

# The Cambodian FAMILY

SERVING ORANGE COUNTY SINCE 1980

# FISCAL YEAR 2024

# IMPACT REPORT



### Mission Statement

The mission of The Cambodian Family is to promote social health by providing refugee and immigrant families the opportunities to develop the knowledge, skills, and desires for creating health and well-being in their lives.








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## MESSAGE FROM OUR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



I am extremely pleased and excited to share with you our FY2024 Impact Report which highlights our key accomplishments and the innovative programs, services, and partnerships at The Cambodian Family (TCF) that have helped advance equity in Orange County and beyond. While there are so many accomplishments over the past year, I am so honored to share with you our five major accomplishments in 2024 below:

-  TCF applied for and received a \$2 million donation from the philanthropist MacKenzie Scott through her Yield Giving. TCF was one of 361 applicants selected from a pool of over 6,000 nonprofit organizations in the U.S. that were recognized and awarded for their drive to elevate the voices of vulnerable individuals and families who face systemic obstacles and challenges. We are extremely grateful for this donation, which is the largest gift ever given to TCF since our inception in 1980. This accomplishment was featured on ABC7 News.
-  Our community members joined the Orange County Board of Supervisors to advocate for the Early Intervention Services for Older Adults (EISOA) program to stay with the community. This advocacy, along with MECCA and key partners meeting with individual Board members, resulted in the nearly \$5 million EISOA grant being re-awarded to our diverse older ethnic communities.
-  TCF was invited to speak at the White House AA and NHPI Mental Health Convening hosted by The White House Office of Public Engagement and White House Initiative on Asian Americans, Native Hawaiians, and Pacific Islanders (WHIAANHPI) in Washington DC where we were able to share our concerns and perspectives on the continued mental health needs of the communities we serve.
-  TCF and our partners from OC Asian and Pacific Islander Taskforce (APITF) launched a groundbreaking report entitled Data to Action: A Data and Policy Brief About Asian Americans, Native Hawaiians and Pacific Islanders in Orange County that provides detailed demographic, health and civic engagement data about AA and NHPI communities in Orange County. The report is available to download from here: <https://www.ocapitaskforce.org/resources>.

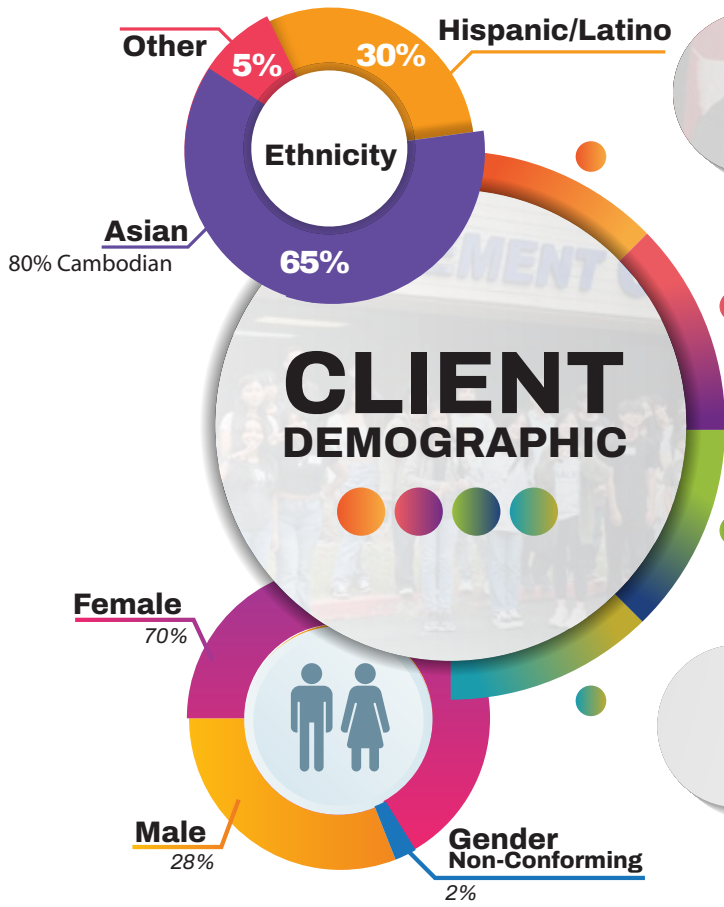
 TCF's capacity was built to provide Community Health Worker (CHW) services, thanks to the support from CalOptima Health, a managed care plan in Orange County, that provided TCF with the opportunity to join their CHW Academy. The academy provided participants with six months of training and onboarding support to prepare participants like TCF to be contracted to provide CHW services and to bill Medicaid for these services.

I would also like to take this opportunity to express my profound gratitude and deep appreciation to my board, staff, community members, volunteers, supporters, funders, and partners; ***we couldn't do this work without you!*** You have helped us make an impact on the lives of over 8,600 underserved community members - ***THANK YOU!***

I know there will be many challenges ahead, but with your trust and continued support and the partnership that we have built together, I am ready to join you for the fights ahead. Let us regroup ourselves with compassion and the power of our immigrant and refugee community members. Once again, on behalf of The Cambodian Family and those we serve, please accept my utmost appreciation and thank you for your support.

