

**SERVING  
ORANGE COUNTY  
SINCE 1980**



**FISCAL YEAR  
2025  
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.*



# The Cambodian **FAMILY**

## MESSAGE FROM OUR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



Dear Supporters,

It is with deep gratitude and pride that I share The Cambodian Family's Fiscal Year 2025 Impact Report—a reflection of what we have accomplished together. Every milestone in this report is possible because of your belief in our mission and your continued support.

October 2025 marked a very special moment for me personally: 10 years of serving as Executive Director of The Cambodian Family. Since joining TCF in January 2011 and stepping into this role in October 2015, I have had the honor of helping guide our organization through a decade of growth, innovation, and deepened impact.

During my tenure, The Cambodian Family has grown from a small grassroots nonprofit of only 3 staff members into a trusted community anchor of 30 staff members, offering over 28 trauma-informed, culturally grounded programs serving thousands of immigrant and refugee families each year.

Together, we have:

- 🌸 Expanded critical health and mental health services that support healing and stability
- 🌸 Launched youth leadership and civic engagement programs that empower the next generation
  - Built strong partnerships with public agencies, local organizations, and universities
- 🌸 Laid the foundation for Medi-Cal billing, strengthening long-term sustainability so our services can reach even more families

None of this would have been possible without the unwavering support of our board, staff, community members, partners—and supporters like you. Because of you, The Cambodian Family is not just an organization, but a place of belonging, resilience, and hope.

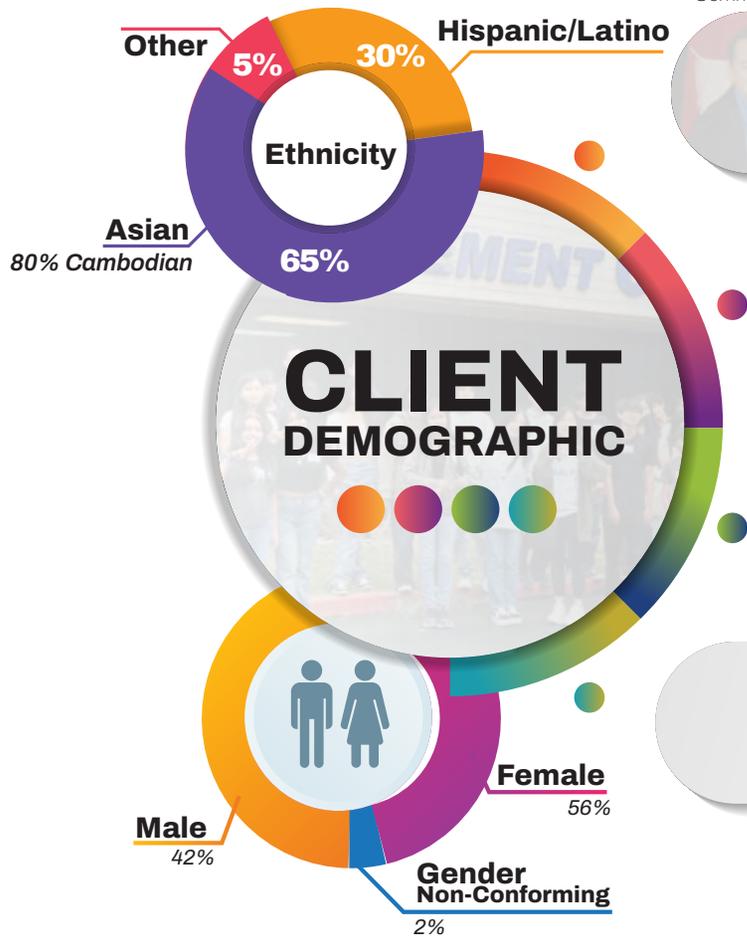
As we look ahead, our work is far from finished. Immigrant and refugee families continue to face barriers to health, resources, and opportunity—and your support has never been more important. Your donation today helps ensure that healing, equity, and opportunity remain accessible to those who need it most.

With heartfelt thanks and solidarity,

*Vattana Peong*  
**Executive Director**



\*Community Members Reached In-Person and Digitally (i.e social media, ethnic media, etc)



