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Monthly Newsletter

Happy Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month!

This month, we celebrate the contributions and experiences of our city's Asian and Pacific Islander communities. With a rich history in our city, Asian and Pacific Islander communities continue to be a thriving source of what makes Baltimore, Baltimore.

UPDATES FROM OUR OFFICE

Introducing new MIMA staff!

Joy Scalabrin

Prior to joining MIMA, Joy worked in college admissions and as a volunteer program coordinator for a community resource navigation program in East Baltimore. She comes to the office with direct service experience having served Baltimore's immigrant community in public school and healthcare settings as a social worker and case manager. Joy holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in Public Health Studies and Spanish from Johns Hopkins University and a Master of Social Work degree with a concentration in community action and social policy from the University of Maryland School of Social Work. Joy is proficient in Spanish and conversational in Korean.

Victoria Minka

Before joining MIMA, Victoria worked with Asian American & Pacific Islander (AA&PI) communities and advocates at the University of Michigan, coordinating university-wide communication and grant efforts. She has also worked in East Baltimore evaluating clinic navigator programs, which is where she first interfaced with Baltimore's immigrant community. Victoria is pursuing a Master of Science in Public Health (MSPH) degree from the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health with focuses in health advocacy, health communication, and community-based public health. She also holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in Community & Global Public Health from the University of Michigan.

COVID-19 UPDATES

Vaccination

CDC provides information on recommendations for staying up to date with COVID-19 in English and Spanish on the [CDC website](#). For more information on how to get vaccinated in Baltimore City, visit the [Baltimore City Health Department website](#).

Testing

Looking for free at-home tests? Visit your local [branch of the Enoch Pratt Free Library](#) to get free tests.

Treatment

If you have tested positive for COVID-19 and are having symptoms, there may be treatment available for you. These treatments are only for patients who are at high risk of severe covid illness. Those who may be eligible should contact their medical provider, clinic or urgent care facility.

CITY SERVICES

Recreation Center Summer Camps

Baltimore City Recreation and Parks host summer camps at recreation centers across the city from June 26- August 18. Camps range from \$25 to \$400 for the summer. A few spaces are still available at recreation centers in South Baltimore. Check out [more information about different summer camps](#). Sign up for camp at your local recreation center or get on the waiting list by [registering here](#).

WHAT'S NEW THIS MONTH?

Appeal health insurance denial through Maryland Insurance Administration

You have the right to appeal a denial by your health insurance company or HMO. If the denial of benefit involves an emergency case, the Maryland Insurance Administration is available **24/7** and can be reached at 800-492-6116. Want more information about how the process works? Check out the appeals and grievance process in [English](#), [Spanish](#) and [Korean](#).

Centro Sol men's sexual health survey

Are you a Latino man between the ages of 15 and 21? Help Centro Sol create an app about sexual health for you! Join Centro Sol's research study to create an app for young men to learn about sexual health before seeing a doctor. Participants will receive \$35 for their time. Interested? Fill out this form- <https://bit.ly/healthyoustudy>

Spark for Autism

Kennedy Krieger has partnered with SPARK to create the nation's largest online autism study. The aim is to speed up research and advance our understanding of autism to help improve lives.

- Individuals with autism (including adults), biological parents and siblings are encouraged to participate.
- Registration is easy and can be done entirely online.
- Participants provide a saliva sample using a collection kit shipped to their home, complete surveys, and may be invited to participate in other studies that are relevant to them.
- Participants will receive a gift card code, valued at up to \$50, once they've completed registration and returned samples.

This is a chance to make Autism research more representative of the community by having a strong Latine population take part! To learn more please visit SPARKforAutism.org/KKI/es or contact Fatima Salem at SalemF@kennedykrieger.org or 443-923-7571.

Boys and Girls Clubs in Baltimore

Did you know that Boys and Girls Clubs offer after school programs for youth ages 6-18 in Baltimore? For more information visit or call the Boys and Girls Club near you or [complete the application online](#) to become a member.

