



Boston Chinatown
Neighborhood Center
波士頓華埠社區中心

2022 Annual Report

July 1, 2021 – June 30, 2022



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About BCNC

Boston Chinatown Neighborhood Center (BCNC) empowers Asians and new immigrants to build healthy families, achieve greater economic success, and contribute to thriving communities by providing a broad range of innovative and family-centered programs and services to more than 13,000 children, youth, and adults every year.

Our Mission

The mission of BCNC is to ensure that the children, youth, and families we serve have the resources and supports they need to achieve greater economic success and social well-being.

Our Vision

BCNC believes that families have enormous potential to thrive, and that when immigrants are able to participate fully in society and create their own success stories, all of society benefits.

Our Values



The Collective Power of Community



Families at the Center



Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Belonging



Empowerment

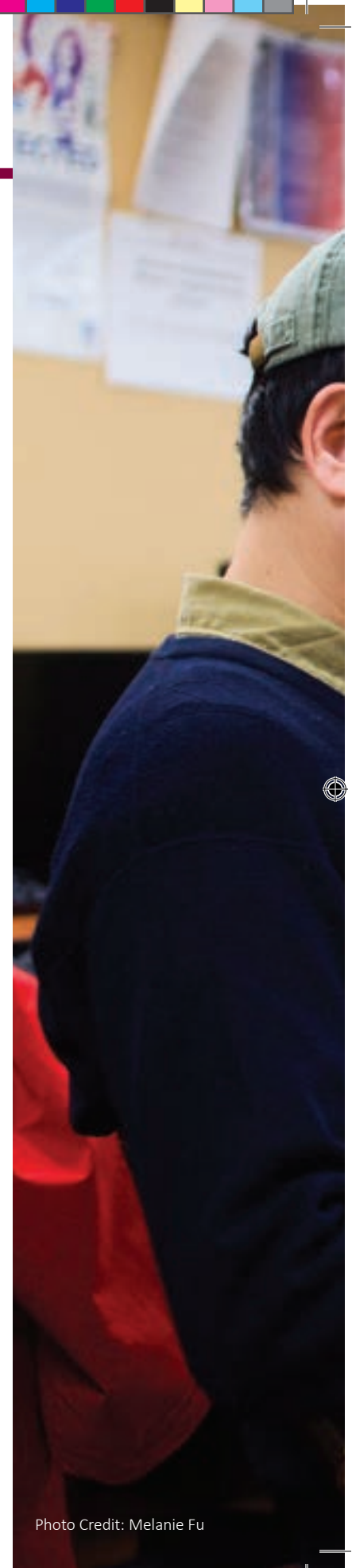


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Our Impact



13,000 children, youth, and adults engaged



850 families served

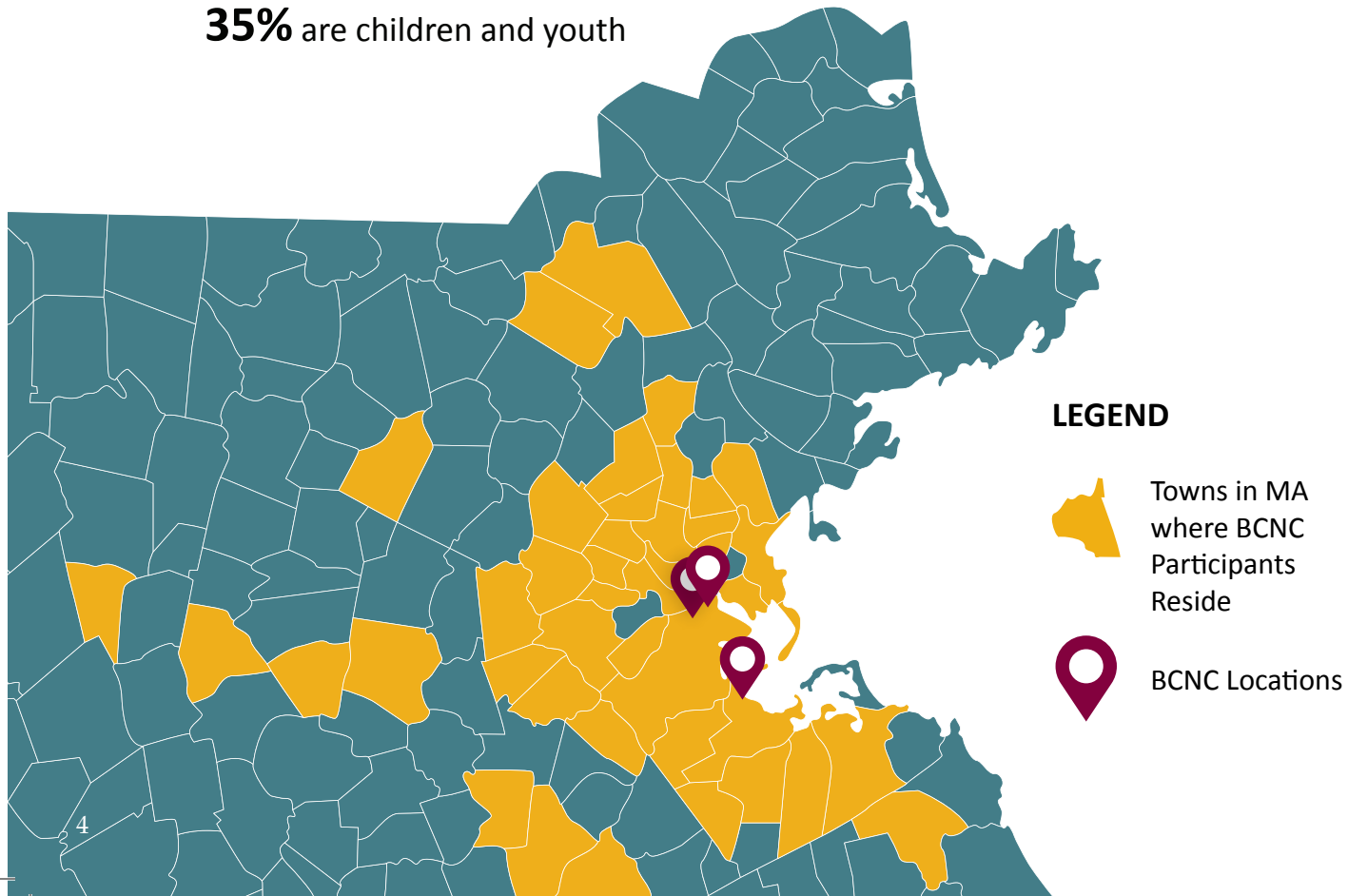
90% are Asian

95% speak a language other than English as their primary language

75% are low-income and **99%** are low-median income

85% are immigrants

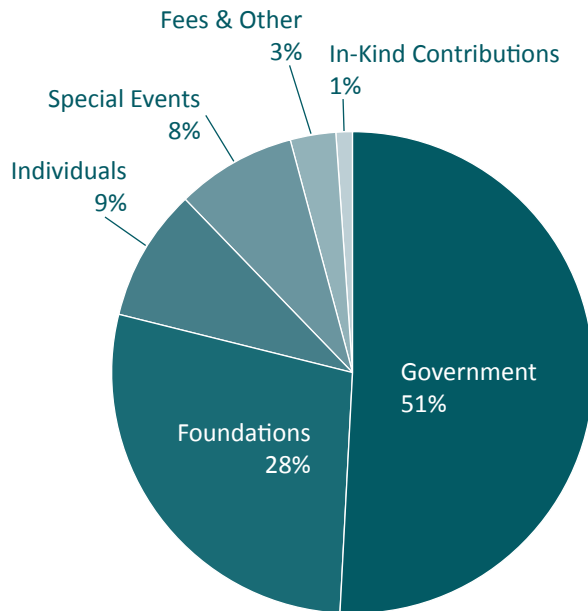
35% are children and youth



Financial Highlights

Fiscal Year 2022