**STAFF LANGUAGE CAPACITY**

**ENGLISH**

**KHMER (CAMBODIAN)**

**SPANISH**

**VIETNAMESE**

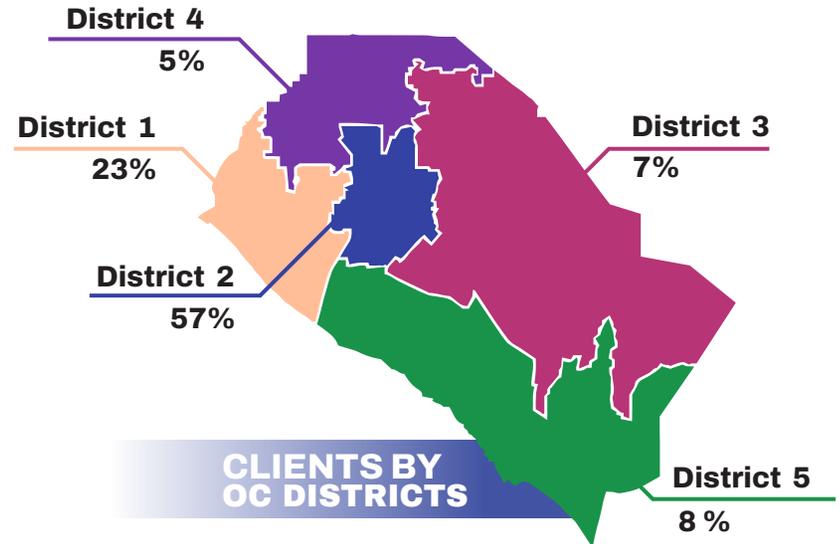
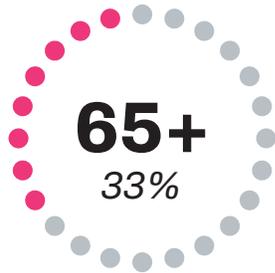
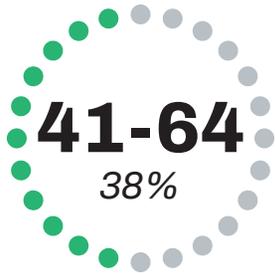
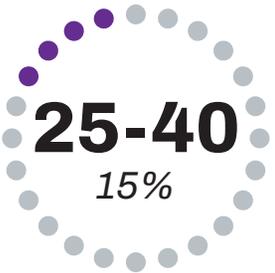
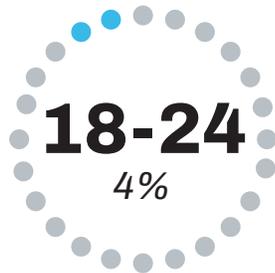
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**KOREAN**

