



HOW WE CAN #STOPTHEHATE

An impact report on the Stop the Hate
Los Angeles Grant Program (2023–2025)

More than 30 bomb threats made in Springfield, Ohio, after false pets claims

Chaos & Cruelty: Trump Deploys Thousands of Soldiers to Put Down Anti-ICE Protests in Los Angeles

Hate crimes in L.A. County
'continue at record levels,' new report finds

Assaulted. Harassed. This is the reality for Asian Americans
a year after the Atlanta spa shootings

Trump's 'Kung flu' slur, pervasive scapegoating recall a brutal decades-old hate crime

Anti-immigrant rhetoric sparks fears of more hate crimes against Latinos

Trump's tirade puts San Diego Somali community on edge.
'We are not garbage. We are neighbors.'

'Proud gay' California dad dies 2 months after 'hate crime' attack

HATE ACTS

HATE POLICY

HATE RHETORIC

HATE IS PERVASIVE

801,000 people in Los Angeles County directly experienced a hate incident in 2024.* With the flood of harmful rhetoric and discriminatory policies ushering in this chapter of America, a wave of hate is rising with it.

We've seen it happen, from the era of Jim Crow laws and the AIDS Epidemic to the post-9/11 surveillance of Islamic communities and the scapegoating of Asians during the pandemic. When hate goes unchecked, families are impacted for generations to come.

The historical and continuing attacks on Asian, Black, Indigenous, Latinx, LGBTQ+, and Pacific Islander communities, as well as Jewish and Muslim communities and people with disabilities call for a creative and multi-faceted solution from the ground up.

In 2020, scapegoating rhetoric like Trump's "China virus" and "kung-flu virus" fueled senseless hate incidents and sounded the alarm, locally and nationally, for immediate action.

*The 2024 California Health Interview Survey

CALIFORNIA FIGHTS BACK

California answered this call by passing the historic \$165.5 million Asian Pacific Islander (API) Equity Budget and creating the Stop the Hate program to support the growing number of Californians affected by hate.

As trusted entities, community-based organizations are often the first place people turn to for support and resources.* By partnering with 180 organizations across the state, Stop the Hate is a cost-efficient network addressing hate in California through direct, prevention, and intervention services.

180

Stop the Hate partners serve Asian, Black, Indigenous, Latinx, LGBTQ+, and Pacific Islander communities, as well as Jewish and Muslim communities and people with disabilities, ensuring a California for all.



*The California Civil Rights Department Commission on The State of Hate Annual Report (2023-2024)

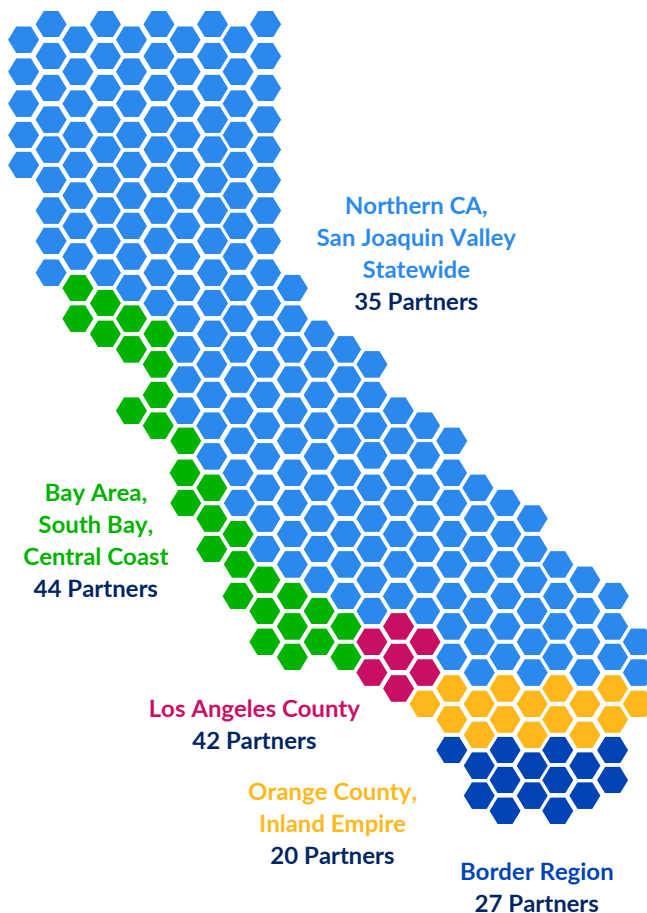
STOP THE HATE FOR CALIFORNIA

From 2022 to 2024, Stop the Hate helped heal California by supporting **nearly 2 million** residents in addressing and recovering from hate incidents and crimes.

