

# 2016 OAAPI Legislative Day Summary Report

## Online Registration & Post-Survey

The 2016 OAAPI Legislative Day was hosted on November 4<sup>th</sup> at the Ohio Statehouse. Over 70 registered participants attended the event. While few written feedback surveys were collected at the end of the legislative day, we had a greater than average response rate to our online post-survey. This report was created using the feedback from the post-survey.



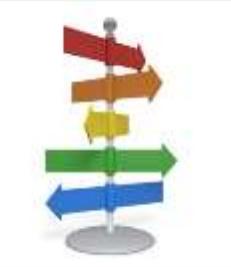
## Welcome Ceremony

The welcome ceremony led by Cora Munoz and Michael Byun provided an opportunity for the community to celebrate recent accomplishments and milestones of OAAHC coalition member organizations.



## Orientation

Overall, we received positive feedback on the legislative advocacy day orientation and talking points handouts provided to inform legislative day participants regarding the selected OAAPI advocacy issues.



Areas for improvement include providing more training related to understanding the selected advocacy issues during the orientation in order to empower participants to actively participate and speak to their legislators during the legislative visits.

## Legislative Panel

The legislative panel moderated by Rebecca Nelson provided opportunities for community members to engage state representatives about issues affecting the Asian American and Pacific Islander community. Participating state representatives included Niraj Antani, Kevin Boyce, Kristin Boggs, and Kent Smith. Possible areas for improvement include providing additional opportunities for the audience to ask questions in-person, rather than only submitting written questions, and reducing the time allotted for the legislative panel in order to increase time for the group legislative visits.



## Reception

This year, the OAAHC changed the time of the Legislative day from morning/afternoon, to afternoon/early evening. The change in the legislative day schedule created to several logistical challenges, including the statehouse building doors being locked at 5pm, which resulted in lower attendance for the evening reception. Out-of-town participants expressed a preference for lunch, rather than an evening reception for future events.



## Keynote Speaker



The keynote speaker for the 2016 OAAPI Legislative Day was Michigan State Senator Hoon-Young Hopgood, who shared his personal experiences as an Asian American adoptee in Michigan and the story of his journey to a career in public service. Many participants expressed gratitude for the time and distance Senator Hopgood travelled to attend the event. Potential opportunities for improvement include inviting more local leaders AAPI leaders to participate in future events.

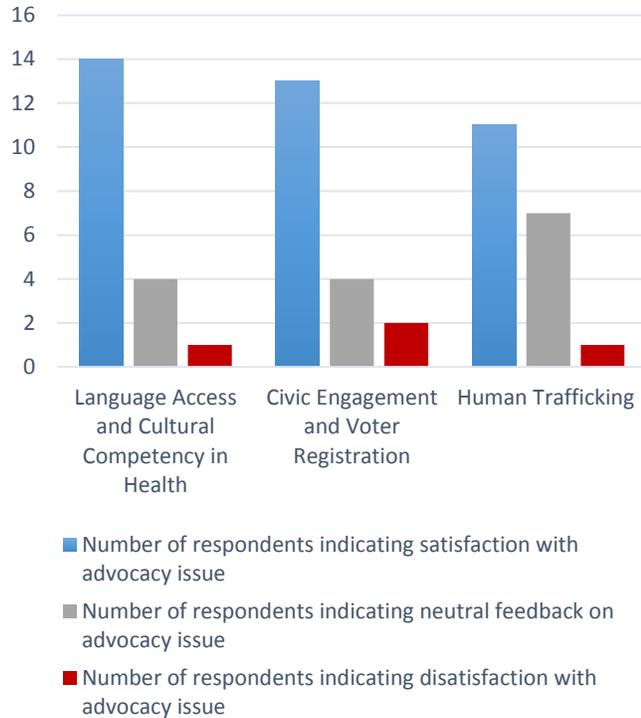
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## Group Legislative Visits

Overall, participants expressed a positive experience with the group legislative visits and a desire for more information and training on the selected advocacy issues, earlier participant education and training prior to legislative day, and increased time for the group legislative visits. Potential areas for improvement noted in post-surveys included grouping participants for legislative visits by region, and coordinating visits with state representatives rather than legislative aides.



## Participant feedback on Advocacy Issues



## Participants expressed interest in expanding advocacy to the following issues for future OAAPI Legislative Days:

- Data disaggregation
- Systemic racial discrimination
- Rights of Muslim AAPI Americans
- Fair treatment of AAPIs in legal system
- Student immigration issues
- Refugee resettlement advocacy
- Universal free child care
- Education equity
- Undocumented students
- Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals
- Health disparities (eg. HepB,)
- Preventive care and health screenings
- Mental Health

## What month do you prefer to schedule future OAAPI legislative days?

Response	Number of Participants
May	5
October	3
Either May or October	8
During Legislative Session	2
April	1

## Outreach Goals for future OAAPI Legislative Advocacy Days:

- Recruit more young people
- Recruit student in local chapters of Asian Pacific American Medical Student Association (APAMS)
- Recruit more participants from the entire state of Ohio