



Resources for San Mateo County Victims of Traumatic Violence

On Monday, January 23, 2023, a mass shooting in Half Moon Bay resulted in the deaths of seven community members. We join millions around the country mourning the tragic and horrible loss of life in Half Moon Bay. With eight members of the Asian and Latino communities killed or injured, we not only send our condolences but are also identifying resources for those who are hurting.

If you or someone you know is in need of support, please share this guide. It contains immediate resources for victims, mental health resources, legal resources, and local organizations. Many resources are specific to the AAPI/Latino community in San Mateo County, while some resources are available to anyone in the state or country.

If you have resources to share or other feedback, please email Eunice Kim at Stop AAPI Hate (ekim@stopaapihate.org). For any additional inquiries, please email (community@stopaapihate.org).

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RESOURCES FOR VICTIMS AND IMPACTED COMMUNITIES

[County of San Mateo - Victim Services Division](#)

<https://www.smcgov.org/da/victim-services>

Support to victims of crime and their families. Victim Advocates care for the victim's physical, emotional and financial needs after a crime. Contact them by calling: 650-599-7479.

[County of San Mateo Behavioral Health and Recovery Services](#)

<https://www.smchealth.org/bhrs>

San Mateo County Behavioral Health and Recovery Services (BHRS) provides services for residents who are on Medi-Cal or are uninsured including children, youth, families, adults and older adults, for the prevention, early intervention, and treatment of [mental illness](#) and/or [substance use conditions](#). Interpretation is available for Mandarin, Cantonese, and Spanish speakers. For consultation, assessment and referrals, call the Access Call Center: 800-686-0101, TDD: 800-943-2833.

[California Department of Justice – Victims' Services Unit](#)

<https://oag.ca.gov/victimservices>

The California Department of Justice's Victims' Services Unit (VSU) assists victims and survivors, connecting them with state and local resources. Additionally, VSU supports all 58 counties' government and community based victims and social services providers with client-centered, trauma-informed, and culturally sensitive services. Contact them by calling: 877-433-9069; email: VictimServices@doj.ca.gov.

MENTAL HEALTH

[National Alliance on Mental Illness \(NAMI\) - San Mateo County](#)

<https://namisanmateo.org/>

NAMI is a non-profit 501(c)(3) exempt organization governed by a dedicated volunteer Board of Directors. NAMI advocates for persons with mental illness and their families and are staffed Monday through Friday from 9am to 3pm. Nami offers in-language services for Mandarin, Cantonese, and Spanish speaking clients. They operate a "Warm Line"/Help Desk Support to respond to inquiries about how families can best help their loved ones as well as how individuals with their own diagnosis can best help themselves. Contact NAMI to request support through the Warm Line: (650-638-0800) or for questions call the Office Line: 650-638-0800. You can also reach NAMI through their email: nami@namisanmateo.org.

[Anise Health](#)

<https://www.anisehealth.co/>

Anise Health provides AAPI therapists paired with coaches to provide culturally responsive mental health treatment. Get started by completing the Client Application here:

<https://patient.anisehealth.co/patients/onboarding>. Contact Anise Health at info@anisehealth.co.

[Yellow Chair Collective](#)

<https://yellowchaircollective.com>

The Yellow Chair collective is offering free therapy sessions to those who have been directly affected by the Half Moon Bay tragedy. These free sessions are offered in English, Mandarin Chinese, and Korean. To inquire, please email info@yellowchaircollective.com or call: 213-222-8402.

HEALTHCARE

[North East Medical Services \(NEMS\)](#)

<https://nems.org/>

NEMS is committed to providing linguistically competent and culturally sensitive health care services to victims and impacted community members of the Half Moon Bay tragedy. In addition to English, they provide care in many Asian languages and dialects, including Mandarin, Cantonese, Toishan, Vietnamese, Burmese, Tagalog and Hindi. Some providers and staff are also proficient in basic or medical Spanish. NEMS provides a comprehensive array of primary health care services and ancillary services such as health education, nutrition, behavioral health counseling, acupuncture, laboratory, radiology, and social services. NEMS provides services in person and telehealth (both video and audio). To access NEMS services, email: info@nems.org or call: 415-391-9686.

LEGAL

[Asian Americans Advancing Justice - Asian Law Caucus](#)

<https://www.advancingjustice-alc.org/>

The Asian Law Caucus is the nation's first legal and civil rights organization serving low-income, immigrant, and underserved Asian American and Pacific Islander communities. In California, with a special focus on the Bay Area, they bring together legal services, community empowerment, and policy advocacy to fight for immigrant justice, economic security, and a stronger democracy. Community members who use Asian languages, including Cantonese and Mandarin can call the Asian Law Caucus at 415-896-1701 for free legal consultation.

[Services, Immigrant Rights and Education Network \(SIREN\)](#)

<https://www.sirenimmigrantrights.org/>

SIREN is a vehicle for low-income immigrants and refugees in California - to be their own agents for change. They do this through community education and organizing, leadership development, legal services, policy advocacy, and civic engagement. Spanish speaking victims, survivors and their families can call: 408-453-3003, and/or email info@sirenimmigrantrights.org to schedule a free immigration services consultation.

