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MOAPIA Update Newsletter

Agency Updates, Events and Announcements, Employment Opportunities, and more from the DC Mayor's Office on Asian and Pacific Islander Affairs (MOAPIA)

A Message from the Director

Dear Friend,

Thank you for your support in making the AAPI Action Forum on September 12th a huge success! We learned a lot and will begin making sure that we have a plan to implement your suggestions to build a better District of Columbia for our communities and business owners.

During the forum, you vocalized and raised thoughtful comments and concerns on various issues regarding safety, health, business, housing, and education. Here were some of the most poignant:

- Increase access to language services;
- Conduct more cultural competency and sensitivity trainings;
- And, create a platform through which we can communicate more openly.

Moving forward, my office will continue to work with the appropriate District government agencies and officials to find solutions to these issues. I also promise to keep you engaged in discussions on how my office and the District government can better address our collective concerns.

Finally, I would like to encourage all of you to come join me at the Chinatown and Mt. Vernon Community Picnic on Saturday, September 26th. A special guest may also make an appearance! More details can be found by clicking [here](#). I look forward to seeing you there!

Warm Regards,

David Do

Director, DC Mayor's Office on Asian and Pacific Islander Affairs





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The DC Mayor's Office on Asian and Pacific Islander Affairs hopes to create a more cohesive Asian American and Pacific Islander (AAPI) community in the District of Columbia.

To submit events or announcements for the website, please contact oopia@dc.gov.

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9/24 - Film Screening of "Raise the Red Lantern"

MOAPIA is hosting a film screening of "Raise the Red Lantern" on **September 24th** at **8 pm** as part of its Chinatown Park Start FRESH! project, a series of fun and healthy outdoor activities in Chinatown Park.

Free popcorn will be provided. Movies are shown at Chinatown Park (555 I St NW, Washington, DC 20001). Bring your own blanket or chair.

Movie Description: Teenage Songlian (Gong Li), whose family has been devastated by the recent death of her father, becomes the third concubine of wealthy Master Chen (Ma Jingwu). She soon discovers that behind the palatial luxury of life in the master's house, she and her fellow concubines, Zhuoyan (Cao Cuifeng) and Meishan (He Caifei), are pitted against each other in a struggle for his affections. The situation inevitably leads to deception, jealous rages and the revelation of each other's darkest secrets.

RSVPs are encouraged but walk-ins are welcomed! To pre-register for film screenings, please visit moapia-underthestars.eventbrite.com. For more information, contact Kelly Jeong at kangeun.jeong@dc.gov or (202)-727-3120.



9/26 - Chinatown & Mt. Vernon Community Picnic

Join Mt. Vernon & Chinatown residents as they gather for the first community picnic and celebrate the Chinese Mid-Autumn Festival (a.k.a. Mooncake Festival) in Chinatown Park!

It will be a fun-filled time with music, games, crafts, free classes (yoga/ hula/volleyball), freebies, and much more.

To RSVP, register on Eventbrite [here](#). If you have any questions, please contact Kelly Jeong at kangeun.jeong@dc.gov or (202)-727-3120.



**CHINATOWN & MT VERNON
COMMUNITY
PICNIC**

Music, games, crafts, free classes (yoga/ hula/volleyball), freebies, and many more!

Bring your blanket and picnic lunch!
(Alcohol beverages are NOT allowed.)

For more info, please call (202) 637-9852.

#ChinatownParkStartFresh

At Chinatown Park
(6th and I street NW)

Saturday, September 26, 2015
11AM - 3PM

RSVP: ChinatownParkPicnic.eventbrite.com



[PROGRAM]

- 11 am: Community picnic starts
- 11:30 am: Chinese cultural performances
- 11:40 am-12:15 pm: Special screening on history of Chinatown
- 12: 30 pm: Hawaiian hula dance lesson
- 1 pm: Chinese Youth Club's Volleyball demo and lesson
- 1:30 pm: Free mooncake distribution
- 2 pm: Community yoga class



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DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
MURIEL BOWSER, MAYOR

Chinese Community Church, Chinese Consolidated Benevolent Association, Mt Vernon Triangle CID, Chinatown Community Cultural Center, Chinese Youth Club, 1882 Foundation, ANC 2C, ANC 6E, DowntownDC BID, Destination DC, Penn Quarter Neighborhood Association

Mooncake is a Chinese bakery product traditionally eaten during the Mid-Autumn Festival.

