



**Providing integrated, culturally-competent, and trauma-informed services**

**For over 50 years, Acacia Network and its affiliates have been committed to improving the quality-of-life and wellbeing of underserved communities in New York City and beyond.**

**We serve over 150,000 individuals of every age and developmental level, from the very young through our daycare programs to mature adults through our senior centers. Our extensive array of community-based services are fully integrated, bilingual and culturally competent.**

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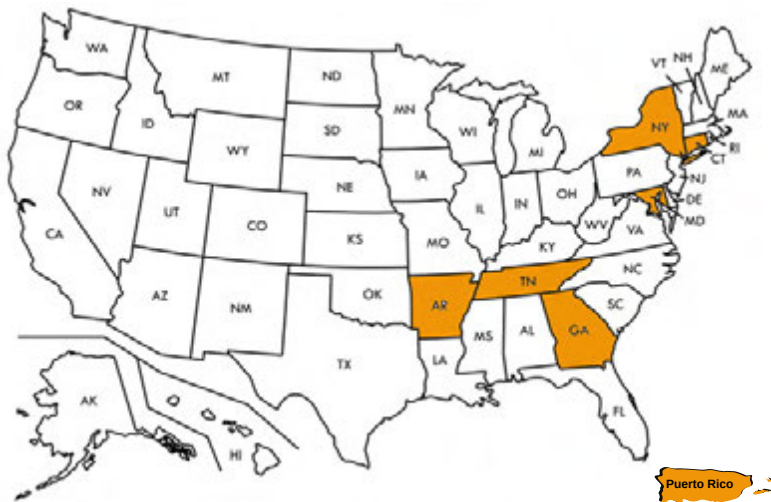




## Our Work

Acacia Network and our affiliates improve the quality-of-life and wellbeing of underserved communities in New York City and beyond through **integrated health, housing, economic development, and social service** programs, among other key initiatives. We are one of the leading human services providers in New York City and the largest Hispanic-led nonprofit in the State, serving more than 150,000 individuals every year.

Our Network comprises 100+ affiliates across four boroughs in NYC, Buffalo, Albany, and Syracuse in New York State, as well as Maryland, Tennessee, Georgia, Connecticut, Arkansas, and Puerto Rico.



## Our Integrated Care Model

Acacia Network and our affiliates provide integrated, culturally-competent, and trauma-informed services to meet the needs of vulnerable individuals of all ages. Our **Integrated Care Model** strives to provide comprehensive, whole person care to ensure better health outcomes by utilizing a collaborative approach that incorporates universal screenings, integrated case consultations and care planning, as well as reimbursement based on value.



### Primary Care & Integrated Care Coordination

Our Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHCs) serve 12,000+ patients annually. We also provide comprehensive care coordination through our Health Homes program, and operate a 24/7 Skilled Nursing Facility for HIV/AIDS patients.



### Behavioral Health & Addiction Services

Our Behavioral Care and Addiction Programs include Outpatient Mental Health Services, Outpatient Substance Use Services, Detox & Rehab, and Residential Care.



### Early Childhood Education & Youth Development

We serve 5,000+ families, including 2,600 young people ages 3-18, through our daycare centers, afterschool programs, summer camps, and youth development initiatives.



### Senior Services

We provide year-round programming, meals, and services to more than 2,500 seniors enrolled in our Senior Centers.



### Affordable, Supportive & Transitional Housing

We provide 4,000+ units of affordable & supportive housing, including units under the NYS Office for People With Developmental Disabilities & the Office of Mental Health. We also serve 6,000+ individuals through our homeless shelters.



### Workforce Development & Public Benefits Access

We help to connect thousands of individuals across six states to employment opportunities, professional development, public benefits, and external resources.



### Food Services & Nutrition Programs

We operate weekly food pantries & soup kitchens to ensure that families in underserved neighborhoods do not go hungry, distributing over 200,000 meals & groceries annually.



### Arts & Culture

We provide year-round arts programming and cultural engagement to diverse audiences across the City.



## Our Scope

Our **Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHCs)** and **Community Healthcare Clinics** provide fully integrated and trauma-informed primary care services to individuals of all ages, including: Preventive Care; Chronic Disease Management; Comprehensive Immunization; Women's Health; Medication-Assisted Treatment; COVID-19 Testing and Vaccines; Dental Care; Mental Health Services, Specialties, and more. We specialize in managing chronic conditions such as asthma, diabetes, hypertension, Hep-C, HIV, substance use and behavioral health conditions.

