



ASIAN TASK FORCE Against Domestic Violence

Asian Task Force Against Domestic Violence (ATASK) is dedicated to serving Asian survivors of domestic violence and their families. We provide culturally specific services tailored to meet their needs, including language access, legal advocacy and representation, case management, and emergency shelter.

ATASK staff passionately advocates for survivors, connecting them with critical services while championing and safeguarding their rights. Through outreach efforts within Asian communities, we raise awareness about domestic violence, its consequences, and the resources available to those affected. We also collaborate with local organizations and community leaders to address domestic violence and promote healthy relationships.

Through direct engagement with legislators and policymakers, we advocate for policies and laws that protect the rights and safety of domestic violence survivors. Our staff participates in coalitions and campaigns at both the local and state levels to influence legislation related to domestic violence prevention, intervention, and support. ATASK also contributes testimony, research, and data to inform policymakers about the unique challenges faced by Asian survivors and the importance of culturally responsive services.

ATASK strives to foster a supportive and inclusive community where survivors can heal, rebuild their lives, and contribute to the movement for social change.

ATASK at Jane Doe Inc.'s Advocacy Day

On March 15, ATASK participated in JDI's Advocacy Day at the Massachusetts State House. This is an important day when we join forces with other domestic violence and sexual assault programs to advocate for the issues that matter to us. Dawn Sauma, ATASK Co-Executive Director, was among the distinguished speakers who addressed the Language Access and Inclusion Act, one of the bills we are advocating for. Throughout the day, ATASK staff spoke with legislators about the challenges and needs of domestic violence survivors throughout the Asian diaspora.





ATASK Legislative Priorities

- An Act to improve protections relative to domestic violence (H1574)
- An Act relative to controlling and abusive litigation (H1399/S1079)
- An Act to Promote Racially Inclusive Curriculum in Schools (S.288/H.542)
- Language Access: An Act relative to language access and inclusion (H.3084 / S.1990)
- Safe Communities Act (S.1510/ H.2288)
- VOCA Bridge (H.3545)

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Act Relative to Language Access and Inclusion (H.3084 / S.1990) provides culturally competent language services, including oral interpretation and written translation in a timely fashion. It also develops language access plans to ensure equitable language protocols and practices for all state agencies.

Safe Communities Act (S.1510/ H.2288) prohibits questioning by court and police officials about immigration status and protects basic rights, just like a “Miranda” warning. It also protects access to justice in our courts and prohibits collaboration agreements that deputize local officials as federal immigration agents, at the states expense.

VOCA Bridge (H.3545) is a multi-year state funding request to bridge ongoing cuts to Victims of Crime Act funding for programs to support critical victim services.

Act to Improve Protections Relative to Domestic Violence (H1574) adds coercive control and technological abuse as a basis for a 209A abuse prevention (restraining) orders. It also expands the statute of limitations in domestic violence cases to 15 years.

Act Relative to Controlling and Abusive Litigation (H1399/S1079) aims to address and regulate instances of manipulative and harmful litigation practices. The bill seeks to establish measures to curb abusive legal tactics and promote fair and efficient legal proceedings within the judicial system.

Act to Promote Racially Inclusive Curriculum in Schools (S.288/H.542) is to ensure teaching of accurate histories, writings, and contributions of racial and ethnic groups that have been historically underrepresented or marginalized in K-12 education. It also establishes a Trust Fund to support school districts with the necessary resources to implement these standards.

ATASK Receives "Women Making a Difference" Humanitarian Award

ATASK is proud to be selected as a recipient of the 2024 "Women Making a Difference" Humanitarian Award by the Zonta Club of Malden.

On March 28, coinciding with International Women's Month, the Zonta Club of Malden marked its 25th Anniversary with a celebration dedicated to honoring individuals and organizations that have made a difference in the community.

This recognition is a testament to ATASK's ongoing dedication to making a positive impact in the lives of survivors of domestic violence. We are deeply grateful for this honor and their support of our mission.

The Zonta Club of Malden is a member of Zonta International which is a worldwide service organization working to improve the legal, political, economic, educational, health, and professional status of women through service and advocacy.



ATASK at MIRA's Immigrants' Day



ATASK was thrilled to join the Massachusetts Immigrant and Refugee Advocacy Coalition (MIRA) for their 28th annual Immigrants' Day at the State House! This yearly gathering unites hundreds of immigrant and refugee constituents from all corners of the state, providing them with a platform to celebrate their invaluable contributions and champion their legislative and budgetary priorities.

During Immigrants' Day, we were deeply moved by the heartfelt stories shared by community leaders, elected officials, and the youth. We also engaged directly with lawmakers and focused our advocacy efforts on supporting new arrivals, ensuring language access, advocating for the Safe Communities Act, and facilitating licensure for internationally trained physicians.

In the face of legal obstacles and a rise in anti-immigrant sentiments, we remain steadfast in our collective progress, nurturing the resilience needed to drive meaningful change forward.

Save the Date!

Celebrate AAPI Heritage Month with ATASK in May

Join ATASK and the Grammy-Award winning **Parker Quartet** on **Thursday, May 2 @7PM** for a benefit concert to support our programs and services for domestic violence survivors.

The concert will be held at the Powers Music School, in Belmont, MA. Register **here** for your free tickets, donations are welcome.



On **Saturday, May 4**, shop online or in-store at **Maxima Gift Center** (in Arlington) and/or **Maxima Book Center** (in Lexington) to purchase Graduation, Teacher Appreciation, and Mother's Day gifts while supporting ATASK.

Mention ATASK at the store or write ATASK in the *comment section* when making an online purchase, and 15% of your purchase will benefit AAPI survivors.



Run or walk in the **AAPI 5K** with Team ATASK on **Saturday, May 18** to celebrate Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month.

The AAPI 5K will begin at 9AM in South Boston. Register [here](#) and select ATASK as your preferred charity and enter the code "ATASK" to join Team ATASK.

Can't make it? Support Team ATASK and donate [here](#).



**AAPI 5K
BOSTON**

May 18, 2024 at 9 AM
Carson Beach, South Boston

ATASK warmly invites you to join TEAM ATASK.

Team code to register is: **ATASK**

Register:
<https://raceroster.com/events/2024/76132/2024-boston-aapi-5k>

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No matter the size, your tax-deductible gift makes a lasting difference in the lives of domestic violence survivors.



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