



Kiran, Inc.

Kiran's mission is to end the cycle of abuse and to serve and empower South Asian victims of domestic violence in North Carolina by providing culturally specific services and comprehensive economic, social and community resources.

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WHAT IS KIRAN?

- Conceptualized in 1998; non-profit status in 2000; federally-funded since 2008
- Meaning 'ray of light' in Hindi, Kiran exists to enable and empower South Asians to break their cycle of violence
- Only agency providing culturally-specific domestic violence and crisis counseling services to South Asians in North Carolina
- Our Organization: Staff, Advisory Committee, Executive Board & Collaborative Partners



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HISTORY OF KIRAN

- Kiran began as a volunteer-run organization to address the growing needs of victims from the South Asian community in NC. The volunteers started getting referrals and most of their referrals came from local agencies that were ill-equipped either culturally or linguistically to deal with the diverse and unique needs of the South Asian population.
- Over the years being entirely volunteer-run became too difficult and eventually, Kiran had to discontinue their extensive services to pursue a strategic fund development plan.
- In 2008, Kiran applied for a grant as part of the new VAWA Communities of Color provisions.



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Left to Right: Seema, Shagufta, Keerat, Sangeetha, and Teena

HOW A CULTURALLY SPECIFIC PROGRAM IMPACTS THE COMMUNITY

KIRAN'S PRIMARY PREVENTION



Understanding of cultural barriers faced by survivors

Cultural barriers include: Stigma of Divorce, Arranged vs Forced Marriage, Dating & Love Marriage, Dowry System, Patriarchal Society, Joint Family Household, Karma, Honor/Reputation, and Collectivism

Bilingual Staff who speak a client's language

Every Kiran staff, team member, and trained volunteer are bilingual in at least 2 South Asian languages, providing a comfortable space for clients to express their needs



Providing culturally specific resources that fit the needs of clients

Access to South Asian mental health therapists; Advocate for legal services and mainstream shelters (dietary restrictions); Providing driving lessons; Translation assistance

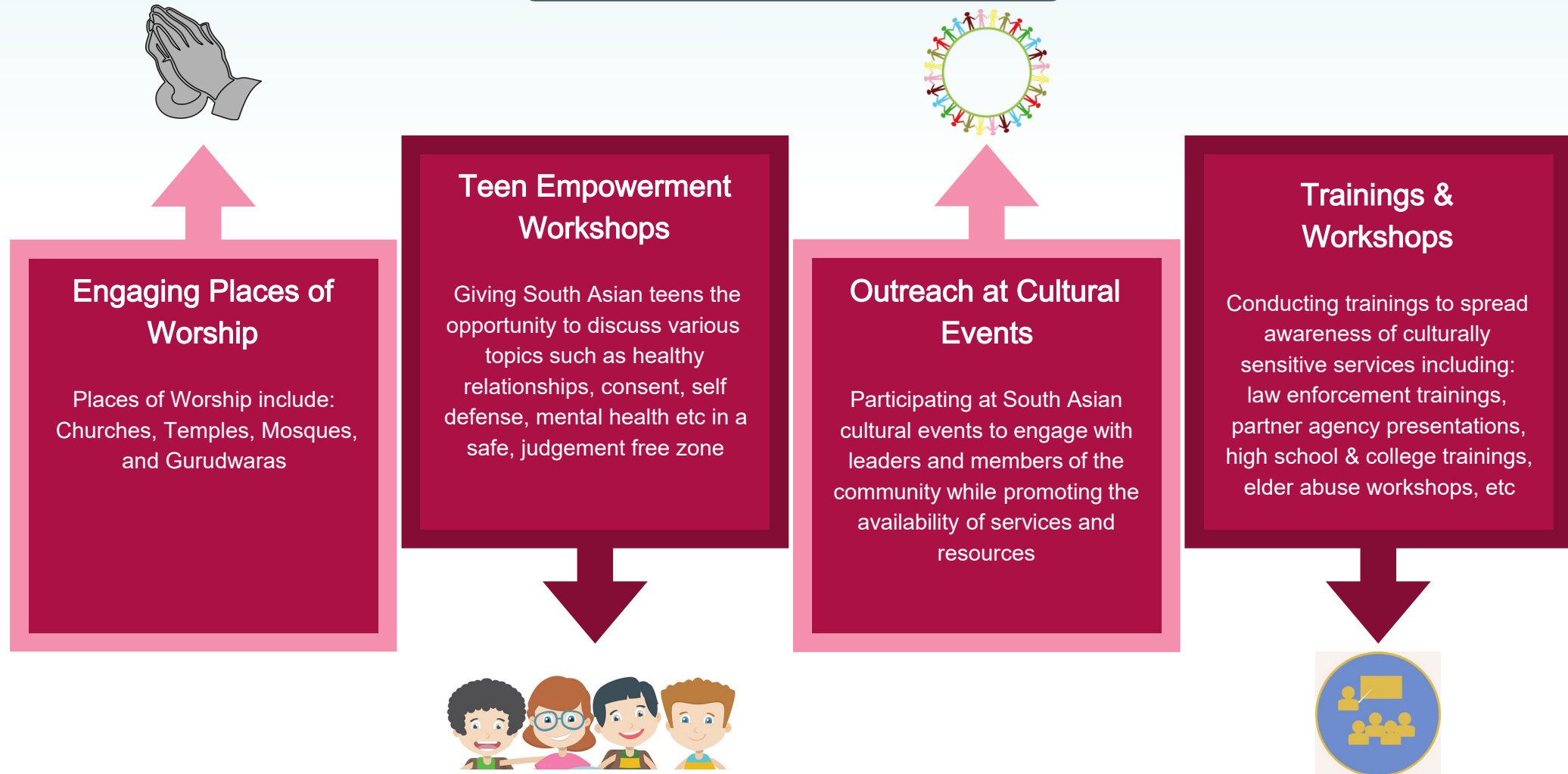
Informing the South Asian community of their rights