We also provide comprehensive care coordination for Medicaid patients through our **Health Homes** program, and we serve 100+ patients living with HIV/AIDS through our **24/7 Casa Promesa Skilled Nursing Facility**.



**Impact:** Our FQHCs and Primary Care Clinics serve **12,000+ unique patients** of all ages annually through a range of integrated services; we also serve 100+ adults living with HIV/AIDS at our residential skilled nursing facility.



**Geographic Scope:** Our health centers are located primarily in the Bronx and Queens in New York City; we also have a Mobile Medical Van that serves all boroughs in NYC.



**Demographics:** Approximately 80% of our clients are Hispanic/Latinx and/or Black/African American.

## Our Programs and Services

Our primary health care centers serve all patients regardless of their ability to pay. Our bilingual staff is dedicated to providing culturally sensitive, high-quality services to ensure patients achieve healthy outcomes. Meanwhile, our Health Homes program helps Medicaid patients with complex combinations of chronic conditions and behavioral health disorders to navigate and manage their care.

### Health Center Locations:

- > **Claremont Family Health Center (FQHC)**  
262 East 174th Street, Bronx, NY 10457
- > **Clay Family Health Center (FQHC)**  
1776 Clay Avenue, Bronx, NY 10457
- > **La Casa de Salud (FQHC)**  
966 Prospect Avenue, Bronx, NY 10459
- > **Ramón Vélez Health Care Center (FQHC)**  
754 East 151st Street, Bronx, NY 10455
- > **Casa Maria Community Health Center (FQHC)**  
324 East 149th Street, Bronx, NY 10451
- > **Park Avenue Family Health Center (FQHC)**  
4196 Clay Avenue, Bronx, NY 10457
- > **JCAP / Thomas & Marie White Health Center**  
116-30 Sutphin Blvd, Jamaica NY 11434.

### Health Homes Services:

- > **New York City Health Home**  
966 Prospect Avenue, Bronx, NY 10459  
(718) 617-6060
- > **Buffalo Health Home**  
254 Virginia Street, Buffalo, NY 14201  
(716) 856-7110

### Skilled Nursing Facility:

- > **Casa Promesa 24/7 Skilled Nursing Facility**  
Provides integrated, bilingual services to adults ages 18+ diagnosed with HIV/AIDS to ensure rapid stabilization with a goal of recovery and wellness.

308 East 175th Street  
Bronx, NY 10457  
(718) 960-7618





## Our Scope

Acacia Network and our affiliates provide integrated, trauma-informed, and culturally responsive behavioral health and addiction services to help individuals improve their mental health, manage conditions, regain stability, and achieve long-term wellness and recovery.

Our comprehensive Behavioral Health programs serve individuals of all ages through Outpatient Mental Health Services, Outpatient Substance Use and Addiction Treatment, Detox & Rehab, and Residential Care. Our licensed treatment centers accept Medicaid, Medicare, and most other insurance plans. For a list of locations & programs, visit: [www.acacianetwork.org/services-guide](http://www.acacianetwork.org/services-guide)



**Impact:** Our Behavioral Health Care and Addiction Programs serve **11,000+ unique patients** annually through Outpatient Mental Health Services, Outpatient Substance Use Services, Detox & Rehab, and Residential Care.



**Geographic Scope:** Our programs are located throughout New York City (Bronx, Brooklyn, Queens, and Manhattan), as well as Buffalo and Albany in Upstate New York.



**Demographics:** More than 70% of our clients are Hispanic/Latinx and Black/African American.

## Our Programs and Services

Our behavioral health, addiction and substance use treatment programs include: Three (3) Mental Health Clinics; seven (7) Residential Programs; one (1) Youth Program; five (5) Outpatient Treatment Programs (OTPs); six (6) Chemical Dependency Outpatient Programs (CDOPs); one (1) Detox and Rehab Unit, as well as various Grant-Based Programs.



### Outpatient Mental Health Clinics

Acacia Network provides a full range of behavioral health services for individuals of all ages through our Outpatient Mental Health Clinics, fully licensed by the New York State Office of Mental Health (NYSOMH).



### Chemical Dependency Outpatient Programs (CDOPs)

Our CDOPs provide services to help adults and teens overcome addiction, including Treatment for Chemical and Alcohol Dependency; Individual & Group Counseling; Medication-Assisted Treatment (MAT); Relapse Prevention, and more.



