Southeast Asian American Young Men’s Collaborative Logic Model

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## Coalition Building
The success of the Southeast Asian American Young Men’s Collaborative hinges on the development of trust, understanding, and common goals between each partner. The Collaborative partners exist in different cities across the state of California:

- **The Vietnamese Youth Development Center**, based in San Francisco, prepares Asian-Pacific Islander youth to transition successfully into adulthood through services and programs.

- **Stone Soup Fresno** nurtures leadership that will create positive change for Southeast Asian refugee families to move forward and find their voices and places in America.

- **Khmer Girls in Action**, in Long Beach, works to build a progressive and sustainable community that works for gender, racial, and economic justice led by Southeast Asian youth.

- **The 1Love Movement**, with its San Diego office and national presence, organizes communities against the detention and deportation of immigrants and refugees, so families can live together with dignity.

The Southeast Asia Resource Action Center (SEARAC) is a national organization that provides local community partners with research, policy analysis, leadership development, and capacity building assistance opportunities to increase their local advocacy capacity and presence.

SEARAC supports the members of the Collaborative in this way, ultimately helping each inform local, state, and federal policymakers of important issues affecting Southeast Asian young men and their families.

## Activities

**Policy Development:** Each community-based partner develops its own goals and strategies. SEARAC assists each by helping frame a policy idea, providing research to support its case, and crafting policy solutions specific to the targeted audience.

**Advocacy Training:** Partners and their base of young men participate in SEARAC’s national training on political advocacy. In addition, SEARAC provides workshops and technical assistance directly for partners of the Collaborative, including training young men how to impact law and policy through the art of storytelling.

**Mobilization:** Each partner of the collaborative engages its base to support and act for the policy changes it seeks to create. SEARAC helps each by providing the know-how on project mapping, campaign management, direct-action activities, and targeted messaging on issues affecting Southeast Asian American young men.

## Impact

**Self-Empowerment:** Through the process of learning the issues, developing leadership skills, and expressing their voices to advocate for change, the young men become further empowered to be proactive agents of change in their communities.

**Policy Change:** The Collaborative focuses on three main life areas where policies affect young men the most: the school, the family, and the home.

- In regards to school and education policy, the Collaborative pushes to see changes that boost educational achievement of young men, and make education more accessible and accommodating for all. Successful policies range from those as basic as ensuring school communications are available in parents’ native language, and implementing better school discipline policies that decrease court referrals, to those as complex as changing the formula for how much funding schools receive from the state.

- As for the home and family, the policy improvements they advocate for include safety-net programs for immigrants and low-income families, culturally specific health services, expanding entrepreneurship opportunities for immigrants and refugees, and comprehensive immigration reform.

Most immediately, however, the Southeast Asian American Young Men’s Collaborative focuses its agenda on three objectives:

1. Improving educational outcomes of young men;
2. Stopping the deportation of refugees – especially the deportation agreement between the U.S. and Cambodia; and
3. Ending the school to prison pipeline, where infractions in school are creating pathways to jails and prisons for students.

## Alliance for Boys and Men of Color (BMOC)
The Collaborative works as part of a statewide alliance for boys and men of color, advocating within the Alliance to include Southeast Asian American young men’s issues in its policy agenda, and participating in Alliance advocacy efforts to state and local legislators.