

Incubating Culturally-Specific Organizations: The IowaCASA Model

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Please introduce yourself!

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Speakers

- Mira Yusef, Executive Director, Monsoon United Asian Women of Iowa
- Beth Barnhill, Executive Director, Iowa Coalition Against Sexual Assault

Monsoon

Monsoon United Asian Women of Iowa serves victims/survivors of DV & SA in Asian and Pacific Islander (API) communities in Iowa. Monsoon's mission is to end all forms of gender-based violence and build healthy communities through transformative justice and social change.



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IowaCASA



IowaCASA has 25 member sexual assault centers serving survivors of SA throughout IA. Staff members work on several initiatives: TA to member ctrs; training & certification to all SA and shelter advocates in the state; improving responses to SA within communities of color; RSP; statewide SA prevention; training for allied professionals; & national & state public policy efforts.

Iowa's Funding Structure



- Restructure with strategic and services planning.
- Many sources combined & allocated by formula.
- 6 multi-county services areas.
- Programs provide comprehensive SA, DV or shelter.

IowaCASA's History of Support for Culturally-Specific Orgs

Key that DV and SA coalition co-located

Latina promotoras

Deaf Iowans Against Abuse

Bosnian Group

History of Monsoon and IowaCASA Collaboration

- 2003 Mira interned with IowaCASA noted lack of services for API survivors
- Americorps grant helped Mira start Monsoon as part of IowaCASA with Beth's support as well as Becki Masaki then of SF Asian Women's Shelter.
- *DesMoines Register* columnist
- 2007 STOP funding helped Monsoon become a 501c(3)
- 2008 separate office

Key Ways IowaCASA supported Monsoon

- Sharing organizational development tools and information such as bylaws.
- Helping funders and community members understand the needs & approach of culturally-specific services.
- Trainings on trauma-informed services and background on service provision.

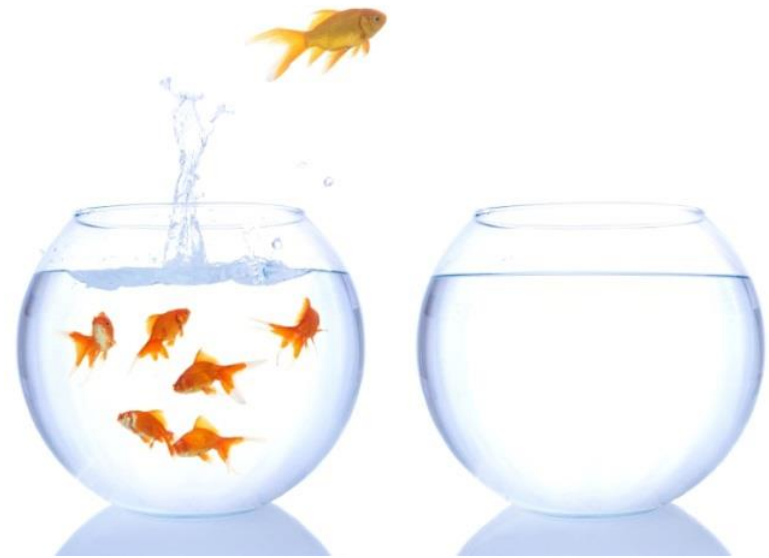


Challenges & How the Coalition Can Help

- Racism and privilege
- Service standards
- Organizing is necessary—clients won't come forward right away
- Working with local programs and advocates
- How to provide resources and services statewide

Successful Strategies for Launching new Orgs

- Modify service standards
- Include in networking meetings
- Be proactive about mentoring
- Share resources/templates
- Programs tour



Other Culturally-Specific Work of IowaCASA

- IowaCASA is currently supporting a new LGBT Project, Transformative Healing
- IowaCASA has supported several other culturally-specific organizations that have now become separate non-profits.

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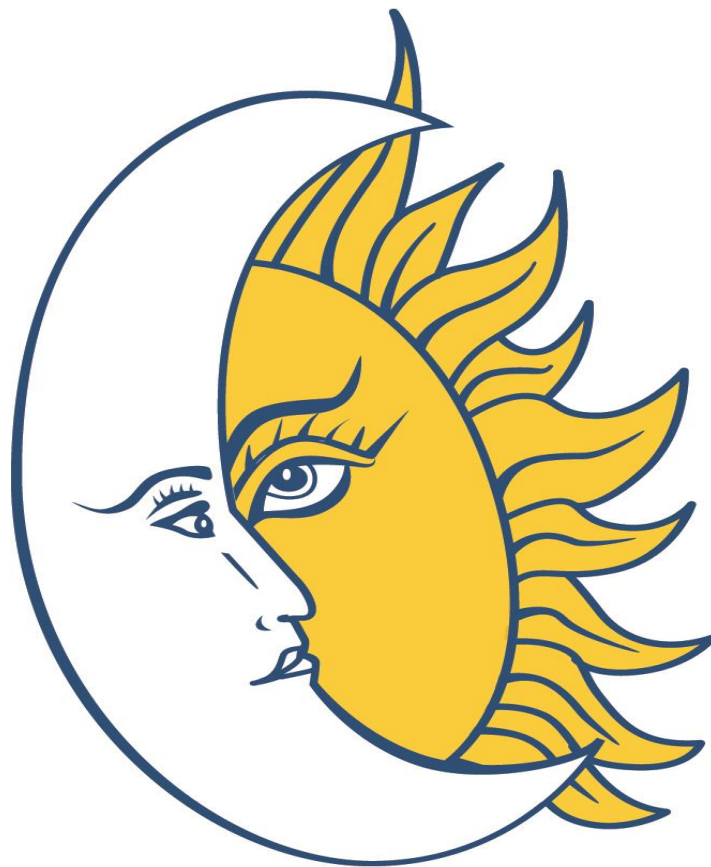
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Questions and Discussion



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