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I heard “Making America great again, one beaner at a time” as I was beaten in front of my home. After being released from the hospital, my injuries kept me out of work for weeks and I no longer felt safe at home. My lifeline was the YWCA of San Diego County—they provided safety planning and financial assistance to support my recovery. Thank you, YWCA, I have a renewed hope for humanity and I know that joy, safety, and peace are still possible.

—Woman, Hispanic, San Diego



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Legal services, navigation & case management, mental health, community healing



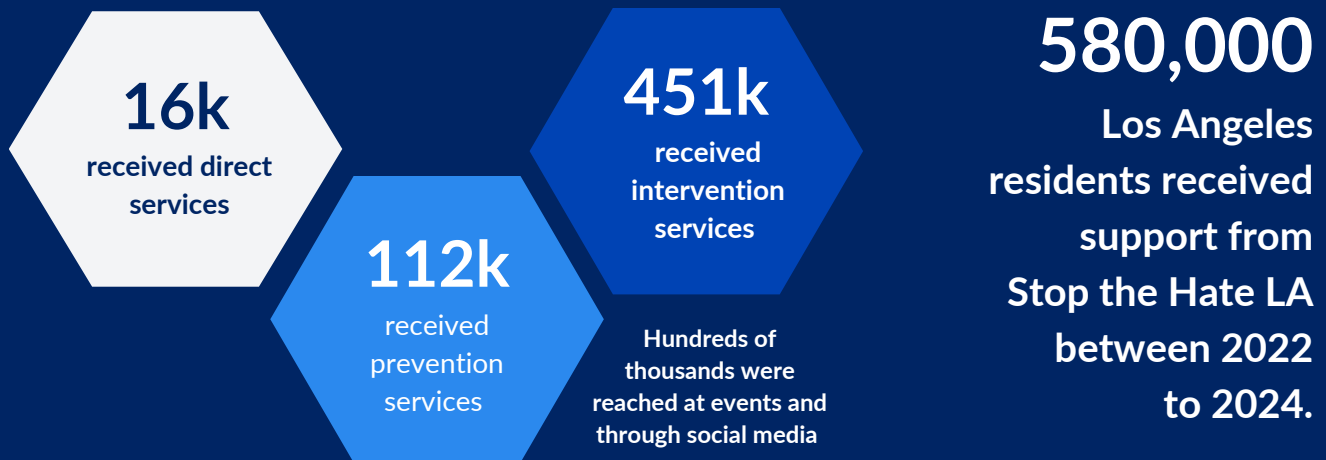
Arts & cultural work, youth development, senior safety, safety planning & training, cross-racial alliance work



Outreach, training, restorative justice, coordinated rapid response, coordination with government and partners

STOP THE HATE FOR LOS ANGELES

Stop the Hate LA demonstrates unique success in providing critical services and support at a low cost of **\$18 per person**.



\$28.5M was allocated to local organizations meeting community members where they are, in the languages they speak, and with culturally-relevant resources they trust. As the Los Angeles County Regional Lead, AAPI Equity Alliance supports 42 partners dedicated to fostering healthy communities.

“*'Ch*nk!' 'Ch*ng Ch*ng!' is what I heard every day at work. Even as a manager, my colleagues made fun of my accent and undermined me because I'm Korean. I feared losing my job if I spoke up. Over time, my anxiety worsened, causing me sleepless nights, so I reached out for help. Korean American Family Services provided me with culturally affirming counseling sessions. We worked on boosting my confidence and creating a workplace safety plan. Four months later, I spoke out against the discrimination and demanded to be treated with dignity and respect. My workplace also held a cultural bias and diversity training for all staff, so that what happened to me, wouldn't happen to anyone else.*

—Woman, Korean, Los Angeles



WE CAN STAND UP TO HATE

Through Stop the Hate, legislators and communities are leading with values of safety, accountability, and justice because:

- Everyone in California deserves to feel safe
- Everyone in California deserves to belong
- Everyone in California deserves to be treated with respect and dignity



SAFETY

After encountering institutional and societal barriers to their needs, people who experienced hate were able to reclaim their sense of safety through Stop the Hate services and begin their journey towards recovery.



Paz

Helen, a **transgender, Latina woman**, was heading out when she heard, *"We're going to call ICE on you."* It was the landlord's relative harassing her again. Helen was terrified of being forced out and **losing her home** if she spoke up.