### BASICS Personalized Recovery Oriented Services (PROS)

BASICS PROS is an integrated program that facilitates supportive recovery for adults ages 18+ through psychiatric rehabilitation and by instilling basic living skills to achieve life goals and wellness, remove mental health barriers, and foster community inclusion.



### Residential Substance Use Treatment for Adult Men Ages 18+

We offer residential programs for adult men seeking treatment for a substance use disorder. Our programs are fully licensed by the New York State Office of Addiction Services & Supports (OASAS).



### Residential Treatment for Women With or Without Children

We offer residential programs for adult women seeking treatment for a substance use disorder. We accept pregnant women, mothers with children, mothers working to regain supervision of their children, and/or women not currently parenting. Our programs are fully licensed by the New York State Office of Addiction Services and Supports (OASAS).



### Residential Substance Use Treatment for Young Men (15-20)

Promesa RRSY is an Intensive Residential Treatment Program for young men between the ages of 15 to 20. Our integrated clinical approach, which incorporates a Dialectical Behavior Therapy (DBT) Phase System, supports young men in their journey to recovery.



### Detox & Rehab

Our Amanecer Detox/Rehab Recovery Center specializes in addressing opioid and alcohol dependence. We provide integrated addiction rehabilitation services that include: Detoxification, Rehabilitation, Counseling, Health Education, Psychiatric Evaluation, HIV Counseling & Testing, and more. We have immediate availability and accept walk-ins!



## Our Scope

Acacia Network's vision of healthy communities is deeply connected to high-quality, affordable housing. We meet the needs of our communities through a full continuum of housing programs, from transitional housing, to supportive and affordable housing. Our tenants are part of our integrated network and linked to our health, community development, and social service programs, as needed.

As of 2020, our housing portfolio consists of approximately 3,300+ units of affordable housing for low or moderate-income households, 728 units of supportive housing for individuals with disabilities and/or chronic conditions, and 130 units of permanent housing for the formerly homeless.



**Impact:** Our affordable & supportive housing portfolio serves approximately 4,200 households.



**Geographic Scope:** Our affordable and supportive housing developments are located throughout New York City, Upstate New York, and Puerto Rico.



**Demographics:** Approximately 90% of our tenants are Hispanic/Latinx and Black/African American.

## Our Programs and Services

As a mission-driven housing developer and property manager, Acacia Network provides much-needed housing to at-risk and vulnerable populations. In keeping with our commitment to our mission, we ensure that our Affordable and Supportive Housing Portfolios are in alignment with the integrated health and human services model that our Network provides to the community at large.

### Affordable Housing:



#### Residential Project Portfolio

As of 2020, Acacia Network and its affiliates have developed or rehabilitated approximately 1,800 residential units, totaling over \$100 million in total development costs (TDC) across the Bronx and Manhattan. Projects currently under construction account for another 725 units, totaling over \$70 million in TDC. Our pre-development projects account for close to 700 additional units and are projects where Acacia Network owns the land and is currently moving forward to create affordable housing developments.



#### Real Estate Development Projects in Progress

As a mission-driven developer, Acacia Real Estate Development provides much needed housing to at-risk populations and/or rehabilitates properties with complex challenges that are in need of retrofitting and upgrading. Some of the projects currently in progress include: Palmetto Gardens, Bushwick II and Hope Gardens in Brooklyn (NYC); Sendero Verde in East Harlem (NYC); La Plaza de Virginia in Buffalo (Upstate NY); Palacio Dorado (Puerto Rico); Resilient Prototype Home (Puerto Rico).

### Supportive Housing:



#### Providing Integrated Housing & Social Services

We provide affordable, subsidized housing along with support services to vulnerable individuals and families living with developmental disabilities, chronic physical or mental health conditions, including substance use disorders, or who are at risk of homelessness. Acacia Supportive Housing programs are located throughout NYC and in Buffalo.