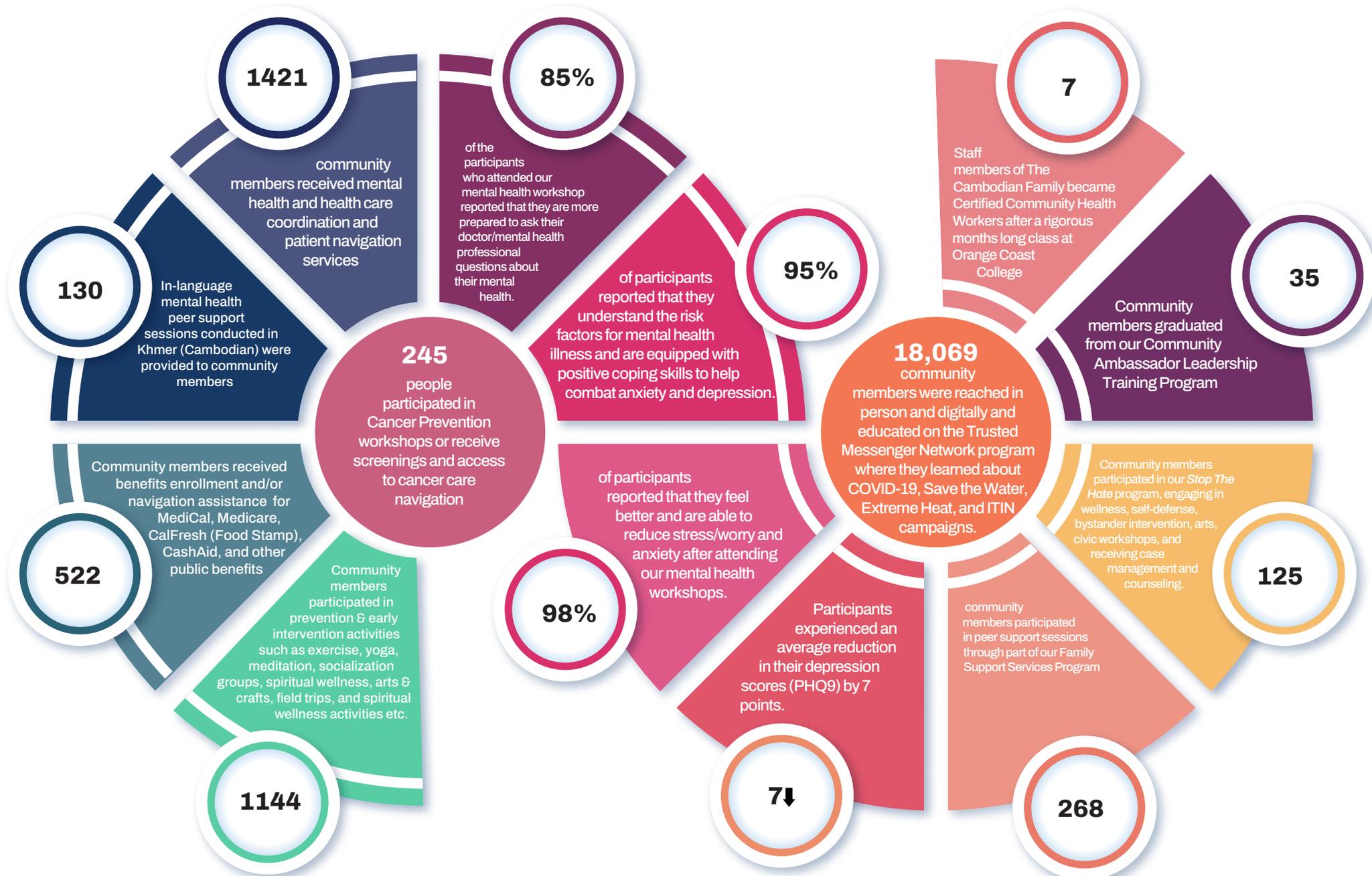
**INCOME LEVEL**

**85% LOWER INCOME**

**AGE DEMOGRAPHIC**



# Community Health and Mental Health/COVID-19



# Youth and Civic Engagement

72  
YOUTH

72 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.

78 enrichment activities for youth, including field trips to the Orange County Museum of Arts and Miles Square Park.

78  
ENRICHMENT  
ACTIVITIES

32  
PARENTS  
AND YOUTH

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

20 youth participated in budget advocacy training involving city and county programming, youth mental health services, and cannabis tax funding.

20  
YOUTH

56  
YOUTH

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

6 Youth Advisory Council Members submitted public comments during the City of Santa Ana's public budget meetings to set the city budget for FY 2025-2026.

6  
PUBLIC  
COMMENTS

9

## ESALY Youth Peer Mentors

followed the Orange County Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) budget, following changes related Prop 1 (Mental Health funding impacts/implementation for county services), and requested more funding towards youth services.

40

## Direct Student Loans

40 people received direct student loan counseling services through our Student Empowerment Network (SLE).

77%

## PERCENT OF

77% of students reported feeling more confident in their public speaking skills after participating in ESALY leadership and advocacy classes.

20

## Increased Savings

20 people increased their savings through our Student Empowerment Network (SLE).

2

## Community Listening Sessions

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

1200

## People Reached

through our Student Empowerment Network (SLE) at <https://studentloanhelp.dfpi.ca.gov> through workshops and webinars.

## Highlights

When our community learned that services at the Minnie Street Family Resource Center (MSFRC) in Santa Ana were set to be discontinued after June 30, 2025, they rose together in collective action. From April through June 2025, community members stood shoulder to shoulder with one another and joined meetings of the Orange County Board of Supervisors to advocate for keeping MSFRC open as a vital lifeline for families.

For more than 30 years, MSFRC has served underserved communities and remains the only Family Resource Center across all five Orange County districts with dedicated Cambodian language capacity. Families from across the county rely on MSFRC for culturally responsive support, connection, and stability.

Refusing to be silent, community members shared powerful written public comments and showed up in person at the June 2025 Board of Supervisors meeting, making their voices heard. Their advocacy—alongside the commitment of key community leaders and partners—led to a meaningful victory: the nearly \$991,667 Family Resource Center grant was re-awarded, ensuring continued services for our diverse families and children.

# Immigration Program

hours of ESL and Civics instruction delivered to Lawful Permanent Residents preparing to become new US Citizens.

172

Lawful Permanent Residents completed their U.S. Citizenship applications

27

84

community members received in-language education and information regarding citizenship application assistance/immigration services

105

participants received assistance with U.S. citizenship applications and referrals to free or low-cost legal services

35

limited-English-proficient residents were trained in leadership and advocacy topics and advocated for mental health needs at the county & state levels



**“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)**



**“I want to do more in my community”**

**“TCF is a supportive community and a welcoming area for everybody. There are so many people who can help - my mom, for example, needs a lot of assistance with things like translation or understanding important documents. I love being able to come to the summer program and enjoy myself while my mom also gets the services she needs.”**



I never imagined my life would feel so empty. After losing my job in Mississippi, I moved to Orange County, California, hoping for a fresh start. Instead, I found myself drowning in loneliness and confusion. As a single Cambodian woman with limited English skills, I faced an impossible situation. I needed help with CalFresh, Medi-Cal, identity theft issues, and early retirement services. I had no family in California; just a few friends and my church. Then I found The Cambodian Family. Through the Early Intervention Services for Older Adult program, I was connected with a Case Manager who became more than just a helper; she became family. She made phone calls on my behalf, interpreting and advocating when I couldn't find the words. She helped me navigate the identity theft issues I was facing and guided me through the early retirement process. She helped me gather the documents I needed for CalFresh and Medi-Cal and submit them to Orange County Social Services. I was also connected to mental health therapy, provided transportation to appointments, and gave me hope when I had none left. The Cambodian Family is more than a nonprofit organization. It's a place where I got the hope to continue on with my journey in America. The Case Managers are like family, supporting me with everything I need. Today, I'm waiting for my benefit approval, but I've already received something more valuable. I feel so grateful. Without their help, I don't know what I would have done. I don't feel alone anymore. (L.K., Santa Ana, CA)

**“Not enough youth know their voice matters. ESALY helps teach them how to speak up.”**



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

**thank you.**

