

# Healthy Asian Americans Project Newsletter

## University of Michigan School of Nursing

### BCCCP Annual Meeting

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The 2003 Michigan Breast and Cervical Cancer Control Program (BCCCP) annual meeting was held on June 5 and 6 at Shanty Creek in Bellaire. The theme for the meeting was "Expanding the Network of Support". BCCCP staff from state and local offices as well as BCCCP providers from all over the state attended the meeting.

presentations, HAAP director, Dr. Mei-yu Yu shared HAAP's experiences with other participants. In her speech, she not only introduced HAAP's progress during the past 4 years but highlighted the key successful strategies applied in reaching medically underserved Asian women.

The invited keynote speaker and other speakers addressed issues related to general health, breast and cervical cancers, and the early detection of these diseases.



HAAP director is presenting at the BCCCP annual meeting



State BCCCP officers with HAAP team



HAAP team in front of HAAP posters

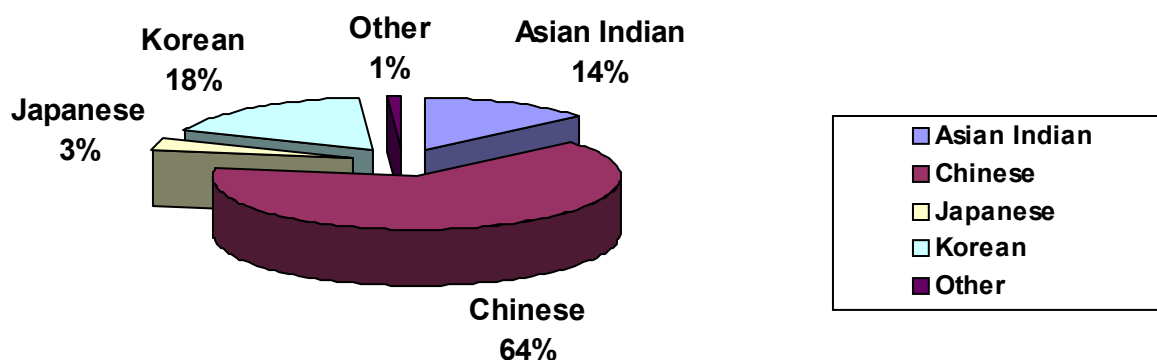
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### Announcements

- HAAP received the funding from the Michigan Department of Community Health for the BCCCP promotion! From October 2003, HAAP will start its 5th fiscal year for the promotion of BCCCP among Asian American residents in southeast Michigan. The target of this year is to recruit 250 to 270 eligible women into Michigan BCCCP by the end of Sept. 2004.
- HAAP's 4th Annual Meeting is scheduled for October 11, 2003. The theme for the meeting is "Together for A Healthy Community". 2003 HAAP annual meeting is designed to work closely with community organizations to establish the endorsement funds needed for sustaining HAAP in the future.
- Ms. Akiko Okamoto, a graduate student from the University of Michigan School of Social Work, will complete her internship at HAAP and graduate in the end of July. Congratulations to Aki! We wish her the best in her future career endeavors.!

## HAAP's Promotion of Michigan BCCCP

As of the end of June 2003, HAAP has successfully recruited 271 eligible women into BCCCP and scheduled appointments for 90% of the recruitees. One Chinese woman has been diagnosed with breast cancer and is currently under-treatment.



HAAP recruitment by ethnicity since October 2002



In order to increase people's awareness and promote the BCCCP, HAAP staff prepared posters introducing breast and cervical cancer and early detection in different Asian languages, i.e., Chinese, Korean, and Japanese.



Dr. Mei-yu Yu is introducing HAAP and its BCCCP promotion to the Health event participants. HAAP staff work hard to reach people in local Asian American communities using different strategies, such as sponsoring seminars and health affairs.



HAAP staff is talking to a client about cancer and cancer early detection after a health seminar.



HAAP's coordinators are recruiting eligible women into BCCCP.



Working with health care professionals - HAAP staff and volunteers work closely with health care providers to facilitate BCCCP women's screening.

# Komen Lay Health Advisor Breast Cancer Education Program

**Dr. Mei-yu Yu**, a member of the Asian Americans/Pacific Islander (AAPI) Advisory Council for the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation, attended *Delivering the Promise*, the sixth annual Mission Conference of the Komen Foundation, on June 8~10. At the meeting, the advisory members explored the strategies of guiding the Komen Foundation in its effort to raise awareness about breast cancer early detection and treatment options for breast cancer patients. The AAPI Advisory Council is being formed in response to the needs of the growing U.S. AAPI population for breast health, breast cancer information, and educational materials that are culturally specific and appropriate.

sponsor /co-sponsor health seminars to educate people about cancer and its early detection. Health care professionals are invited to give speeches on topics related to breast cancer.

**HAAP's** LHA community outreach programs have become the highlight of local people's lives. As of the end of June, the trained LHAs completed their goals of educating 20 women about breast cancer and the early detection and also helping 2 eligible women get cancer screening through BCCCCP.



Dr. Mei-yu Yu and the members of Komen Advisory Councils of Africa Americans, AAPIs and Hispanics.

**Among** the 82 trained LHAs, about 90% are working actively in the community to promote breast and cervical cancer screenings. Collaborating with community organizations (i.e., Women Association, Chinese schools, churches, etc.), LHAs



A Gynecologist is invited to present on breast and cervical cancer and the early detection.



LHAs' programs are publicized through various media channels.



LHAs collaborate with Michigan Chinese Women Association



LHAs provide Asian women transportation and interpretation in getting cancer screening.



An LHA is presenting HAAP and its programs.



An LHA is recruiting eligible women into BCCCCP.



An LHA is introducing the BCCCCP.



LHAs at a health affair

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### Events sponsored/co-sponsored by HAAP

Date	Place
04/03/03	Detroit Chinese School, Birmingham
04/09/03	ACCESS, Dearborn
04/27/03	Michigan State University, Lansing
05/03/03	University of Michigan, Ann Arbor
05/05/03	New Century Chinese School, Livonia
05/17/03	Washtenaw Community College, Ann Arbor
06/14/03	Turner Senior Resource Center, Ann Arbor
06/14/03	Hindu Temple, Canton
06/21/03	Grace Sinai Hospital, Detroit

### Future Events—Mark your calendars!

- HAAP will participate in the Ypsilanti Heritage Affair on August 15, 16 and 17.
- Supported by United Way, HAAP will sponsor a camp for LHAs and their family members on Sept. 13 and 14. This camp aims to update LHAs' knowledge, strategize the sustainability of LHA program and promote communication among LHAs
- Health Affair in Lansing will be held on Sept. 20.

### Donate to Help Build a Healthier Community -HAAP initiated the fundraising program

In order to sustain the exiting programs and expand its services, HAAP launched its fundraising program in May. You can help us work for a Healthy Community and reducing health disparities for Asian Americans. Please make a contribution of whatever you can afford to the Healthy Asian Americans Project, University of Michigan.

You can make a donation by writing a check to the Healthy Asian Americans Project, and mail the check to: School of Nursing, University of Michigan, 400 North Ingalls Building, RM 3246, Ann Arbor, MI 48109-0482. If you have any questions, please call: 877-625-4683.

**A way you can help yourself and support HAAP:**  
 HAAP is collaborating with the University Bank to initiate the establishment of HAAP endorsement fund. When a customer opens an account at this bank, U. Bank will match a donation accordingly. Please contact HAAP for details and/or the brochure.