[The Legal Aid Society of San Mateo](https://www.legalaidsmc.org)

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The Legal Aid Society of San Mateo County shares in grief with the victims, and would like to offer its help and support to the Half Moon Bay Community after the recent tragic shooting. They provide services for low-income clients with civil legal issues. The Legal Aid provides interpretation and in-language services for Limited English Proficient communities including: Mandarin, Cantonese, and Spanish. To schedule an appointment with a Legal Aid lawyer, call: 650-558-0915.

[Asian Law Alliance \(ALA\)](http://asianlawalliance.org/)

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ALA keeps its doors open for those individuals who are limited in English, who do not understand the legal system, who cannot afford legal fees and who face the reality of discrimination. ALA is offering free legal services around immigration, housing, domestic violence, and public benefits for San Mateo residents and people impacted by the Half Moon Bay tragedy. ALA provides in-language services in Mandarin, Spanish, Vietnamese, and Korean. To access ALA's services, call: 408-287-9710.

[Centro Legal de la Raza](http://www.centrolegal.org)

www.centrolegal.org

Provides free or low-cost, bilingual, culturally-sensitive legal aid, community education, and advocacy for impacted Bay Area residents including residents of San Mateo County. Centro Legal de la Raza can provide services to monolingual Spanish-speaking immigrants. To schedule an appointment, call 510-437-1554 or email: info@centrolegal.org

[La Raza Centro Legal](https://www.lrci.org/)

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provides high quality, free legal representation to the Latino community and other low-income immigrant families, as the most trusted partner in legal services. La Raza Centro Legal provides excellent direct legal services by licensed attorneys and competent staff to ensure that poverty, immigration status, disability, language, sexual orientation, or gender identity will not be an impediment to justice. They represent families

located primarily in the counties of San Francisco and San Mateo. To contact LRCL, reach out to Pilar Eslava's email: pilar@lrcl.org or call: 415- 575 3500.

[Santanna Law Offices](#)

<https://www.santannalaw.com>

Provides legal assistance specializing in legal assistance to immigrants and their families. The law firm is providing legal assistance for directly impacted people by the Half Moon Bay tragedy. Fill out the contact form at <https://www.santannalaw.com/contact-us> or call: 510-922-0154 or email:

natalia@santannalaw.com

LOCAL ORGANIZATIONS

[Ayudando Latinos A Sonar \(ALAS\)](#)

<https://www.alasdreams.com>

ALAS is Latino centered nonprofit organization that began as a grassroots program in 2011. ALAS was born from the desire to help children and their families to feel proud of their identity and culture and amplify their voices. ALAS is dedicated to working for social wellness through multicultural practices, mental healthcare, individualized and collective support related to education, immigration processes, and work and advocating for the wellbeing of the Latino coastal community. Contact ALAS by calling: 650-560-8947 or fill out the contact form: <https://www.alasdreams.com/contact>

[Coastside Hope](#)

<https://coastsidehope.org>

Coastside Hope is chartered by San Mateo County to be the primary core human services agency for the mid-coast. Their mission is to provide necessities to enhance quality of life for all neighbors. They offer hope on a non discriminatory basis to everyone living in the service area including Montara, Moss Beach, El Granada, Half Moon Bay, and La Honda. Contact them by calling: 650-726-9071.

[PUENTE](#)

<https://mypuente.org>

Every day, PUENTE works side by side with community members to build and increase equity for all who call the South Coast home. PUENTE fosters wellness and prosperity in the San Mateo County South Coast communities of Pescadero, La Honda, Loma Mar, and San Gregorio by promoting and advocating for equitable access to education, health, and economic security. Contact PUENTE by emailing outreach@mypuente.org or call: 650-879-1691.

[El Centro de Libertad The Freedom Center](#)

<https://www.elcentrodelibertad.org/about-us/>

El Centro Libertad offers a response to the growing need for culturally competent drug and alcohol services for adults in urban and rural Coastside communities and offer Specialized Services to other underserved adult populations such as those in custody, those who have co-occurring disorders, those needing Parenting, Domestic Violence or Anger Management consulting. To contact El Centro de Libertad call: 650-599-9955.

[Self Help for the Elderly](#)

<https://www.selfhelpelderly.org>

Self Help for the Elderly has provided assistance and support to seniors in the SF/San Mateo area. They provide trustworthy and devoted care for seniors to promote their independence, dignity and self-worth. Their services help guide seniors to wellness and happiness. Call 415-667-7600. For TDD/TYY users: Dial 7-1-1 for California Relay Service OR 1-800-855-7100 English Voice/TDD/TTY; 1-800-855-7200 Spanish Voice/TDDTTY

OTHER

[Gun Violence Restraining Order](#)

The Gun Violence Restraining Order (GVRO) is a tool for temporarily removing guns and ammunition from individuals who are at risk of harming themselves or others. This is law in the state of California. Learn more here: <https://speakforsafety.org>