#### Developmental Disability Residential Services

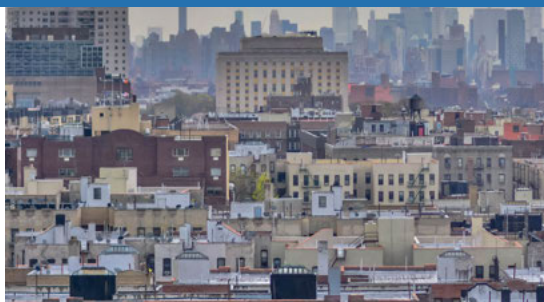
Our Individual Residential Alternatives (IRAs), certified by the New York State Office for People With Developmental Disabilities (OPWDD), provide services specifically driven by a trauma-informed and client-centered approach towards servicing individuals with developmental disabilities, in order to help them lead a productive life fostered by inclusion and independence.



#### OMH Residential Services

Acacia Network manages a portfolio residential programs under the New York State Office of Mental Health (OMH).





## Our Scope

Acacia Network is one of the largest providers of transitional housing in NYC, providing an array of resources to individuals & families in our 50+ shelters across the City, including one-on-one case management with social workers, access to primary and behavioral care, employment assistance, among other services. Our goal is to help our clients regain stability so they can secure permanent, affordable housing, and achieve personal quality-of-life goals.

Through Acacia Network Housing (ANH) –the division dedicated to homeless services– we serve roughly 13% –or 1 in 8– of all individuals in the NYC shelter system.



**Impact:** We serve over 6,000+ individuals across our transitional housing portfolio, including 2,500 families with children and 2,000 single adults.



**Geographic Scope:** Acacia Network Housing (ANH) operates 50+ shelters for single adults and for families with children across four boroughs in New York City.



**Demographics:** Approximately 90% of our shelter clients are Hispanic/Latinx and Black/African American.

## Our Programs and Services

Our transitional housing portfolio serves single adults, couples, and families. We are contracted by the NYC Department of Homeless Services (DHS) to operate: Tier II Units; Cluster Units; Units for Families with Children; Hotel Beds for Single Adults and Single Stand-Alone Beds; 135 Master Lease Units, and 100 Adult Family Units. In addition, we provide 76 Units under the NYC Department of Housing Preservation and Development (HPD).

➤ **Single Adult Shelters:** Serving single adults in the Bronx, Queens, Brooklyn, and Manhattan, including four (4) mental health programs.

➤ **Tier II Sites:** Shelter sites that provide apartment units in the Bronx and Queens to families with children, with one site serving Adult Families (couples).

➤ **Cluster Sites:** Shelter sites in the Bronx that provide apartment units for families with children.

➤ **Commercial Hotels for Single Adults:** Commercial Hotels located in the Bronx & Queens, providing beds to single adults.

➤ **Commercial Hotels for Families with Children:** Commercial Hotels located in the Bronx, Manhattan, Brooklyn and Queens, providing more than 1,000 units to families with children.

➤ **Master Lease Permanent Housing for Homeless Families:** Two (2) sites providing 135 apartment units for formerly homeless families with housing vouchers.

➤ **COVID-19 Isolation Shelters:** Acacia Network was one of the first shelter operators tasked with operating isolation shelters in NYC.

### Service Integration:

➤ **Providing Integrated Access to Care**  
Our integrated care model ensures that individuals and families served through our shelters are able to benefit from our full continuum of services, including Outpatient Integrated Services, Primary Care, Mental Health Services, Addiction and Substance Use Treatment, Residential Care, Arts & Culture Workshops, among other resources. Other services include: Ongoing Case Management; Social Services; Groups; Employment Search Support; Housing Search Support; Linkages and Referrals.

➤ **Arts, Culture & Wellness Integration**  
Acacia Network Housing, in partnership with our cultural affiliate, Loisa Inc., offers arts & culture programming to homeless families with children who reside in our shelters to nurture their social-emotional and mental wellness. During the COVID-19 pandemic, we engaged over 100 families in our Virtual Arts Programming to provide a creative outlet for kids who were experiencing isolation as a result of strict social distancing guidelines.



## Our Scope

Acacia Network and its affiliate, **Seedco**, provide workforce development and family support services to individuals and families in underserved communities, from rural areas to urban centers.

We serve as a steady and committed partner to vulnerable individuals and families as they overcome crises, achieve stability, and plan for their futures. Our program elements incorporate best practices, long-term engagement, individualized approaches, and the integration of work and family needs. We also partner with local service providers to expand the resources available to participants.



**Impact:** Our workforce development & benefits access programs serve 6,000+ individuals, connect with 200+ employers, and collaborate with 100+ community-based partners.



**Geographic Scope:** We serve vulnerable populations across six states, mainly: New York, Maryland, Connecticut, Tennessee, Arkansas, and Georgia.