- O'Donnell Heights Club, 1200 Gusryan Street, Baltimore MD 21224 (443) 503-5965 (provides transportation from Holabird Academy and Graceland Park-O'Donnell Heights Elementary Middle School)
- Brooklyn O'Malley Club 3560 3rd Street, Baltimore, MD 21225 (410) 589-6558 (walks with students from Maree G Farring Elementary Middle School)
- The Door, 219 North Chester Street, Baltimore, MD 21231 (410) 675-3288 (ages 6-12)

Get your stolen food stamps and welfare (EBT benefits) back!

Over the last several months, more than 2,300 Maryland adults and families with Electronic Benefits Transfer (EBT) cards have had their food and cash benefits stolen from their accounts. The Maryland Department of Human Services (DHS) is launching a simple, seamless and swift process for reimbursing stolen benefits and getting your money back.

If you or someone you know has been personally affected by stolen EBT benefits, you can now submit a claim for reimbursements. Here's how:

1. Click the link to view the [EBT Fraud Claim Attestation form](#)
2. Complete the form
3. Type your name on the signature line of the form and click the submit button

For more information visit [this website](#) or call 1-833-330-7328. Outreach flyers are available in [English](#), [Spanish](#), [Arabic](#), [Dari](#), [French](#), [Pashto](#) and [Ukrainian](#).

Helping Up Mission looking for Spanish-speaking teachers

Helping Up Mission provides hope to people experiencing homelessness, poverty or addiction by meeting their physical, psychological, social and spiritual needs.

The Education and Workforce development Department seeks to equip clients with adequate resources and training to become productive citizens in society. We are currently seeking volunteers to support clients in the following areas:

- Teaching English as a second Language (beginner through advanced level)
- Teaching basic Spanish literacy to native Spanish speakers
- Teaching GED topics- Science, Social Studies, and Math in Spanish
- Teaching Spanish as a second language to English speakers.

If you have background or experience in the above areas and a desire to serve a vulnerable population, please contact Whitney Mugula- Education coordinator at wmugula@helpingup.org.

Medicaid recertifications are coming- make sure your information is up to date!

Do you or a family member currently have health insurance through Medicaid or the Maryland Children's Health Program (MCHP)? Changes are coming to Maryland Medicaid! Check in to make sure your contact information—including your mailing address—is up to date so that you can receive important notices on any changes to your health insurance. Medicaid renewals won't be automatic this year so make sure your information is up to date and keep an eye out for mail with further instructions. Log in to your account at <https://www.marylandhealthconnection.gov/Checkin/> or call 855-642-8572 to get started.

CASH Campaign back tax filing

If you didn't file your taxes 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021 or 2022, CASH Campaign can help you file them! Complete [the interest form](#) and one of their staff or volunteers will reach out to schedule an appointment.

GRANT OPPORTUNITIES

Baltimore Digital Equity Fund

Has your organization been wanting to work on internet access and digital equity?

The Digital Equity Fund is an initiative to support the creation of community-led digital inclusion plans and provide funding for communities to bring those plans to life. Applications are open from April 10 to June 2, 2023. Grants are tiered from \$5,000-\$75,000.

To help address these gaps, the Digital Equity Fund will provide three types of grants to Baltimore-based nonprofit organizations working in close partnership with communities:

- Education and Outreach grants (\$5,000 - \$10,000) will fund community-based activities to raise awareness of the digital divide, support programming to address the digital divide, and build capacity.

- Planning grants (up to \$50,000) will support community-building efforts to develop neighborhood digital inclusion plans and will also receive funding at two tiers, depending on the scope of the planning grant.
- Implementation grants (up to \$75,000) will support communities in putting digital inclusion plans into action.

There are several virtual info sessions coming up about the different categories. For more information and to apply, please visit <https://www.baltimorecivicfund.org/digital-equity-fund>.