MOAPIA is Hiring

The Mayor's Office on Asian and Pacific Islander Affairs (MOAPIA) is seeking qualified bilingual candidates for the position of Program Coordinator.

CORE DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

The Program Coordinator shall:

- Ensure implementation and delivery of the Language Access Act to the AAPI community;
- Collect and furnish data on the trends in the AAPI communities and provide reports, briefs, and other information;
- Monitor and coordinate interactions between the MOAPIA and DC City Council on issues that affect AAPIs, including preparing hearing testimonies;
- Attends meetings with or for the Director, as an aide or designated representative, provides back-up on long range program matters, and on

important and/or policy issues; and

- Is responsible for grants management functions including implementation and execution of activities associated with grants, grant billing, and evaluating subject activities to ensure that services provided pursuant to the grant are cost-effective, efficient, effective and economical.

EXPERIENCE AND QUALIFICATION

The successful candidate will be fluent (both writing and speaking) in English and in any of the following languages: Mandarin, Vietnamese, Korean, Cantonese. Experienced in data collection, grants management, and critical analytical thinking. A Baccalaureate degree is required.

Evenings and weekends are requested on an as needed basis. Proven ability to work in the United States is also required.

If you are interested in this role, please upload your resume and answer the questionnaire at <http://mota.applytojob.com/apply/k4ZxmX/Program-Coordinator-Bilingual-Mayors-Office-Of-Asian-Pacific-Islander-Affairs.html?source=moapia>.

MOAPIA Created a Google Group!

Join MOAPIA's
Google Group

Share news and events in your community with fellow DC residents. Get direct updates from MOAPIA.



<https://groups.google.com/d/forum/dcmoapia>

The [MOAPIA Google Group](https://groups.google.com/d/forum/dcmoapia) was created so that community members can have a space to connect with fellow like-minded individuals interested in all things AAPI. Members are encouraged to share their own news or events that are happening in DC (whether it be an upcoming happy hour, film screening, workshop, etc). MOAPIA will occasionally post updates on current and upcoming events/initiatives.

The space is also a way for members to get their questions answered regarding government programs and services. Have a question about sidewalk repairs, small business support, safety, language access, or any other topic? Post your questions on the forum! Or if you just want to voice a concern you have or concerns about your neighborhood, post it there and we will be sure to follow-up.

We look forward to hearing from you and finding ways to better serve you.

Feel free to share this great space with others!

Link: <https://groups.google.com/d/forum/dcmoapia>

MOAPIA in the Community

9/12 - AAPI Action Forum

On September 12, over 200 District residents primarily from the Asian and Pacific Islander community met at Walter E. Washington Convention Center to determine how the District can work more collaboratively with residents across different cultures and ethnic backgrounds. Throughout the morning and afternoon, participants considered pressing issues and priorities in health, community safety, youth education, adult education and job training, small business engagement and affordable housing.

MOAPIA would like to thank all those who participated and contributed to the event's huge success! More photos from the forum can be found on MOAPIA's Facebook page [here](#).



Mayor Bowser providing remarks at the AAPI Action Forum



9/18 - PARK(ing) Day

On September 18, MOAPIA participated in the District Department of Transportation's PARK(ing) Day where parking spaces became temporary pop-up parks for the day. MOAPIA's park was stationed on the corner of 5th and I St NW in Chinatown. Coffee and pastries were given out to participants and MOAPIA staff offered opportunities for language exchange.



MOAPIA staff at PARK(ing) Day

Events and Announcements

Community Calendar

The MOAPIA [Community Calendar](#) page promotes, engages, and serves the AAPI community in the District of Columbia by sharing MOAPIA, District of Columbia government agency, and community events. Please check the Community Calendar page regularly for updates.

