

Advancing Communities Together FACT SHEET

Empowering Communities. Transforming Lives.

About Advancing Communities Together

Advancing Communities Together (ACT) is a mission-driven nonprofit organization rooted in the Antelope Valley, dedicated to creating equitable pathways to housing, workforce development, and leadership opportunities for underserved communities.

- Established in March 2011
- Division of Apprenticeship Standards (DAS) Pre-Apprenticeship Program
(Construction with Advanced Manufacturing renewal in progress)
- California Licensed General Contractor
- Community Housing Development Organization (CHDO)
- Property Management

Our Impact Partners

- YouthBuild Charter School of California (Ages 16-29)
- City of Palmdale Housing and Neighborhood Services
- Los Angeles County Housing Services Authority (LAHSA)
- CFCI (LA County)
- JCOD (LA County)
- LA/OC Building & Trades Council
- AES – Energy and Employment Preparedness
- American Jobs Career Center (AJCC)

WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT & TRAINING

Building strong futures through skill development and job placement.

- LA/Orange County Building and Trade Council Partner-Trained and/or placed over 500 community members in mortgage paying jobs from over the years
- CFCI funded Program Adult Participants Trained/Upskilled: 255
- Participants Employed Post-Training: 60%
- Key Training Tracks (20 Week Adult Training/10 Months Career Tech Ed - Youth):
 - Advanced Manufacturing (Sheet Metal – SMART 105)

- Construction -
(CTE – Youth & Pre-Apprenticeship using Multi Craft Core Curriculum)
- Culinary Arts & Food with Entrepreneurship focus – (Youth & Adult)
(Pro-Start Curriculum and National Restaurant Association member)
- Soft Skills & Job Readiness
- Academic Support (YCSC)

AV YOUTHBUILD PROGRAM (Serve youth 16–29 years of age)

Empower opportunities for youth through education, leadership, and career training.

- Total YouthBuild Students Served: 1400+
- Graduation Rate: 80-85%
- Placement Rate (Post Secondary Education & Job): 70%
- Certifications Earned: OSHA, MC3, FORKLIFT
- **Palmdale and Lancaster Sites**

HOUSING DEVELOPMENT (General Contractor and Developer roles)

Delivering hope through housing development—interim, transitional, and permanent utilizing youth and other participants to gain valuable career exploration work-based learning experiences.

- Total Housing Units (Rehabilitated or New Construction) Completed: 17
- Units Rehabilitated: 15
- New Construction: 2
- Units in Planning and Development Stage (Planned/Under Construction): 28
 - Palmdale Dream Village (20 Interim Tiny Home Units)
 - Low-Income Family Duplex (2) and Multi-Family Units (6)

WINTER SHELTER PROGRAM (WSP) - November through March 31

Meeting immediate needs, building long-term solutions. In partnership with LAHSA, the Winter Shelter Program runs from November through March 31 at the. Key Services Provided: Shelter, meals, case management, transportation

- WSP Participants Served (Since December 2023): 324
- Participants Transitioned to Interim Housing: 52
- Participants Transitioned to Permanent Housing: 20
- Case Management Services: 324
- Total Beds Managed: 35 per cycle (70 in 2 years)

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