**Demographics:** More than 50% of the individuals we serve are Hispanic/Latinx and Black/African American.

## Our Programs and Services

Our integrated approach to service delivery focuses on long-term impact and stabilization for the individuals and families we serve. We help individuals develop skills, find a job, transition into the workplace, and advance in a career path. We also partner with different employers, CBOs, and healthcare providers in order to increase household stability.

### Core Program Portfolios:



#### Workforce Development

Help individuals with employment barriers to obtain, retain, and advance in jobs



#### Work and Family Supports

Assist individuals and families to successfully enroll in health insurance and benefits/assistance programs

### Service Integration:



#### Access to Care and Referrals

We strive to ensure that the individuals and families we serve are able to gain access to additional resources and services to meet their broad range of needs, including Primary and Behavioral Care, Substance Use Treatment, Affordable Housing, among other resources. To do so, we rely on Acacia Network's integrated network and on our regional partners.



#### Strategic Partnerships

We form partnerships with employers, government agencies, community-based organizations, health care providers and other key local stakeholders in the regions where we work, in order to meet the growing needs of the communities we serve.

### Target Populations:



#### Parents & Families

To help working and low-income parents gain access to parent education, connections to employment, and assistance with public benefits in order to achieve long-term family stability and enhance employment success.



#### Uninsured Individuals & Families

To help individuals in need of affordable healthcare to access cost-effective insurance and other benefits.



#### Young Adults

To help low-income young adults to overcome barriers and challenges by working with them on a one-on-one basis to identify opportunities, create career plans, build professional networks, and develop work experience.



#### Unemployed or Underemployed Individuals

To help individuals in need of employment to achieve long-term success and stability by helping them to find jobs, gain access to benefits, and advance in their careers.





## Our Scope

Acacia Network's Childcare, Education & Youth Development initiatives aim to provide high-quality educational and recreational programming for children and youth of all ages to ensure positive outcomes inside and outside of school. Every year, we engage approximately 5,000 families, including 2,600 kids between the ages of 3 - 18, soon to include 2-year-olds.

Our model integrates a holistic approach that seeks to engage the entire family through wrap-around services, such as extended academic enhancement for students, parent workshops, education & workforce development resources, primary & mental care, food distribution, among other services.



**Impact:** During the 2019-2020 school year, we served 3,550 participants through our Youth Development & Family Engagement initiatives, and more than 300 children ages 3-5 through our Childcare & Preschool Programs.



**Geographic Scope:** Acacia Network and its affiliates provide educational services to families in the Bronx and Washington Heights, NYC.



**Demographics:** Approximately 98% of the students and families we serve are Hispanic / Latinx and/or Black / African American.

## Our Programs and Services

We provide high-quality educational and recreational programming for children and youth to ensure positive outcomes inside and outside of school. Our integrated model utilizes a holistic approach that seeks to engage the entire family through wrap-around services, such as extended academic enhancement for students, parent workshops, education & workforce development resources, primary and behavioral care, food distribution, among other services.

**> Childcare Programs and Preschool**  
Our Head Start, Universal Pre-K (3K and 4K), and Childcare programs serve 300+ children ages 3-5, delivering services in core areas of early learning, health, and family well-being.

**> Beacon Programs**  
Funded by the NYC Department of Youth and Community Development (DYCD) to provide afterschool services and supports to students and residents from the surrounding community, our Beacon programs serve 1,200 participants at two (2) host schools.

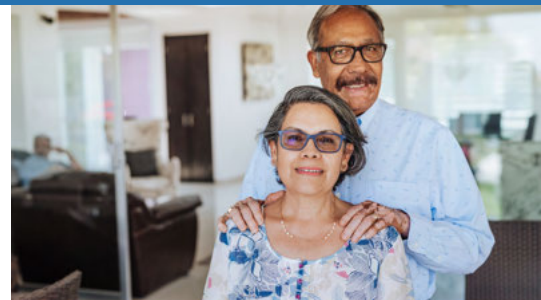
**> COMPASS / SONYC Programs**  
Serving students in grades K-8th through five (5) School-Based Partnerships, our COMPASS/SONYC programs provide literacy and leadership development, STEM integration, and robust opportunities for youth to explore their interests and creativity.

**> Cornerstone Programs**  
Funded by DYCD, we provide additional services and supports to residents of all ages in two (2) New York City Housing Authority (NYCHA) complexes in NYC, including afterschool programming for students and wrap-around services for families.

