

# CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

## *The State of Asian American Children*

7:30 - 8:30 am

Registration and Breakfast

8:30 – 9:00 am

**Welcome Remarks**

9:00 - 9:15 am

**Morning Keynote**

9:15 – 9:30 am

**Overview of Key Report Findings**

9:30 – 10:30 am

### **PLENARY I**

#### Addressing the Myths and Realities of the Asian American Community

The past decade has been a sea change for Asian Americans. We have become far more visible in the consciousness of mainstream America. Our population numbers have increased, our votes have been heavily courted, more Asian American voters are in elected offices and high-level appointments, and we have garnered more influence in philanthropy. According to the 2012 Pew survey titled *The Rise of Asian Americans*, today's Asian Americans, on the whole, do not feel the sting of racial discrimination or burden of culturally imposed "otherness" that was so much a part of the experience of earlier generations. Also, some 31% of Asian Americans believe that when their children reach adulthood, they will have achieved a much higher standard of living. Is this sense of optimism a reflection of a widely shared societal view about the prospects for the next generation? To what extent could the experiences of Asian American children help inform social and educational policy toward all children on the national level? What educational, cultural, and philanthropic efforts would help Asian American children realize their potential to further enrich America's multiculturalism and global competitiveness? Have the needs of children from the poorer and less established Asian American communities been overlooked by policy makers and the philanthropic sector?

10:30 – 10:45 am

***Morning Break***

10:45 – 12:15 pm

### **WORKSHOP SESSION I**

- A. Education Policies: This panel will discuss whether current policies and programs are preparing our children for the development and education they need to succeed. Experts will examine whether schools and communities are adequately supporting the development of Asian children's social and emotional learning skills, identify potential solutions and strategic investment in early child development, and discuss how to close the achievement gap of English Language Learners.
- B. Social and Economic Policies: This panel will examine the impact of socioeconomic conditions of Asian American children. Discussions will focus on policy gaps in high-poverty communities, as well as the tools needed to support children living in poor communities.
- C. Health Access and Mental Health Assistance: This panel will discuss the overall health status of Asian American children, as well as the growing concerns about

depression among Asian adolescents and young adults. Experts will examine leading health concerns among Asian American children in general and those from immigrant working-poor communities in particular, in addition to the alarming uptick of suicidal ideation among adolescent girls.

12:15 - 2:00 pm

### **LUNCH**

#### ***Young Leaders Panel Discussion***

2:00 – 2:15 pm

### ***Afternoon Break***

2:15 – 3:45 pm

### **WORKSHOP SESSION II**

- A. Emerging Groups: The Asian groups with the fastest growing child population were outside of the five largest Asian groups. These populations represent more recently arrived Asian groups, such as Bangladeshi, Burmese and Nepalese. This panel will discuss the new cultural and linguistic experiences these children and their families bring to the country. The panel will also cover the impact of the high rates of limited English proficiency and limited service infrastructure and support. Finally, it will address how local governments, social service agencies, and other service providers need to adapt in order to help children from these groups to grow and thrive in their new homeland.
  
- B. Refugees: Panelists will discuss the experiences of refugee children who have spent their childhood in refugee camps or as children of refugees. Some groups have succeeded while others still struggle to build a life in the U.S. Experts will review factors that have contributed to the educational and economic achievements of some communities, and the barriers that have prevented others from breaking out of poverty.
  
- C. Challenges of Growing up Asian American: There are unique challenges to certain groups of Asian children as they grow up. Some of these challenges are cultural, social, economic, and/or political. This workshop will highlight three phenomena concerning “satellite” babies, adopted children, and the post-9/11 generation of South Asian/Muslim children. Their experiences are profound but not widely known or understood by the general public.

3:45 – 5:45 pm

### **PLENARY II**

#### **Philanthropy Roundtable**

The State of Asian American Children report highlights the demographics and socioeconomic status of our children, and the fact that while many kids have access to tools that will transition them smoothly into adulthood, there are children who are struggling to build critical life skills. Experts will explore the role of philanthropy in raising public awareness of these disparities, as well as influencing and redirecting policy and funding changes. They will also explore opportunities for realizing the possible synergy of efforts between established philanthropic institutions and community philanthropy that address the needs of Asian American children..

6:00 – 8:00 pm

### **RECEPTION**