Providing comprehensive resources and informative materials on immigrant rights in the US, connecting clients to proper legal services related to immigration



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KIRAN'S SECONDARY PREVENTION



ACTIVITIES INVOLVING FVPSA RELATED INITIATIVES



Kiran Charlotte Volunteer Chapter- Statewide Expansion



Kiran Walkathon



Teen Self Defense Workshop



Outreach at Kiran Cultural Event



Kiran Bazaar



Kiran Volunteers

ACTIVITIES INVOLVING FVPSA RELATED INITIATIVES



Teen Yoga Empowerment Workshop



Cary Diwali Cultural Outreach Event



Apex Friendship High School Outreach



Cary Police Department Outreach

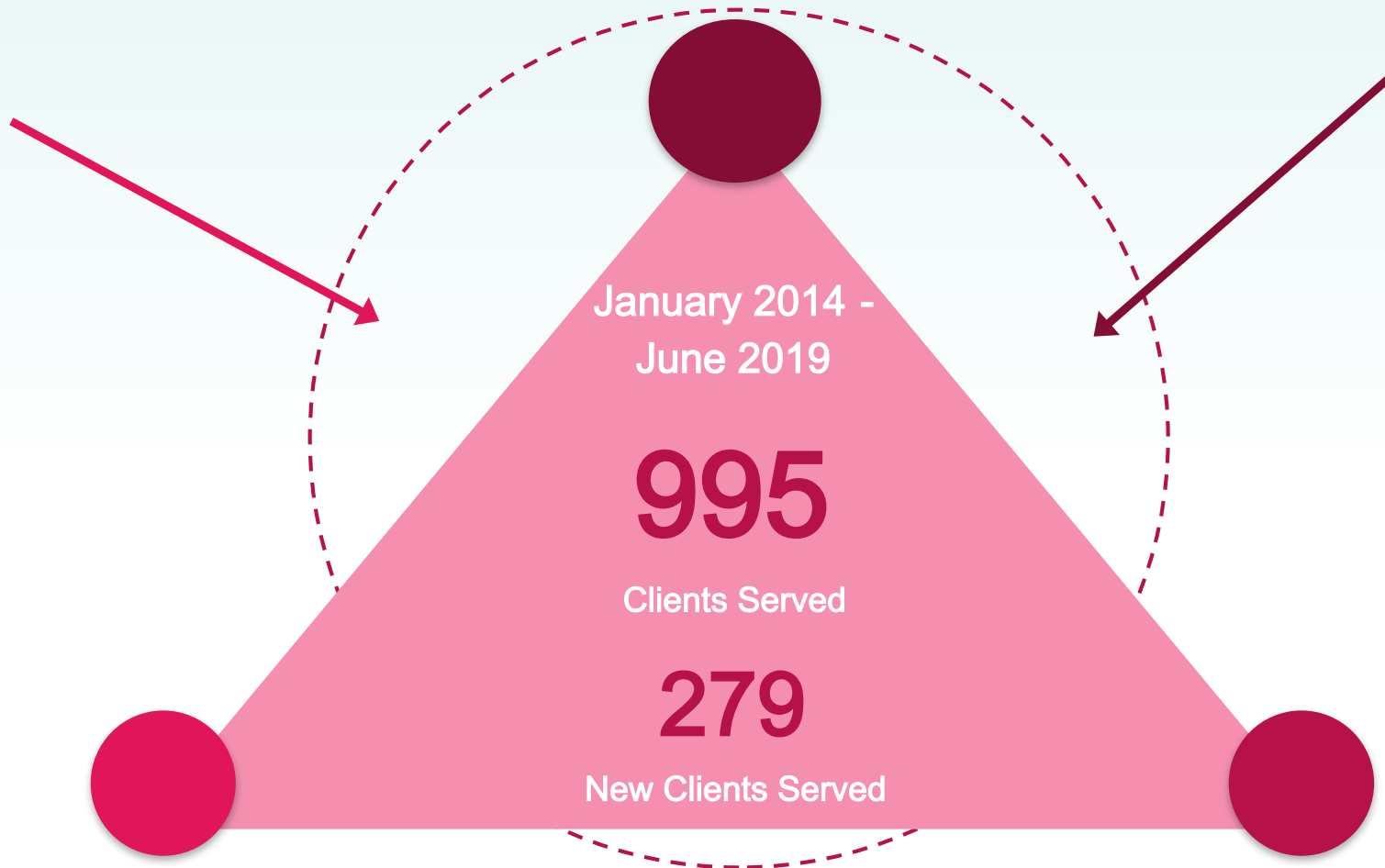


NC State University Outreach Event



Kiran Elder Abuse Training

HOW MANY HAVE BENEFITTED FROM YOUR SERVICES VIA FVPSA FUNDS



KIRAN'S FUTURE PLANS