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9/28 - OPGS and Center for Nonprofit Advancement Hosts the 15th Annual Public Private Partnership Conference

The Mayor's Office of Partnerships and Grant Services in collaboration with the Center for Nonprofit Advancement is co-hosting the **15th Annual Public Private Conference** on Monday, September 28, 2015 from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at Kellogg Conference Hotel at Gallaudet University, 800 Florida Ave NE, Washington, DC 20002. The conference theme focuses on the significance of the nonprofit sector as a major employer that according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics represents the highest percent 26.6% on nonprofit employment by State in the country followed by New York at 18.1% in 2012. The District's nonprofit sector is often viewed as a service provider seeking funding rather than a major sustainable employer whose employees are well positioned to succeed on the Pathway to the Middle Class.

Opening Plenary Session:

- The Nonprofit Sector as the Pathway to the Middle Class in the Washington Metropolitan Area Conference Workshop

Topics:

- Significance of the Nonprofit Sector as a Sustainable Employer
- What are the Employment Needs of the Nonprofit Sector?
- Aligning Workforce Development and Placement to Employment Opportunities
- Straight-Talk Encouraging Millennials to seek Nonprofit Careers
- Potential Funding and Grant-making Strategies for Service Providers
- Prioritizing and Funding Successful Nonprofit Capacity Building Initiatives

Closing Plenary Session:

- Review of Lessons Learned and Draft Policy Recommendations for the Mayor

For more information and to register visit www.opgs.dc.gov or <https://www.nonprofitadvancement.org/event/2015-09-28/15th-annual-public-private-partnership-conference>.

Join us for the multi-sector
15th Annual Public Private Partnership Conference
"Building People, Building Stronger Organizations"

**The Nonprofit Sector Significance:
A Pathway to the Middle Class**

Date:
Monday, September 28, 2015

Time:
8:00 am to 4:00 pm

Location:
Gallaudet University -
Kellogg Conference Hotel
800 Florida Avenue, NE
Washington DC, 20002

Topics to include:

- What are the employment needs of the nonprofit sector?
- Straight Talk: Encouraging Millennials to Seek Nonprofit Careers
- Potential funding and grant-making strategies for service providers

For more information and to register visit www.opgs.dc.gov or <https://www.nonprofitadvancement.org>

Featured Moderators:



Bruce McNamer
President & CEO
The Community
Foundation for the
National Capital Region



Glen O'Gilvie, CAE
Chief Executive Officer
Center for Nonprofit
Advancement



Chuck Bean
Executive Director
Metropolitan Washington
Council of Governments



Lisa Brown Morton
President and CEO
Nonprofit HR



Pledge to End Homelessness in DC

Making **Homelessness** Rare, Brief,
and Non-recurring in DC



**TAKE THE PLEDGE TO
END HOMELESSNESS**



Mayor Bowser has a plan, Homeward DC, to make homelessness rare, brief and non-recurring in the District. In her first budget, Mayor Bowser made historic investments in Homeward DC plan and in the solutions that we know will work to end

homelessness. Now, Mayor Bowser is announcing a set of legislative and administrative measures to ensure these investments make the biggest impact on the lives of DC residents experiencing or at-risk of homelessness. Learn more about the Homeward DC by visiting mayor.dc.gov/homewardDC that will end homelessness in DC. Sign the pledge to help community members who experience homelessness find a place to call home.

DCHBX Announces New Health Insurance Program

The DC Health Benefit Exchange Authority (DCHBX) is committed to making affordable, quality health insurance coverage available to everyone in the District of Columbia. **Cover ALL DC** for Non-Alliance Eligible Residents is a new program that advances this goal by offering health insurance options targeted to individuals who are not eligible to get insurance through the DC Alliance or DC Health Link.



Cover ALL DC for Non-Alliance Eligible Residents

The DC Health Benefit Exchange Authority's Commitment

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What is Cover ALL DC for Non-Alliance Eligible Residents?

Cover ALL DC for Non-Alliance Eligible Residents is a new opportunity for DC residents who do not meet eligibility requirements for DC Health Link (including private coverage or Medicaid) or DC Alliance. It offers the same private health and dental insurance options available to DC Health Link customers. Individuals who qualify for DC Alliance should continue to obtain their coverage through that program.

