

In the wake of rising anti-Asian/American harassment and violence in our country, we want to make you aware of these free trainings on bystander intervention and conflict de-escalation, which are being offered by hollaback! and Asian Americans Advancing Justice. The Counseling Center is not affiliated with either organization, and is not responsible for the content of the programs.



In response to the rise in Anti-Asian/American and xenophobic harassment, we at **Hollaback!** partnered with **Asian Americans Advancing Justice | AAJC** to adapt our free bystander intervention training as well as offering a de-escalation training to meet this moment.

Unfortunately, anti-Asian and Asian American racism and xenophobia is not a new phenomenon. It has been part of American history for a long time, and we have seen it manifested against different Asian/American and Pacific Islander communities in many ways over the years. As the coronavirus pandemic escalates, we have seen more harassment, discrimination, and even violence directed at these communities. The Asian Americans Advancing Justice affiliation has been documenting hate crimes and hate incidents since 2017 at **www.StandAgainstHatred.org**, which is available in English, Chinese, Korean, and Vietnamese.

**WE WOULD LIKE TO INVITE YOU TO ATTEND OUR FREE
BYSTANDER INTERVENTION TRAININGS**

We've had a tremendous demand for these trainings, and our first three trainings completely sold out. We're adding a number of additional free trainings. **Please note you must register in advance for all trainings.** They will be capped at 1,000 people.

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting. The training is currently only offered in English but we are seeking funding to expand it into other languages.

BYSTANDER INTERVENTION TO STOP ANTI-ASIAN/ AMERICAN HARASSMENT AND XENOPHOBIA

WORKSHOP DESCRIPTION:

The one-hour, interactive training will teach you Hollaback!'s 5D's of bystander intervention methodology. We'll start by talking about the types of disrespect that Asian and Asian American folks are facing right now – from microaggressions to violence – using a tool we call the “spectrum of disrespect.” You'll learn what to look for and the positive impact that bystander intervention has on individuals and communities. We'll talk through five strategies for intervention: distract, delegate, document, delay, and direct; and how to prioritize your own safety while intervening. We'll have time at the end for practice, and you'll leave feeling more confident intervening the next time you see Anti-Asian/American harassment online or in person.

TRAINING DATES AND TIMES:

- **Tues., March 23, 2021.** 4pm ET
 - [Register Here](#)
- **Mon., April 5, 2021.** 1pm ET
 - [Register Here](#)
- **Wed., April 14, 2021.** 6:30pm ET
 - [Register Here](#)
- **Thurs., April 29, 2021.** 3pm ET
 - [Register Here](#)

BYSTANDER INTERVENTION 2.0: CONFLICT DE-ESCALATION

TRAINING WORKSHOP DESCRIPTION:

If you've already taken our Bystander Intervention training and you're looking to go deeper into how to directly intervene and de-escalate conflict: this training is for you. Conflict de-escalation requires patience, a willingness to listen, and an ability to see the humanity in everyone, even those we don't agree with or who seek to hurt us. Using Hollaback!'s Observe-Breathe-Connect methodology, we'll learn how to identify

potential conflict before it escalates using our “pyramid of escalation” and how to assess whether intervening is the right action for you. We’ll talk about specific biases that are increasing conflict, harassment, and violence during COVID19 – and the role of implicit and explicit bias in conflict. We’ll also learn how to connect with others by validating and de-escalating their feelings – even if we don’t understand them or agree with them. We’ll have time at the end to practice using real-life scenarios.

TRAINING DATES AND TIMES:

- **Wed., March 17, 2021.** 2pm ET
 - [Register Here](#)
- **Fri., April 2, 2021.** 1pm ET
 - [Register Here](#)
- **Wed., April 21, 2021.** 4pm ET
 - [Register Here](#)

HOW TO RESPOND TO HARASSMENT FOR PEOPLE EXPERIENCING ANTI-ASIAN/AMERICAN HARASSMENT

TRAINING WORKSHOP DESCRIPTION:

After attending our bystander intervention trainings, many Asian/Americans want to know – how do I take care of myself when I experience harassment? If that’s a question you’re asking – this training is for you.

During this one-hour, highly interactive training you’ll learn Hollaback!’s methodology for responding to harassment: 1) Trust your Instincts, 2) Reclaim Your Space, and 3) Practice Resilience. You’ll learn how your identities can shape your experience of harassment and the impact that harassment has on you and your community as a whole. We’ll talk about what to look for when assessing your safety, and how to determine if responding in the moment is the right action or not. We’ll also take a deep dive into how to build your resilience on an individual, interpersonal, organizational, community, and societal front. You’ll leave with new tools on how to respond to harassment, whether your response is in the moment while that harassment is happening or long-term.

TRAINING DATES AND TIMES:

- **Fri., March 19, 2021.** 4pm ET
 - [Register Here](#)
- **Fri., April 2, 2021.** 5pm ET
 - [Register Here](#)
- **Thurs., April 15, 2021.** 6pm ET
 - [Register Here](#)

OUR GOAL

These experiences of harassment build up over time for people, and harassment can chip away at a person and at a community. Together, we can contribute to sending the message that hate, including racism and xenophobia, is unacceptable in all of its forms.

Like much of the world, we are all still figuring out how this moment will change us. We will likely be changed in many ways, but we know at this moment we have a historic opportunity to shine a light and work to un-do harassment in Asian/American communities. Let's seize this moment as we collectively work to stitch together the tattered fabric of ourselves, our relationships, our communities, and our country – into something more beautiful than any of us could imagine.

Want to learn more? [See Hollaback!'s guide here](#) which discusses the role bystanders can play, what privilege is, reasons why people don't take action, and Hollaback! 5D's of bystander intervention. Asian Americans Advancing Justice | AAJC offers additional resources on their [new COVID-19 page](#).

We are also offering training to help you in building resilience. For more information, visit our [Resilience training](#) page.