CISC Collecting Incidents of Hate and Bias

CISC recently joined the newly formed Coalition Against Hate & Bias, which is supported by the King County Office of Equity and Social Justice and includes the COVID-19 Community Response Fund Alliance, Seattle Chinatown International District Preservation and Development Authority, Somali Community Service of Seattle, and United Indians of All Tribes Foundation as Coalition Partners. The Coalition is a community-led initiative to address hate and bias incidents by strengthening and networking communities who experience racist and bigoted treatment and all forms of oppression.

CISC and the other Coalition Partners are administrators of the Hate and Bias Incident Response Survey to collect data from communities affected by hate and bias. When community members report hate and bias incidents to CISC, they can learn about resources and places to get support. In addition, data collected from the Coalition Partners will inform action and advocacy to strengthen the community.

To report hate and bias incidents, contact CISC staff who are able to assist:
- Cantonese: (206) 468-5981
- Mandarin: (206) 957-8515
- Spanish: (425) 598-5436
- Email: antihb@cisc-seattle.org

Supporting the Well-Being of Seniors During COVID-19

To reduce social isolation during COVID-19, CISC staff are making regular wellness phone calls to seniors. Kelvin Au, a program specialist for the Family Caregiver Support Program (FCSP), reached out to Mrs. Leung, a family caregiver who takes care of her 89-year old husband who had a stroke. She misses not being able to attend in-person activities in the FCSP and our Sunshine Garden Chinese Senior Community Center.

CISC understands the strong cultural tradition of caring for family members and is able to provide support for grocery shopping, meal preparation, and housekeeping. Kelvin connected Mrs. Leung to these services and also in applying for the Senior Farmers Market Nutrition Program that provides access to locally grown fruits and vegetables. “I was so touched when talking to Mrs. Leung, who said she would never forget our kindness to her and her family during this difficult time. I am grateful to be able to help the community and make a difference during the pandemic,” said Kelvin.

Kaleidoscope Play and Learn is Virtual

Since March 2020, CISC’s Kaleidoscope Play and Learn (KPL) program has gone virtual. The KPL team creates weekly bilingual videos that introduce children (0 to 5 years) to fun, engaging early learning activities, as well as provides information and community resources to their parents or caregivers. To respond to COVID-19, we talk about topics such as how to talk about our emotions during change and the importance of washing your hands, which are delivered in a fun and educational way.

We have also developed our own Facebook page called the CISC Early Learning Education Group. Recently, we have collaborated with the King County Library System (KCLS) and Seattle Public Library (SPL) to produce videos that promote bilingual early education access for the community. With their support, and drawing We have served nearly 700 families virtually and we continue to grow. One of our families recently commented about KPL, “My family is so fortunate to be a part of the CISC Community. The Play and Learn program has been extremely dedicated to ensuring the children and their grandparents are doing the right things to help the children develop. Furthermore, this program strives to ensure the grandparents of the children are taken care of. Without this opportunity, I don't imagine Savanah could be as bright as she is now.”
on the skills and talents of our creative staff, CISC is proud to have produced over 168 video programs and 13 circle time videos in seven languages, including Cantonese, Japanese, Mandarin, Russian, Spanish, Ukrainian, and Vietnamese. Link to CISC videos for KCLS

Thank You to Pathway Foundation Interns

Interns from the Pathway Foundation have been working to support the 2020 Census. The students, Jared Hu, Deepnath Dey, Cindy Chen, Chloe Liu, and Keira Wong, recognized the importance of educating their families and communities in East King County and have promoted the Census through social media, Chinese Radio Seattle 1150 AM KKNW, participation in CISC’s Complete Count Committee, and development of a social studies lesson plan. CISC especially appreciates their involvement in our series of Mandarin language videos about the 2020 Census. The Pathway Foundation is a non-profit organization in Bellevue, Washington, with the goal of promoting civic engagement and activism among Chinese Americans in the local community and was co-founded by Bellevue City Councilmember Conrad Lee.

If you know anyone who needs help completing the 2020 Census, CISC staff can provide assistance:

Mikhaela Chebotareva: 206-637-9459, Languages: Russian and English
Alex Wong: 206-412-8679, Languages: Cantonese, Mandarin and English

View our webpage for videos, radio interviews, and more about the Census: https://cisc-seattle.org/census/

Thank you and be well,
CISC Team

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