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## OAPIA Update

*News Updates from the DC Mayor's Office on Asian and Pacific Islander Affairs*

Dear AAPI Community Members,

The DC Mayor's Office on Asian and Pacific Islander Affairs is working hard to make sure that you are up to date on all the things going on in our office. To help keep you up to date, we have created this newsletter to give brief updates on things happening in our office and in District Government.

Join us in creating a better AAPI community in the District!

Warm Regards,

Soohyun "Julie" Koo  
 Director, DC Mayor's Office on Asian and Pacific Islander Affairs



### December 2011 Bimonthly Community Meeting



The Mayor's Office on Asian and Pacific Islander Affairs (OAPIA) convened its most recent bimonthly community meeting on Friday, December 2, 2011. Steven T. Baron, Director of the DC Department of Mental Health, is seen briefing Asian American and Pacific Islander (AAPI) community based organizations (CBOs) and OAPIA staff on mental health resources available within the District in the photo above.

OAPIA's bimonthly community meetings serve to connect DC government with local AAPI CBOs, and to build upon existing relationships to better address the needs of the local AAPI community.

**OAPIA to Host Free Workshop on Changes to Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) Program**

OAPIA, in conjunction with the DC Department of Human Services, will host a final free workshop on changes to the TANF program.

OAPIA will provide District residents the most updated information on what changes will take place, how it affects those who are currently receiving benefits, and what people need to do in order to continue receiving benefits.

When: Tuesday, December 6, 12:00 pm to 1:00 pm

Where: Asian Service Center - 714 G Place NW, Washington, DC 20001

### OAPIA Toy Drive & Open House

Government of the District of Columbia  
Vincent C. Gray, Mayor

Mayor's Office on Asian and Pacific Islander Affairs  
Soohyun "Julie" Koo, Director

YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO  
COME AND JOIN

The Mayor's Office on Asian and Pacific Islander Affairs

On  
**Tuesday, December 20th**

**OPEN HOUSE**  
From 4 to 7 pm

**"SHARE A SMILE, GIVE A TOY"**  
**TOY DRIVE**  
From 5 to 7 pm

Reasonable accommodations for disabilities are provided upon request. Please contact us at (202) 727-3120 or email [oapia@dc.gov](mailto:oapia@dc.gov) for more information.

To register your child to receive a toy, please contact us at (202) 727-3120 or email [andrew.chang@dc.gov](mailto:andrew.chang@dc.gov) by close of business on Friday, December 9th. Please provide your child's name, age, address and gender.

Toys are limited to the children who register and will be given out on a first come, first serve basis.

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The Mayor's Office on Asian and Pacific Islander Affairs (OAPIA) will be hosting its annual Toy Drive and Open House on Tuesday, December 20th.

Please join us for our "Distributing Smiles" event at 4pm for our open house, and at 5pm as we give out toys to DC children, meet with community members and community based organizations, and share in the smiles.

When: Tuesday, December 20, 2011

What: Open House, 4 to 7 pm

"Share a Smile, Give a Toy" Toy Drive, 5 to 7 pm

Where: OAPIA, One Judiciary Square, 441 4th Street, NW, 721 N, Washington, DC 20001

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To register your child to receive a toy, or for more information, please call: 202-727-3120 or email [Andrew Chang](mailto:Andrew.Chang).

**DC Mayor's Commission on Asian and Pacific Islander Affairs**

The DC Mayor's Commission on Asian and Pacific Islander Affairs convened its monthly meeting to discuss issues going on in the DC AAPI community.

The next meeting will take place on Monday, December 05, 2011 @ 6:30 pm at the OAPIA Office. All commission meetings are open to the public. If you have any questions about the commission or its meetings, please contact [oapia@dc.gov](mailto:oapia@dc.gov).

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