After many **threats of deportation**, Helen decided to reach out to **St. John's Community Health**, who helped her file a police report, **relocated her to safety** and provided mental health services. *"I finally have paz (peace) when I come home,"* said Helen.

"You're the Problem!"

Charmaine needs a nearby gym with a warm pool to maintain her health as **someone with a disability**. During one of her visits, her wheelchair got caught on the gym mat and she almost fell over. Charmaine then decided to take the elevator, but it stalled and trapped her inside. She pressed the emergency button, called the front desk, screamed out for help, and eventually **called 911**.

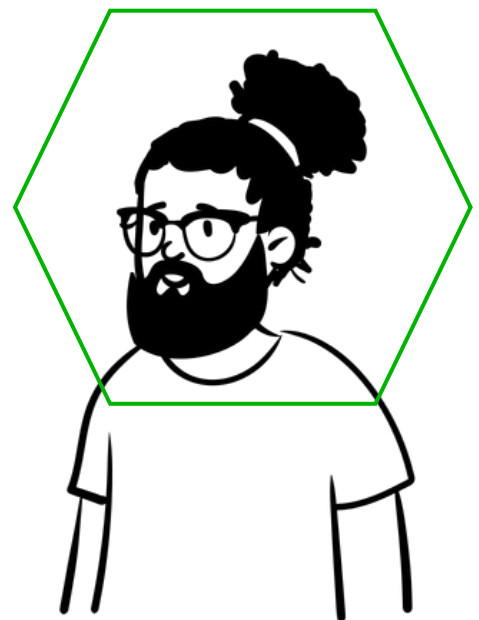
When Charmaine returned to the gym a few days later, she was met with hatred by the gym owner: *"You know you're the problem! Don't come back here, this is a gym for real athletes!"* She left feeling angry, confused and humiliated.

Charmaine was connected with **Communities Actively Living Independent & Free (CALIF)** through the 211 LA hotline number. They helped Charmaine get into the Mobility Program, and provided **resources for free transportation and gym memberships**.

They followed me home.

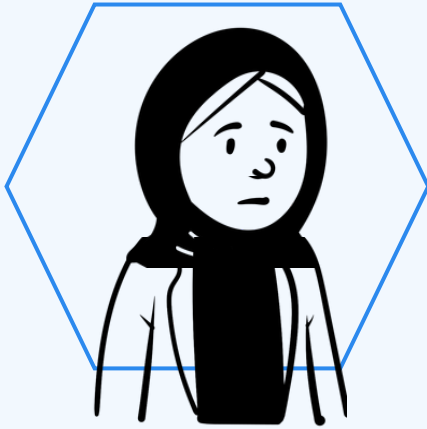
David was getting off the bus when he heard, *"Fight like a man. You're a p*ssy. You're a b*tch,"* from a group of boys. One of them grabbed a metal rod and **beat David**, putting him in a **week-long coma** and leaving him with **ongoing PTSD**.

St. John's Community Health provided David with medical care, **mental health support**, and **legal services for victims of crime**, regardless of his **undocumented status**. They also helped David relocate to a safer neighborhood.



ACCOUNTABILITY

With the guidance of Stop the Hate service providers, people gained knowledge to hold perpetrators of hate accountable and fought for change instead of accepting the status-quo.



“Take it off or leave!”

Afghan-American Maissa wore her hijab to work as a grocery store employee, but her manager said, ***“either you take it off or leave.”*** Maissa notified HR and left. Another manager called her after, saying she was allowed to wear her hijab. Maissa expressed that she felt anxious, uncertain and scared about **her safety at work**, so she stayed home. The managers then retaliated and said ***“because of your refusal to return, you’re now at risk for termination.”***

The Council on American-Islamic Relations (CAIR) – LA helped Maissa write a **religious accommodation letter** to officially notify her employers. The next day, her manager said he would never act the way he did again. Now, Maissa feels protected at work and has since been **free of discrimination**.

Safety is a Privilege

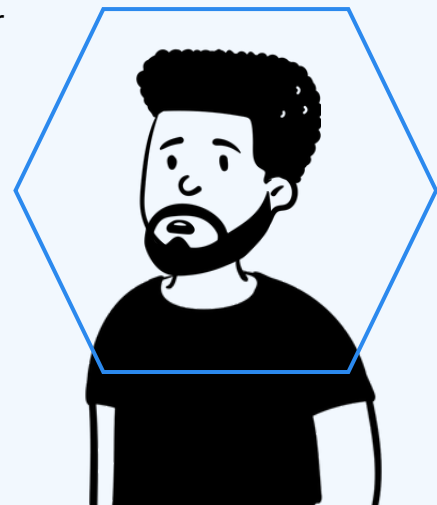
In Long Beach, a group of kids banged on Megan's front door for months and ran away. Megan, a **transgender high school student**, and her dad went to confront them when the kids playing with a BB gun shouted, ***“Fa**ot! Tr*nny!”*** Megan’s dad filed a police report, only to be dismissed for being ***“scared of little kids.”***

