

Korean Community Services Mental Health Clinic

KIMBAP CHR®NICLES

Conversations, Culture and Community

Overview

Kimbap Chronicles* is an innovative mental health initiative that intertwines cultural exploration with mental well-being through activities such as Kimbap-making and facilitated group discussions. This program adopts a unique approach by conceptualizing individuals within their cultural context, fostering a deeper exploration of self and cultural identity. Moreover, Kimbap Chronicles offers a space for community building and conversations on

topics such as race, ethnicity, culture, and mental health, which allows participants to share their experiences and make meaningful connections. Ultimately, this program is reimagining mental health initiatives through its culturally-embedded, community-focused approach.

*In collaboration with the Network of Korean American Leaders (NetKAL)

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Have you had kimbap before? What is your favorite memory of eating kimbap?



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If you identify as 1.5 or 2nd generation Asian American, do you identify more with your Asian identity, American identity, or do you feel evenly connected to both?



Food is a love language for some immigrant families, and parents may show their affection through food, rather than directly communicating. How does this make you feel?



What does the future look like? What words come to mind?



Kimbap Chronicles with Students from IHPCH*



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Healing-Centered

Youth Workshop

Overview

The Healing-Centered Youth Workshop Series* is an innovative mental health initiative that draws from Dr. Shawn Ginwright's research on collective hope and healing-centered engagement, and Relational-Cultural Theory (RCT). Integrating these frameworks, each workshop theme aims to foster racial healing and support for AAPI high schoolers by facilitating identity understanding, building connections, and promoting racial literacy. This program adopts an intergenerational and cross-cultural approach that emphasizes knowledge, skill-building, and agency. The Healing-Centered Youth Workshop is a notable departure from conventional mental health approaches that often involve individual therapy and isolated interventions.

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Healing-Centered Engagement - CARMA Model (Dr. Shawn Ginwright)

Healing-Centered Youth Workshop: Series Arc



Workshop Structure

Opening	A warm-up activity that introduces the big ideas of the workshop.
Generative Activity	A longer activity that surfaces main themes and anchors.
Group Processing	A collective time for reflection, understanding, and learning.
Individual Processing	A small group or solo time for checking in with yourself and continuing your own journey.
Closing	A shorter activity to wrap up loose ends with participation from all.
Home Connections	A suggestion for extending the engagement beyond the session and priming for the next session.

Thank you

for listening!

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