**> Community Schools**  
We provide academic enrichment opportunities and supports in two (2) community schools, one serving middle school students between the ages of 11 to 15 years old and their families for a total of 420 participants, and the other serving 250 children in grades K-5th.

**> DYCD / DOE Learning Labs**  
Funded by DYCD and the NYC Department of Education (DOE), we provide additional services and wrap-around activities at two (2) of our Community Center locations.

**> Summer Youth Programs**  
Funded by DYCD, the Summer Youth Employment Program (SYEP) and the Work, Learn & Grow (WLG) Program offer youth ages 14-24 a combination of real-world work experience and life skills training workshops focusing on job readiness and academic success skills.



## Our Scope

Acacia Network and its affiliates serve thousands of mature adults ages 60 and older through Senior Centers in the Bronx, Queens, and Manhattan, as well as Upstate New York. Participants enrolled in our Centers benefit from a variety of services and resources –including wellness checks, daily meals and recreational & wellness activities– and they gain valuable knowledge and skills through workshops and classes on a variety of topics.

Our programs for mature adults in New York City are supported by the NYC Department for the Aging (DFTA), and our programs in Buffalo are supported by the Erie County Department of Social Services.



**Impact:** We serve approximately 2,500 adults ages 60 and older through six (6) Senior Centers, with 900 participants consistently attending daily workshops and activities.



**Geographic Scope:** Our Centers are located in the Bronx, Queens, and Manhattan in NYC, as well as Buffalo in Upstate New York.



**Demographics:** More than 85% of the mature adults we serve are Hispanic / Latinx and/or Black / African American.

## Our Programs and Services

Our programs offer bilingual, culturally responsive social services, advocacy, information, and counseling in a welcoming and friendly environment. Staff is highly skilled to advise, encourage, and support mature adults and their families across their broad spectrum of needs.

### Services:

**> Integrated Services**  
Participants enrolled in our programs benefit from a variety of services and resources, including: Wellness checks; Daily meals; Recreational activities; Educational workshops; Referrals; Specialized support; Entitlement assistance; Case management; Housing assistance; Immigration assistance; Counseling and mental health referrals; Homecare services; Caregiver support; Translation services; Advocacy, and more.

**> Virtual Wellness Series**  
In response to the pandemic and to prevent the spread of COVID-19, we temporarily suspended in-person activities at our Centers and transitioned to virtual programming. Throughout the pandemic, our participants remained engaged through weekly virtual wellness sessions and workshops.

### Upstate New York Location:

**> Buffalo:**  
Hispanos Unidos de Buffalo  
(716) 856-7110

### New York City Locations:

**> Bronx**  
Bronx River Senior Center  
(718) 328-3785  
  
James Monroe Senior Center  
(718) 893-3484  
  
Arturo Schomburg Senior Center  
(718) 842-6880  
  
Betances Senior Center  
(718) 292-4922

**> Queens**  
Elmhurst Senior Center  
(718) 478-7171

**> Manhattan**  
Carver Neighborhood Senior Center  
(212) 289-2708





## Our Scope

Acacia Network and our cultural affiliate, **Loisaida**, offer year-round, accessible arts & culture programming. For over 30 years, Loisaida's approach to arts engagement has celebrated the rich history and dynamic contributions of diverse Latinx communities to the fabric of our New York City neighborhoods.

Through our multi-purpose space, The Loisaida Center, we provide visibility to emerging and established artists of diverse disciplines, promote a vibrant social and community life, and serve as an incubator for self-sustainable initiatives, entrepreneurial efforts, among other projects. We also produce the annual Loisaida Festival, which engages 25,000 participants every year.



**Impact:** We serve approximately 2,000 individuals of all ages through our in-house and virtual programming, and an additional 25,000+ through our Annual Loisaida Festival.



**Geographic Scope:** Our programming attracts audiences of all ages, primarily from the Lower East Side and New York City at large.



**Demographics:** Approximately 90% of our audience members & participants are Hispanic / Latinx and/or Black / African American.

## Our Programs and Services

Our arts & culture programming provides free and low-cost access to the arts to underserved communities, employment and training opportunities, comprehensive youth development initiatives, senior & family services, as well as neighborhood revitalization and community development activities.

