

## APA's CORE PROGRAMS FOR FAMILIES AND CHILDREN:

- Parent Support (Prevention)
- Home Visitation (Early Intervention)
- Clinical Services (Crisis Intervention)
- Community Development

*Institute for Community Collaborative Studies: Pathways for Child Abuse Prevention*

### Preventing Child Abuse and Domestic Violence...

“APA's mission is to promote healthy Asian/Pacific Islander children and families by providing family support services to prevent child abuse and domestic violence. APA also advocates for culturally competent services for Asians and Pacific Islanders through education, community building and leadership development. APA is the only hospital-based agency offering in-home family support services specifically for Asian Pacific Islander families and children.”

### “Who does APA Family Support Services serve?”

“Asian Pacific Islanders are 35% of San Francisco's population, many of whom are recent immigrants. The "model minority" reputation of Asians often precludes the acknowledgment of problems within the Asian Pacific Islander community. Our mission is to promote healthy families and prevent child abuse and domestic violence in the Asian and Pacific Islander communities.”

# APA FAMILY SUPPORT SERVICES

*Children are our future...*

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### Success...

Ann, a twenty-seven-year old Filipino mother, gave birth to a baby boy in an ambulance on the way to San Francisco General Hospital. APA opened a case on this family because the baby was born premature at thirty-one weeks. The family also had heavy child care duties and limited financial support. Ann worked as a housekeeper in a hotel and the father was unemployed and cared for his three children, ages one, two, and the newborn infant. At first, the APA home visitor found the father to be rather unreceptive and the family soon ended their cooperation with APA.

Later, the newborn baby was admitted to the hospital appearing to have been badly shaken. Shaken Baby Syndrome was suspected. The baby had seizures, blindness in one eye, and marks on his body resembling cigarette burns. A report was filed and, after investigation, all of the children were placed in foster care. It was at this point that Ann called her APA home visitor and asked for help. The home visitor encouraged the family to cooperate with Child Protective Service and to visit the baby everyday. The family's attitude began to change and they agreed to call whenever they felt emotional stress and needed support. Eventually, the parents opened up and made tremendous progress in their lives, and were able to succeed in reunifying their family.”

~Source: <http://www.apasfgh.org/successes/successes.html>