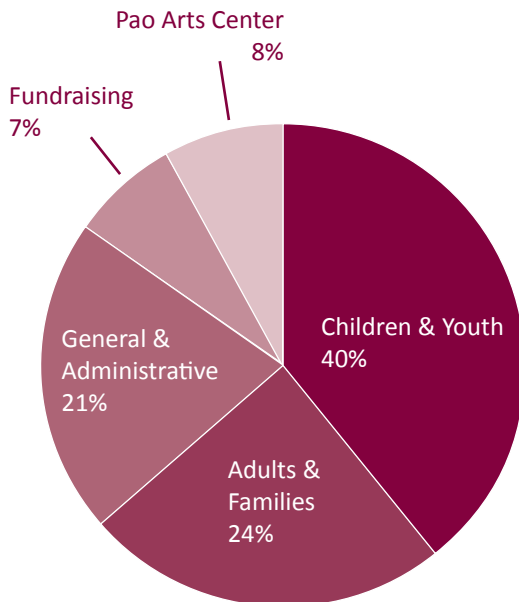
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Revenue & Support

Government	\$ 4,059,206
Foundations	\$ 2,195,107
Individuals	\$ 705,597
Special Events	\$ 598,578
Fees & Other	\$ 274,484
In-Kind Contributions	\$ 48,561

Total **\$ 7,881,533**



Operating Expenses

Programs	
Children & Youth	\$ 2,636,741
Adults & Families	\$ 1,626,003
Pao Arts Center	\$ 556,975

Administrative & Support	
General & Administrative	\$ 1,418,813
Fundraising	\$ 450,002

Total **\$ 6,688,534**

Change in Net Assets \$ 1,192,999



BCNC received a Gold Seal of Transparency from Guidestar and a 4-star rating, with a score of 94%, from Charity Navigator.



Improving Behavioral and Mental Health for Asians

Asians are the fastest growing racial group in Massachusetts, however, Asians had the lowest rates of using mental health supports.

1 in 5 Asian Americans who have experienced racism, have heightened symptoms of depression, anxiety, stress, and physical symptoms.



Since 2006, BCNC has been **providing culturally competent and linguistically accessible behavioral and mental health services** to Chinese-speaking immigrants. BCNC also provides leadership on coalitions to **address addiction and improve emotional wellness**.



285

children, youth, and adults received mental health support services including case management, counseling, parent education, family wellness groups, and workshops



80

direct service staff were trained in mental health first aid

"I learned a lot of useful parenting skills from BCNC. Now, I can better understand my child's needs and the motivation behind behavioral problems."

Danna,
BCNC Parent



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Caring for Children and Working Families

Child care is an essential service for working parents and the cost of child care in Massachusetts is the 2nd highest in the United States.

Understanding ethnic-racial identity and cultural values builds resilience among immigrant children and supports integration.

“BCNC provided structure and engagement in my childhood on a day to day basis. The structure set me up to thrive in school. BCNC’s positive impact helped me find skills, passions, and goals.”

Kassandra,
former BCNC participant,
now a lawyer in Quincy
serving families



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BCNC is committed to providing **high-quality dual language Chinese and English child care** for working families.

In partnership with Massachusetts Department of Early Education and Care, Boston Public Schools Universal Pre-Kindergarten program, and Head Start, BCNC provides:

125

preschool children with nationally accredited early education

185

Chinese-speaking family child care providers with trainings to serve immigrant families

107

school-age children with arts-focused after school and summer programs



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Preparing Immigrant Adults and Youth for College and Career

29% of Boston's population are immigrants.

Among immigrants, only 53% are proficient English speakers.