How is Cover ALL DC for Non-Alliance Eligible Residents different from DC Alliance?

Cover All DC for Non-Alliance Eligible Residents allows consumers to purchase any of the private health and dental plans offered through DC Health Link. These plans cover a comprehensive range of benefits and are open to adults and children. There is no financial assistance available to those who enroll through Cover ALL DC. Enrollees must pay the full cost of all premiums as well as co-pays, coinsurance, and deductibles. The chart below compares the two programs.

	DC Alliance	Cover All DC for Non-Alliance Eligible Residents
<i>Premiums</i>	\$0	Full cost of private health plan
<i>Cost-sharing (copayments, deductibles, etc.)</i>	\$0	Costs vary depending on the plan
<i>Financial assistance</i>	Free program	None available
<i>Financial eligibility requirements</i>	Income at or below 200% of poverty	None
<i>Age requirements</i>	Age 21 and over	Any age
<i>Covered benefits</i>	Medical and limited dental benefits	Comprehensive medical benefits. Dental benefits can be purchased separately.

When can people begin enrolling in Cover All DC for Non-Alliance Eligible Residents?

Enrollment for Cover All DC is available now. Because this program was not available during the 2015 open enrollment period, consumers can enroll in coverage at any time during 2015. Beginning in 2016, consumers will generally be able to enroll only during the annual DC Health Link open enrollment period (from November 1, 2015 through January 31, 2016).

After open enrollment ends, consumers may still be able to enroll in Cover All DC for Non-Alliance Eligible Residents if they qualify for a special enrollment period.

How will people apply for Cover All DC for Non-Alliance Eligible Residents?

Cover All DC applications will only be available through community partners. Community partners will complete a paper application and either e-mail or mail it to the DC Health Benefit Exchange Authority (DCHBX) for processing. The following community partners are available to assist consumers with completing the application:

- **Mary's Center**
3912 Georgia Ave NW
Washington, DC 20011
(202) 420-7091
Hours of operations: Monday – Friday: 8:00 am – 4:30 pm
Languages: English, Spanish and Amharic
- Send completed applications to

Cover All DC for Non-Alliance Eligible Residents
c/o DC Health Benefit Exchange Authority
1225 Eye Street, NW Suite 400
Washington, DC 20005

Employment Opportunities

Career Connections

The MOAPIA [Career Connections](#) page promotes, engages, and serves the AAPI community in the District of Columbia by sharing MOAPIA, District of Columbia government agency, and community employment opportunities, internships, scholarships, grants, and more. Please check the Career Connections page regularly for updates.

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The University of the District of Columbia Community College Offers Free Training for DC Residents

UDC-CC's Division of Workforce Development and Lifelong Learning offers programs at no cost to DC residents. Their programs offer students the ability to earn industry recognized certifications recognized in 5 career pathways.

For more information, visit UDC's website at <http://cc.udc.edu/> or contact them at workforce@udc.edu.

Workforce Development and Lifelong Learning



WDLL's mission is to reduce unemployment and underemployment in the District of Columbia by enhancing the skills of its residents.

Training is focused on the industries that are hiring in the DC metropolitan area.

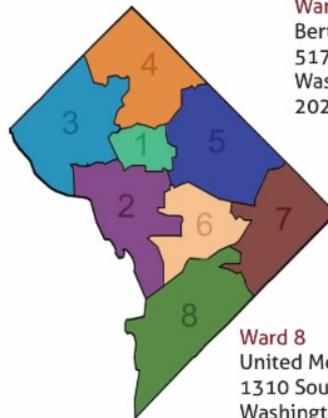
- Healthcare
- Information Technology and Office Administration
- Construction
- Transportation
- Hospitality
- Professional Development

FREE Training for DC Residents



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Workforce Development and Lifelong Learning (WDLL) Locations



Ward 5
Bertie Backus
5171 South Dakota Avenue NE
Washington DC 20017
202-274-7209

