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Isabel Ching

Isabel Ching, LMSW is the Executive Director at Hamilton-Madison House (HMH), a non-profit settlement house that has been the place for care and connection for the diverse populations of the Lower East Side since 1898.

Based in the Lower East Side, but offering programming citywide, the organization provides expert support across mental health, education, and community engagement from early childhood through older adult services. HMH specializes in licensed mental health clinical care, youth education and family support, and services for older adults and their caregivers. The organization offers a wide range of programming, expert staff with the linguistic and cultural diversity needed to support the community, and intergenerational connections to show the community what is possible from one another. HMH welcomes, supports, nurtures, and empowers, creating a thriving community, one personal interaction at a time. Ms. Ching has been serving the community at Hamilton-Madison House for 28 years, and for the last eight years, she has been leading HMH as its Executive Director.

Ms. Ching is also involved in several initiatives and collaborations to promote the well-being of New York City. She is an active member of UNH Executive Directors Council, the Vice Chair of the Community Advisory Board of NYC Health & Hospitals Gouverneur Health, and the Senior Advisory Council of the New York City Department for the Aging. She has participated in various research studies on aging, mental health, and nutrition for minority elders in partnership with NYU Department of Population Health, Asian American Federation, and other institutions.

Ms. Ching has been recognized as an Asian American Frontline Hero by AARP for her leadership and service during the COVID-19 pandemic. She has also received the 2023 Business Law & Leadership Award from Lawyers Alliance for New York for her advocacy and innovation in the non-profit sector. She is currently a member of the Asian American Workgroup of the NYS Office of Mental Health and the Community Advisory Board of the Rutgers-NYU Center for Asian Health Promotion and Equity.

Ms. Ching lives in Brooklyn and holds a Master's degree in Social Work from CUNY Hunter College.

***Isabel Ching was selected as a
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