Gold Futures Challenge

Asian American Futures and Gold House are proud to host the annual [Gold Futures Challenge](#), an online model for philanthropy that awards ten prizes ranging from \$25,000 to \$100,000 to Asian American and Pacific Islander (AAPI)-serving organizations that ensure our communities are Seen, Heard, Empowered, and United. Every cohort of winners receives invaluable non-cash rewards in addition to the grant. They receive access to technical platforms and become a part of the Gold Futures family of organizations, which includes peer relationships, leadership training, and organizational training. Applications open May 15th!

EVENTS (May 10th to mid June)

- **Centro Sol Information Session for Latino youth**
Southeast Anchor Library, 3601 Eastern Ave, Baltimore MD 21224
May 25th from 4pm-5pm
Join Centro Sol for their teen information sessions conducted in Spanish. Learn about free resources that will benefit you. Each information session will cover a different resource. Fill out [this form](#) to sign up.
- **Feria Latina**
Sacred Heart of Jesus Church, 600 S Conkling Street, Baltimore MD 21224
June 3rd from 11am to 3pm
Join Latino Providers Network for this free, family-friendly event aimed to provide a quality event that celebrates the Latino community and its culture by delivering information and direct services to participants and providing an opportunity for our members to network with the community. Fun and engaging activities for all ages!
- **Historic Koreatown Food and Landmarks Walking Tour**
Meet at the Parlor, 108 W North Ave, Baltimore, MD 21201
June 3rd at 3pm
Join Asia North festivities for a walking tour of historic Koreatown.
- **Día del Niño**
Patterson Park Pagoda/Observatory
June 11th from 1pm-4pm
Join Friends of Patterson Park for a day of activities, music, fun and games for the whole family!
- **Immigrant and Refugee Community Fair Day**
Christ Inner Harbor Lutheran Church, 701 S. Charles St. Baltimore MD 21230
June 17th from 11am-2pm
Join MIMA and Lutheran Immigrant and Refugee Service (LIRS) for a one day event bringing together resources tailored for Baltimore City's immigrant and refugee communities all in one place.
- **Latino Fest**
Patterson Park Pagoda/Observatory
June 24th and 25th from 11am-8pm
Music, food, dance and more!

NATIONAL HAPPENINGS

DACA recipients eligible to purchase subsidized health insurance through healthcare exchange
In April the Biden Administration [announced](#) that DACA recipients will be eligible for Medicaid and to purchase subsidized health insurance through the Affordable Care Act. In Maryland, subsidized health plans are managed through Healthcare Access Maryland (HCAM). Contact HCAM at for more information.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

[NEW] [Bilingual Administrative Assistant](#), Baltimore City State's Attorney's Office

[NEW] [Fallstaff Community Organizer](#), CHAI

[Childcare Lead Teacher, Brooklyn](#), United Way of Central Maryland

[Childcare Lead Teacher, Columbia](#), United Way of Central Maryland

[CHILD CARE AIDE, POPPLETON](#), United Way of Central Maryland

[Childcare Aide, Family Center Columbia](#), United Way of Central Maryland

[Social Workers](#), Healthcare for the Homeless

[Multiple positions](#), Infinite Legacy

[Bilingual Community Health Worker Supervisor \(Site Lead\)](#), Baltimore City Health Department

[Operations Manager](#), Southeast Community Development Corporation (Southeast CDC)

[Outreach Coordinator](#), Southeast Community Development Corporation (Southeast CDC)

[Youth Program Marketing Specialist](#), Islamic Leadership Institute of America

[Basketball Coach](#), Islamic Leadership Institute of America

[Refugee Youth Project Specialist](#), Refugee Youth Project at Baltimore City Community College

[Bilingual Claims Processor](#), Governor's Office of Crime Prevention, Youth & Victim Services

[Bilingual Housing Counselor, Baltimore](#), Latino Economic Development Center

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