Ward 6
Main Campus
801 North Capitol Street NE
Washington DC 20002
202-274-7181

Ward 7
Marion Shadd
5601 East Capitol Street SE
Washington DC 20019
202-274-5617

Ward 8
Patricia Roberts Harris
4600 Livingston Road SE
Washington DC 20032
202-274-6999

Ward 8
United Medical Center
1310 Southern Avenue SE
Washington DC 20032
202-574-6854

Ward 8
St. Elizabeths
R.I.S.E. Demonstration Center
2730 Martin Luther King, Jr. Avenue SE
Washington DC 20032

For more information, visit us at <http://cc.udc.edu/> or contact us at workforce@udc.edu

The Washington Metropolitan Police Department (MPD) is Recruiting Bilingual Police Officers



The Metropolitan Police Department (MPD) is looking for individuals who are problem-solvers, who enjoy working with others in all types of settings and circumstances, and ultimately, people who want to make a difference in the lives of others. MPD offers a very competitive starting salary, with police officers who are certified as fluent in any language other than English receiving additional pay, as well as a plethora of benefits.

So if you think you have what it takes to be a part of one of the top police departments in the country, apply today!

According to the Census Bureau figures, the Washington, D.C. population is growing at its fastest pace in decades. As our Asian American and Pacific Islander community also continues to grow, the need for new police officers who are bilingual increases. MPD is therefore reaching out to all of our ethnic communities as we expand to meet the changing needs of our city. In Fiscal Year 2014 and beyond, MPD will be hiring approximately 300 new police officers annually.

To find out more about MPD police officer careers, call the Recruiting Division toll free at 1-800-994-MPDC (6732), or if you are in the Washington area at (202) 645-0445. The office is located at 101 M Street Southwest, Washington, D.C. 20024. MPD invites you to please visit the website for more detailed information on this exciting career opportunity.

For more information, or to apply, please visit:

- <http://mpdc.dc.gov/page/join-metropolitan-police-department>
- <http://mpdc.dc.gov/page/salary-and-benefits>
- <http://mpdc.dc.gov/page/police-officer-selection-process>

DC Department of Employment Services (DOES) Resources



The District of Columbia Department of Employment Services (DOES) was created to develop "Jobs for People and People for Jobs."

DOES provides job-seekers with a number of employment opportunities through its [American Job Centers](#). Each center provides career counseling, career planning, resume assistance, direct job placement, classroom and on-the-job training, access to America's Job Bank (both online and via the phone), information about local and national labor markets, unemployment compensation and much more.

DOES also offers [Project Empowerment](#), a transitional employment program that provides job readiness training and subsidized employment to District residents. Participants attend an intensive three-week training course and are then placed in a subsidized employment opportunity for up to six months, all while working towards securing permanent, unsubsidized employment.

PROJECT EMPOWERMENT

What is PE?

Project Empowerment is a transitional employment program that provides job readiness training, work experience, and job search assistance to District residents who face multiple barriers to employment. PE also provides supportive services such as adult basic education, job coaching and occupational skills training.

Who Do We Serve?

District of Columbia residents who are:

- 22-54 years old
- Currently unemployed
- No receiving government assistance (food stamps are acceptable)
- Not currently using any illegal substances

All potential PE participants must exhibit at least three (3) of the following:

- Basic skills deficiency, demonstrated by a lack of sufficient mastery of basic educational skills and/or an English language deficiency with an inability to speak, read, or write the English language
- Lack of secondary school educational credential
- A documented history of substance abuse
- Homelessness
- A history of job cycling
- A felony conviction

How Do We Operate?

- Program Orientation: Participants are introduced to the program.
- Intake, Assessment, and Case Management: Participants' life and work skills are assessed and assigned to a case manager.
- Supportive Services: Case Managers evaluate participants' needs and recommend necessary support services.
- Job Readiness/Life Skills Training: Participants attend a three-week workshop.
- Employability Activities: Participants gain important employability skills.
- Professional Development: Participants are offered additional coaching.
- Job Retention and Follow-Up: Retention Specialists will be in contact for up to one year following attainment of permanent employment.

Program participants receive \$9.00 per hour for the duration of their participation beginning with Job Readiness Training



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