The LGBTQ Center Long Beach’s legal service team guided her parents on how to press charges, and this time, the harassment stopped. One of the kid’s parents also asked to meet with Megan’s parents. The Center **counseled Megan and her family** and facilitated the meeting. Megan’s mom expressed, ***“The only place we have to feel safe is our home, and your kid took that from us.”*** After 4 months of being targeted, the harassment finally stopped.

Words Matter, Choose Wisely

Students in Mr. B’s classroom passed around a school laptop with ***“F*ck Ni**ers, KKK for life”*** carved onto it. He asked the **211 LA Dream Center** at his East LA high school for their help. The Dream Center provided Mr. B the tools to **address the hate without pressing charges**. They also ran an **anti-hate workshop** to help students think critically about the impact of their words.

In the end, the student who carved the words expressed his regret openly and sincerely, taking accountability for his actions. Other students felt motivated to do more and led a campaign called ***“Words Matter, Choose Wisely,”*** posting flyers and sharing social media videos to spread the message: **Hateful words cause lasting harm.**

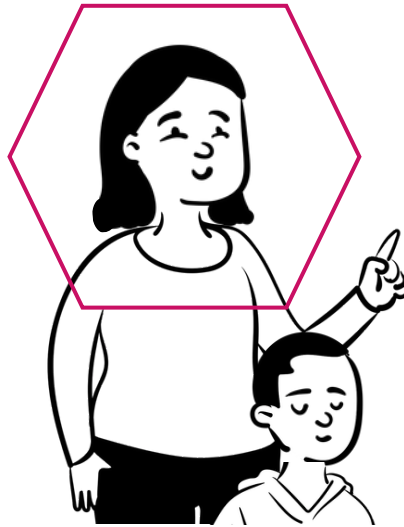


“How can I help a kid like that?”

During recess at Larchmont Charter School, a group of bullies wrapped a hula hoop around **Korean-American friends** Hayden and Erin, and began punching and kicking them. When Hayden’s mom sought help from the principal, he **mocked Hayden’s droopy eye**, saying, “*How can I help a kid like that?*”

Hayden and Erin **visited the ER** multiple times after the **head beatings**. Hayden eventually had to have surgery, causing him headaches that made it difficult to concentrate in class and participate in sports. Even now, Erin suffers from **crippling anxiety**, causing him to experience ongoing stomach issues.

Since the attack, Hayden suffers from **psychological trauma** and needs his mom’s care 24/7, **keeping her from working** and earning a living. **Through Peace** supported the families with **in-language counseling**, finding a new school, and assisted with **reporting the incident** to the California Civil Rights Department to help get them restitution.



Skin Too Yellow

Nick felt **unsafe** after being told by his colleagues that his “*skin was too yellow*” and to “*go back to China*,” even though he is Korean-American. He began avoiding social interactions at work and developed **debilitating anxiety**.

Korean American Family Services (KFAM) provided therapy sessions, where Nick learned grounding techniques, **identified his triggers**, and gained coping skills. With a new sense of security, Nick **filed an official complaint to HR**, and one of the perpetrators was then fired. Nick’s anxiety improved and he was finally “*ready to get back to his life*.”

A Traumatic Robbery

A Chinese woman, Mei, and her two coworkers were ending their shift at a massage parlor in Bellflower. Suddenly, around 9pm, three men barged in **threatening them with a gun and knife**, and pushing them back inside the store. One man yelled, “*F*ck you. You f*cking Asian prostitutes!*” as they robbed the business.

Mei and her coworkers were left bruised, frightened and in tears. With **limited English**, Mei managed to call the police and report the robbery. That night, she started having nightmares, eventually falling into a **deep depression**, which prevented her from being able to work.

Access to Prevention Advocacy Intervention & Treatment (APAIT) helped Mei properly report the hate crime, **access mental health** and legal resources, and **practice self-defense strategies**. They also helped Mei obtain a work permit and **enroll in English classes**, affording her with better opportunities in her future.

JUSTICE

By meeting people where they’re at, with culturally-relevant resources they trust, Stop the Hate services provide people with a sense of closure, affirming that justice is possible for all.

