- [Canary Song](#): A grassroots Chinese massage parlor worker coalition that fights for workers' labor rights is working to redirect donations to the families in Georgia

- [Butterfly Asian & Migrant Sex Workers Network](#): Advocates for the rights of Asian migrant sex workers by providing support and access to health, social, labour, and legal rights and services
- [National Asian Pacific American Women's Forum \(NAPAWF\) - Georgia Chapter](#): Focuses on building power with AAPI women and girls to influence critical decisions that affect their lives, families and communities

Reporting & Community Safety

- [Stop AAPI Hate](#): Tracks AAPI hate incidents during the pandemic. To date, they have almost 4,000 incidents reported in 2020 associated with COVID-19, which is only a fraction of the incidents that occurred because many are unreported.
- [Compassion in Oakland](#): Volunteer to chaperone an elder in Oakland to offer support and safety
- [Oakland Chinatown Coalition Community Strolling Program](#): Volunteer to keep Chinatown clean and safe by handing out red envelopes, trash pick up, and foot patrol.
- [We Are Not a Virus](#): A student-led organization to fight racial injustice and COVID misinformation.
- [Hollaback! Bystander Intervention Training](#): API-specific bystander intervention training is available for free (remote option).

Media Library

- Books
 - Asian American books for [kids and teens](#), [young adults](#) and [grown-ups](#)
 - [Five Books to Educate Yourself on Anti-Asian Racism in America](#)
- TV
 - [TV about racism and social justice](#)
 - [TV shows with diverse characters](#)
- Films/Movies
 - [The 20 best Asian American films of the last 20 years](#)
 - PBS [Asian Americans](#) (2020): 5 hour documentary (broken out by one-hour segments) on the diverse history of Asian Americans in this country
- Podcasts
 - List of [Asian American podcasts](#)
- Apps & Games
 - [Apps and games with diverse characters](#)