*Vattana Peong* **Executive Director**





**66,500** | Community Members Reached

**24,350** | Total Services Provided

**8,690** | Total Clients Served

**100+** | Funders and Community Partners

**STAFF LANGUAGE CAPACITY**

**ENGLISH**

**KHMER (CAMBODIAN)**

**SPANISH**

**VIETNAMESE**

**CHAM**

**INCOME LEVEL**

**85% LOWER INCOME**

**AGE DEMOGRAPHIC**

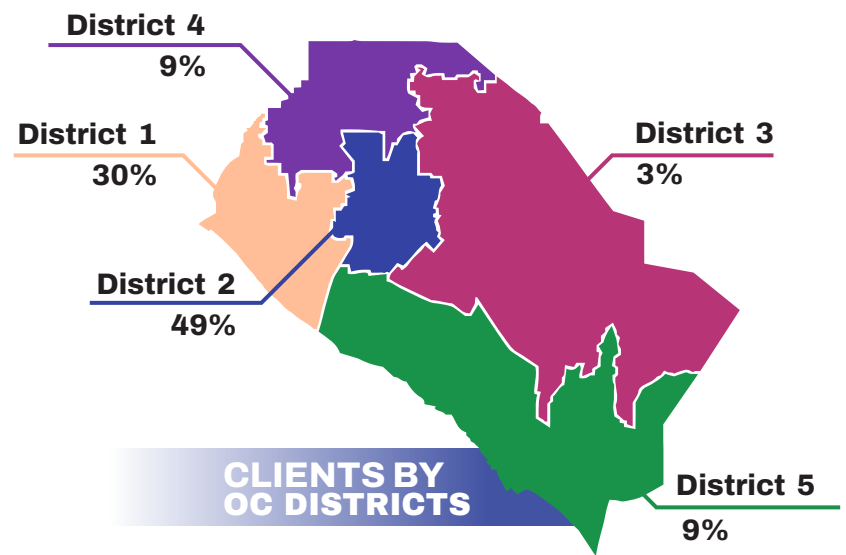
**0-17**  
10%

**18-24**  
4%

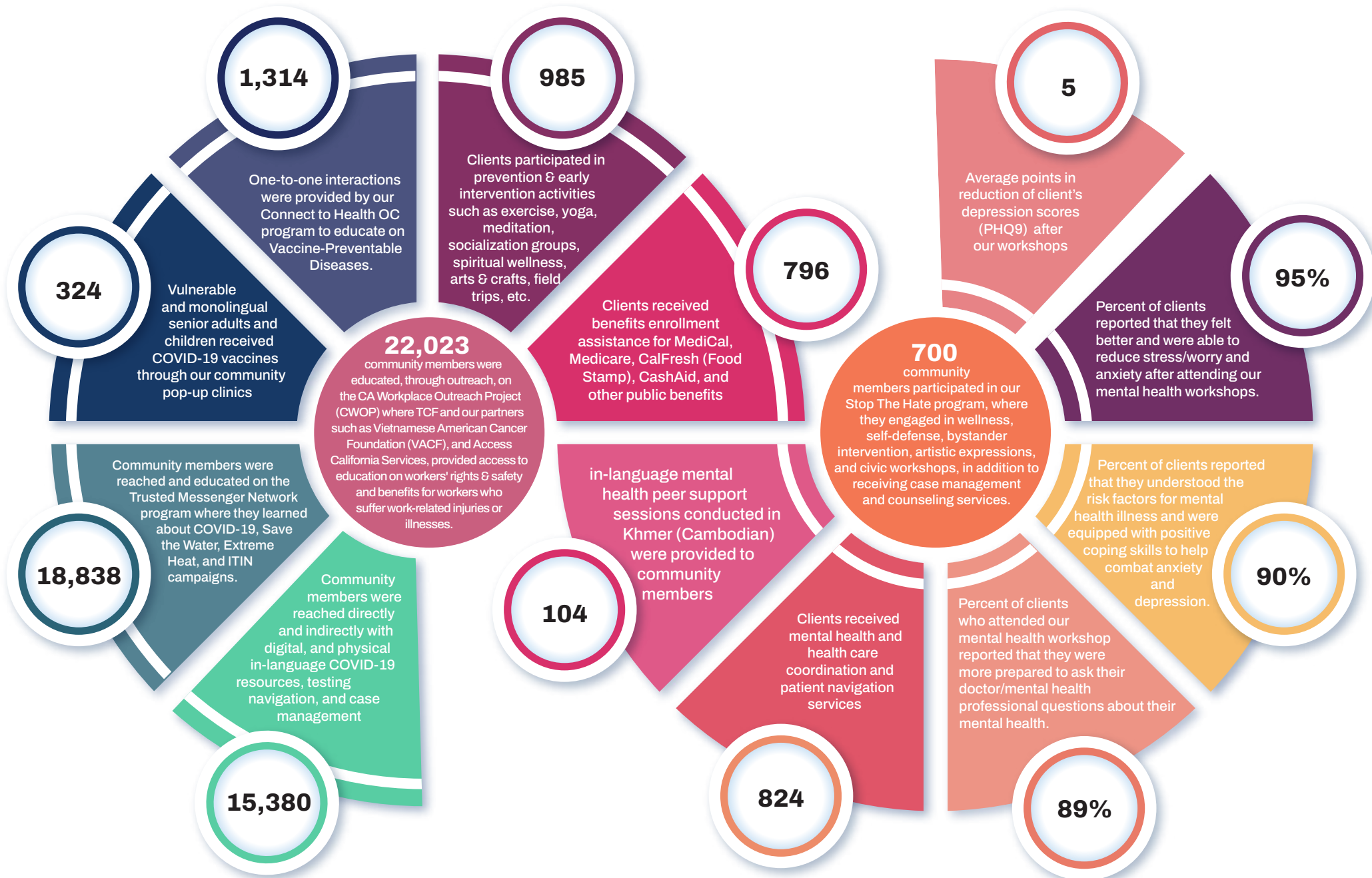
**25-40**  
15%

**41-64**  
38%

**65+**  
33%



# Community Health and Mental Health/COVID-19



# Youth and Civic Engagement

**80**  
YOUTH

80 youth engaged in hybrid after-school tutoring, career readiness presentations, physical/mental health education, STEM, leadership development, prevention-oriented life skills, and mental health educational workshops and inquiry-based discussions.

15 parents and youth attended our in-person 12-week summer enrichment program and parental support and education

**15**  
PARENTS  
AND YOUTH

**3**  
YOUTH  
FIELD TRIPS

3 enrichment field trips for youth, including field trips to the Orange County Museum of Arts and Miles Square Park were provided

2 major youth-led budget advocacy projects completed at the city and county levels involving youth programming and youth mental health services.

**2**  
YOUTH  
ADVOCACY  
PROJECTS

**69**  
YOUTH

69 middle-school/high-school-aged youth from communities of color participated in youth substance use disorder prevention programming.

3 youth listening sessions on substance use disorder, leadership, and advocacy held for middle-school and high school students through ESALY.

**3**  
YOUTH  
LISTENING  
SESSIONS

**85%**

**PERCENT OF**

students felt comfortable talking to their mentors about thoughts and experiences around substance use.

**100%**

**PERCENT OF**

students reported feeling more confident in their public speaking skills after participating in ESALY leadership and advocacy classes.

**92%**

**PERCENT OF**

ESALY youth expressed high satisfaction with the ESALY youth program, indicating that it met or exceeded their expectations.

## Highlights

We launched our first ever student loan relief program with the Student Empowerment Network (SLE) at <https://studentloanhelp.dfp.ca.gov>