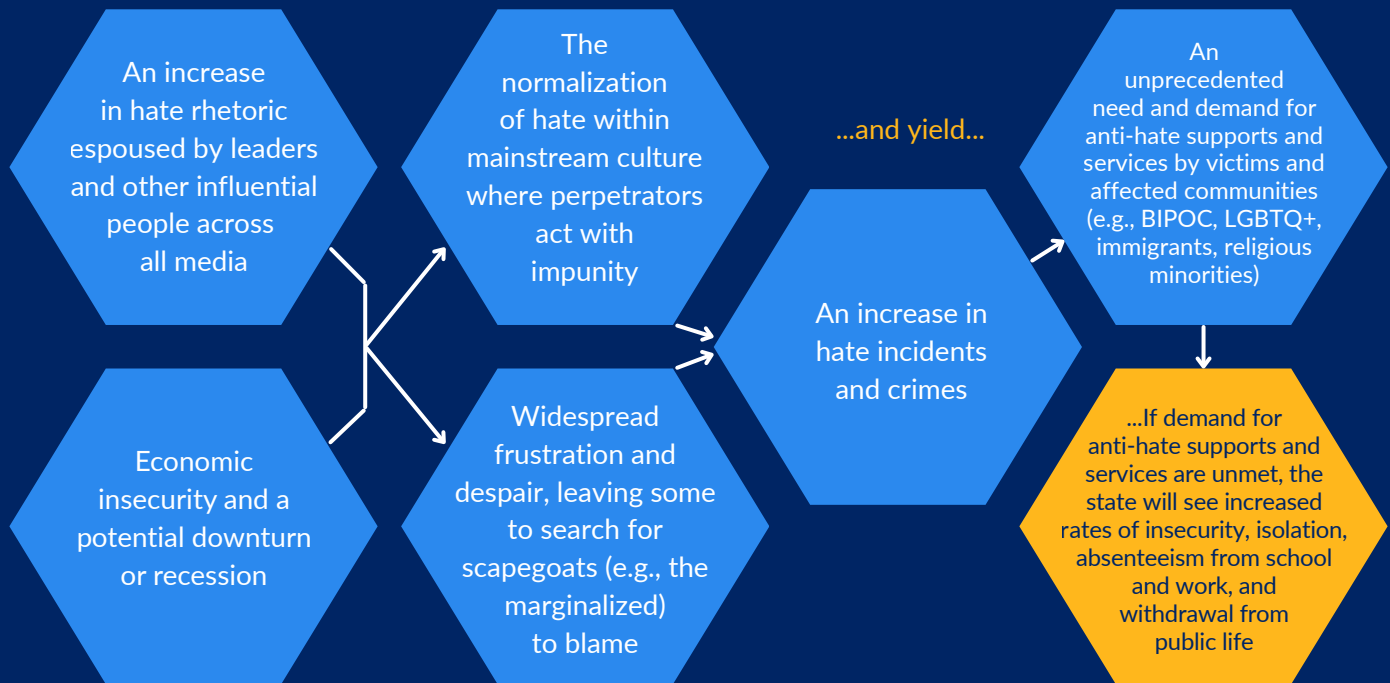
THE COURSE OF HATE

Hateful *rhetoric* leads to hateful *policies* that can and often do lead to hate *acts* against everyday people in ordinary life.

Dramatic shifts in the political & economic climate such as...

...will lead to the following...

...which will result in...



Source: Adapted from New York State Nurses Association: "Public Health Alert: Hate Crimes."

CALIFORNIA IS NO PLACE FOR HATE

Given the rise in xenophobic, Islamophobic and antisemitic rhetoric as well as the racist, homophobic and anti-immigrant policies, it is critical to provide resources and services to stop the increase in hate acts and mitigate the harm they cause.

With a renewal in funding of the Stop the Hate program, California has the opportunity to protect its residents and ensure their ongoing wellbeing with a cost-efficient blueprint for a social safety net in the face of hate.

OUR VISION

California is home to some of the most diverse communities in the nation; it should be a place where people from all walks of life can live safely and thrive alongside one another.

Everyone deserves to live life freely without being attacked based on traits beyond their control. In a time of rising hate, the Stop the Hate program speaks to the powerful collaboration of government and community organizations in responding to hate and providing support to California residents. Together we have a proven strategy to continue ensuring a productive, safe, and joyful California for all.

ABOUT AAPI EQUITY ALLIANCE

AAPI Equity Alliance (AAPI Equity) is a coalition of more than 50 community-based organizations serving the diverse needs of the 1.6 million Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders in Los Angeles County and beyond. It is dedicated to improving the lives of Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders through civic engagement, capacity building, and policy advocacy.

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