MISSION

The mission of the Multi-Ethnic Collaborative of Community Agencies (MECCA) is to ensure the delivery of culturally and linguistically responsive services to traditionally underserved multicultural communities. MECCA is committed to creating a sustainable system of integrated health care delivery and human development amongst its members through education, outreach and advocacy in order to increase access and resources to diverse multicultural communities.

VISION

MECCA's vision is to enhance and improve the quality of life for underserved multicultural communities by being a unified voice advocating to reduce ethnic disproportionalities.

VALUES

• Demonstrating the highest ethical standards and integrity in all its efforts and through the implementation of local services;
• The affirmation of humanity through its view that each individual is a cultural being with unique qualities and inherent differences;
• The necessity of improving affordable and accessible culturally responsive healthcare and social services as a right to every person, not only a privilege for some; and
• The coordination of all systems of care, both public and private in the delivery of local health and social services.
HISTORY
MECCA was founded in 2010 as a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization by a group of Executive Directors leading established local service agencies because they saw the power of bringing together diverse organizations across Orange County to address the disparity in services to multi-ethnic communities. Since then, MECCA has served the multi-ethnic communities of Orange County building on the trust and connection of its member agencies with their respective ethnic communities, some of whom have been serving their communities for decades. The catalytic core staff at MECCA lead and facilitate, while the extended MECCA staff work at each of their community agencies drawing strength from their own cultures. MECCA works collaboratively to build the capacity of our diverse communities and coordinate services for the Arab, Korean, Chinese, Iranian, Latino and Vietnamese communities of Orange County.

SERVICES
- Education Classes
- Early Intervention and Prevention Strategies
- Life Skills and Support Groups
- Referrals and Linkages
- Case Management
- Counseling and Therapy
- Wellness Coaching
- Social Skills Groups
- Therapeutic Arts
- Stigma Reduction Programs
- Outreach to Hard-to-Reach Families
- Health Navigation and Advocacy
- Treatment Programs
- Community Dialogues
- Cultural Diversity Training
- Civic Engagement
- Raising Community Awareness
- Community Assessments
- Culturally Responsive Training and Mental Health Resources

DEMOGRAPHICS
MECCA provides culturally competent services across Orange County targeting 6 threshold and subthreshold ethno-linguistic communities which include the Arab, Chinese, Farsi, Korean, Spanish and Vietnamese languages. With the increasing diversity of Orange County and with over 30% of Orange County residents being immigrants and 46% of all residents speaking a language other than English at home, MECCA is committed to responding to the needs of our communities. There is a growing disparity among families impacted by poverty and lack of access to support and resources. The largest ethnic community and most impacted by these disparities are Latinos which make up 35% of the county’s population and are spread throughout Central, North, and South Orange County cities. Additionally, Orange County is home to the third largest Asian & Pacific Islander population in the United States which accounts for 19% of the County’s population and dominates large segments of the population in cities like Garden Grove, Westminster, Irvine, and La Palma. Lastly, the Iranian and Arab communities are making their mark with Irvine being home to one of the largest Farsi-speaking communities in the United States. Arab immigrants choose California as their new home more than any other state and Orange County’s Arab community is visibly concentrated in the City of Anaheim. Due to these concentrations, MECCA’s collaborative agencies are located within the ethnic communities that they serve. Together, ethnic communities are the majority of Orange County’s population and this diversity trend will continue to increase.

COLLABORATIVE AGENCIES
- **OMID Multicultural Institute for Development**
  2101 Business Center Dr., Ste. 150, Irvine, CA 92612
  www.omidinstitute.org

- **The Cambodian Family**
  1626 E. 4th Street Santa Ana, CA 92701
  www.cambodianfamily.org

- **Orange County Children’s Therapeutic Arts**
  2215 N. Broadway, Santa Ana, CA 92706
  www.occtac.org

- **ABRAZAR, Inc.**
  7101 Wyoming St., Westminster, CA 92683
  www.abrazarinc.com

- **Korean Community Services**
  7212 Orangethorpe Ave., Ste. 9A, Buena Park, CA 90621
  www.koreancommunity.org

- **Access California Services**
  631 S. Brookhurst St., Ste. 107, Anaheim, CA 92804
  www.accesscal.org

- **Southland Integrated Services, Inc.**
  1618 W. First St., Santa Ana, CA 92703
  www.southlandintegrated.org