Signed on to several different letters of supports including our support for SB 1078, which would establish an Office of Language Access, ensuring community members with limited English proficiency would have meaningful access to the government's health and human services programs.



# Immigration Program

Community Members Received In-language Education And Information Regarding Citizenship Application Assistance/immigration Services

111

Clients Received Assistance With U.S. Citizenship Applications And Referrals To Free Or Low-cost Legal Services

103

Limited-english-proficient Residents Were Trained In Leadership And Advocacy Topics And Advocated For Mental Health Needs At The County & State Levels

75

Hours Of ESL And Civics Instruction Delivered To Lawful Permanent Residents Preparing To Become New US Citizens.

250

Lawful Permanent Residents Completed Their U.S Citizenship Applications

55



"I learned a lot through this program with advocacy and learning the long-term consequences of substance abuse. **I want to do more in my community**, and support and help others when they need it!" (J.R. from Santa Ana, CA)



"I want to do more in my community"

"Before I came to The Cambodian Family Center, I was very shy and lonely. After attending the exercise, ESL, and Citizenship classes, **I have made many friends and have found a community of people to share my life experiences with.** I am grateful for this opportunity to socialize with people my age. I have been able to decrease my stress and be more happy." (B.T. Santa Ana, CA)



**R.R** fifty-four years old, came to us seeking support for naturalization and FOIA (Freedom of Information Act) application. With our help, he was able to get his records and we were able to successfully complete his N-400 application. After becoming a U.S citizen, he called our office to say "Thank you for all the support when I was applying for citizenship. My family members...learned to be more motivated and not be scared to apply for naturalization [because of my experience]."

"I learned how to report...a hate crime or a hate incident. I think we all should join these workshops & training, so we can protect ourselves, our family, and our friends." ( L.S, Anaheim, CA)



" Thank you so much for your partnership, support, and investment in our communities. **Without you, we could not have done this** | **thank you.**

