QTAPI Community Needs

While sharing needs and challenges with the broader LGBTQ+ and API populations, we as QTAPI (Queer, Trans Asian Pacific Islander) experience our own unique intersectional challenges stemming from generational trauma, language barriers, culturally insensitive resources, and stigmatization of LGBTQ+ identities.

Culturally Competent and Affordable Mental Healthcare

- In just the Bay Area, 74% of QTAPIs struggle to access care, compared to 56% of the overall LGBTQ+ community. Consequently, our attempted suicide rate is double that of the broader LGBTQ+ community.
- Cultural stigmas and accessibility issues discourage many who desire mental health support from getting care. Those who seek care struggle with prohibitive costs and culturally insensitive providers.
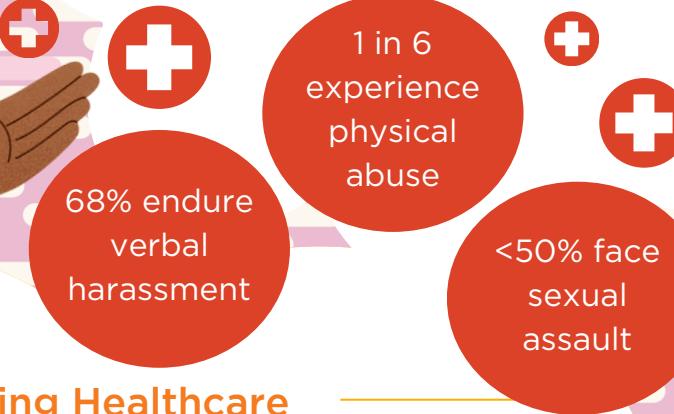
Housing Security

- Housing insecurity disproportionately affects AAPI and LGBTQ+ communities, especially trans femme QTAPI who experience gender-based harassment from housemates and landlords.
- More research is needed to understand why QTAPIs sacrifice comfort in their housing choice.

Supportive Violence and Harassment Responses

QTAPI communities experience both anti-Asian hate and anti-LGBTQ+ hate in their daily life, at home, and in the workplace.

1 in 6 experience physical abuse

68% endure verbal harassment

<50% face sexual assault

Respectful and Affirming Healthcare

- 1 in 10 QTAPI in Orange County avoid medical care due to fear of discrimination while 43% of QTAPI in the Bay Area feel uncomfortable visiting doctors. This deep-seated distrust of providers increases the risk of suffering from preventable illness.
- QTAPI patients encounter cultural and linguistic barriers, denial of gender affirming care, and medical practitioners who do not understand or are insensitive to the QTAPI experience.
- Only 38% of insured QTAPIs in Orange County have insurance providers that cover trans-related services.

Equitable Data Collection and Disaggregation

- CBOs are forced to shoulder the burden of researching QTAPI issues, but limited capacity and resources make comprehensive data collection challenging.
- Disaggregated intersectional data is critical to effectively identify and to address QTAPI needs.

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