31% of Quincy residents are Asian and 41% of Quincy students are Asian.

Youth Center



170 youth from Boston, Quincy, and Malden received educational resources and supports, developed workforce readiness, and put leadership skills into action



29 graduating high school seniors were accepted to post-secondary institutions and received financial aid



45 youth participated in workforce development opportunities in Boston and Quincy



Adult Education

BCNC provides adults with a full continuum of English instruction and multiple pathways to post-secondary and occupational training.

400 immigrant adults from across Greater Boston gained English and workforce development skills through English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) for College and Career Readiness classes, the ESOL for Customer Service Job Training program, and ESOL for Parents and Caregivers.

“I have been in the US for a year now, and it has not been easy. I decided I must put a lot of effort into integrating into US society, studying, and working. That’s why I chose to take BCNC classes. It has helped me improve my English and present my skills in the best light to employers.”

Charifa,
a BCNC adult education student



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Strengthening the Asian Pacific Islander (API) Community through Arts and Creativity

BCNC recognizes the impact of gentrification in Chinatown and believes arts, creativity, and culture can mitigate the effects and promote the health and wellness of the neighborhood.

Research shows community arts create opportunities where individuals can build a strong sense of connection to others and develop their own ability to act.



For **10,000** people each year, Pao Arts Center

- provides events, performances, exhibitions, and classes where community members **experience the intersection of arts and well-being**
- engages individuals of all ages, races, and backgrounds to be **inspired to action** and have cultural agency
- creates **opportunities for API artists to nurture their identity and practice**, showcase their work, and grow a thriving creative community



"Pao Arts Center plays a crucial role in showcasing the voices of our Asian American communities. Our entire city benefits from making the arts accessible and inclusive, and Pao Arts Center is a treasure reflecting our community's cultural legacy and modern-day brilliance."

Boston Mayor Michelle Wu

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Collaborations

As a vital presence in Greater Boston and beyond for over 50 years, BCNC recognizes **collaboration is essential** to ensure that Asians and new immigrants thrive. BCNC is the lead agency or key member of the following groups:

- AAPI Empowerment Project
- API Arts Network
- APIs CAN (Civic Action Network)
- Asian Business Empowerment Council
- Barr Klarman Massachusetts Arts Initiative
- Boston Adult Education Consortium
- Chinatown HOPE (Health, Opportunities, Possibilities, and Empowerment)
- Massachusetts Gaming Policy Advisory Committee
- Massachusetts Immigrant Collaborative
- MassHire South Shore Workforce Board
- Project RISE (Resilient Immigrants Striving for Equity)
- The Asian Community Fund at The Boston Foundation, AAPI Mental Health Collaborative
- The Chinatown Coalition, Executive Committee
- Tufts University ADAPT (Addressing Disparities in Asian Populations through Translational Research) Steering Committee
- We Love Boston Chinatown



Research

BCNC is committed to contributing to academic and popular knowledge about the families we serve. This past year, BCNC participated in the following research.

Read more at bcnc.net/research

Problem Gambling

Asian CARES (Center for Addressing Research, Education, and Services) Research Report:
Unpacking the Root Causes of Problem Gambling in the Asian Community

Published September 2021 | Heang Leung Rubin, Mia Colby

Asian CARES is a community partnership comprised of BCNC, Asian Task Force Against Domestic Violence, the Vietnamese American Initiative for Development, Cambodian Mutual Assistance Association, and Tufts CTSI.

Parenting

Self-Regulatory Development in Children from Chinese Immigrant Families: Evidence for Commonality and Specificity

Published November 2021 | Stephen H. Chen, Xue Fang Deng, Cindy H. Liu, Leslie K. Wang, Emily Zhang

COVID-19 Impact

The 'invisible' targets of hatred and hardship: Lower-income Asian Americans the focus of new COVID-19 study

Published April 2022 | Dr. Carolyn Wong, Ziting Kuang



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