**➤ Annual Loisaida Festival**  
Since 1987, Loisaida has produced the Loisaida Festival, the largest community pride festival in the Lower East Side, which celebrates the culture, heritage and accomplishments of the Latinx community in this neighborhood. The festival attracts over 25,000 participants every year.

**➤ Artistic Residency Program**  
Provides a platform for contemporary emerging and under-recognized artists, cultural producers and activists working in a variety of disciplines and socially-driven art practices. The program works as a breeding ground to afford the community access to contemporary art practices and its everyday creators, while also offering opportunities for artists to develop and present their work.

**➤ Arts Programming for Children, Families, and Seniors**  
We provide cultural engagement opportunities and programs tailored to our most vulnerable, including low-income seniors and homeless families with children. Among other programs, we offer a Senior Day at Loisaida Center, as well as an Arts & Wellness Series in partnership with our homeless shelters.

**➤ Loisaida TV**  
Weekly arts & culture programming that streams live on YouTube every Wednesday at 7:00PM. We provide original programming, in addition to programs in partnership with other cultural institutions, including the Institute of Puerto Rican Culture and the Puerto Rico Musical Arts Corporation (CAM).

**➤ Technology & Media Center, El Semillero**  
"El Semillero" is the Creative Media Production & Technology arm of the Loisaida Center, which serves as a space for creative cross-training, prototyping, and multi-disciplinary collaboration. Members of the local community can also utilize our facilities and tech equipment for personal and professional development.

**➤ Loisaida Learning Lab (LLL)**  
Serves as a resource for creative media and live audio/visual production training. Programming includes open lab community events, demonstrations, screenings and presentations, as well as collaborations with learning institutions. We also offer open hours for the community to make use of our Computer Lab.



## Our Scope

As part of our mission to build healthy neighborhoods, tackle food insecurity and address health disparities, Acacia Network operates weekly food pantries & soup kitchens to ensure that families in underserved neighborhoods have access to fresh, healthy food and meals. Our food distribution efforts are primarily concentrated in the Bronx in New York City, as well as Buffalo and Syracuse in the Upstate Region.

In addition, we run a Nutrition Program and offer nutritional education in partnership with our integrated primary care services, as a means to improve health outcomes in our communities.



**Impact:** Our food pantries & soup kitchens in NYC distribute over 200,000 meals & groceries annually, and over 23,000 in Upstate New York.



**Geographic Scope:** Our food and meal distribution efforts take place in New York City, as well as the Upstate New York region (Buffalo and Syracuse).



**Demographics:** The majority of the households we serve are Hispanic/Latinx and/or Black/African American.

## Our Programs and Services

As part of our mission to promote healthy neighborhoods, Acacia Network utilizes an integrated programmatic approach to address food insecurity and nutritional inequality by ensuring that our communities have access to fresh food and meals, as well as information and education resources to make healthy food choices.



### Addressing Nutritional Inequality

The Bronx is home to some of the poorest Congressional Districts in New York City and the Nation overall. Families in the Bronx—in the majority Black, Latinx and/or immigrant households—oftentimes face multiple socioeconomic and health challenges, including food insecurity and hunger. This, along with decreased access to affordable, healthy food options, contributes to health disparities across our neighborhoods and to the high incidence of chronic conditions. Our food distribution efforts and nutritional programming aim to tackle these complex issues through an integrated programmatic approach.



### Nutrition Program

Our Nutrition Program partners with the community to improve health outcomes by reversing diabetes, heart disease, and obesity through the lifestyle modification of eating a more plant-based diet. Services include weekly nutrition classes of varying topics and 1-2 live cooking classes a month, which demonstrate how to incorporate more plant-based foods into your diet. We also offer a nutrition class series for patients diagnosed with diabetes and/or who are overweight.



### New York City Food Distribution Hubs

We operate weekly food pantries and soup kitchens to ensure that individuals and families in underserved neighborhoods do not go hungry. Our food and meal distribution takes place at the following locations:

Food Pantry & Soup Kitchen at La Casita III  
607 Prospect Avenue, Bronx, NY 10455

Soup Kitchen at Maria Isabel Senior Center  
787 East 149 Street, Bronx, NY 10455

Food Pantry at the Ruth Fernandez Family Residence  
762 Fox Street, Bronx, NY 10455



### Upstate Food Distribution Hubs

Our food and meal distribution in Upstate New York is coordinated through our affiliates, Hispanos Unidos de Buffalo (HUB) in Buffalo and La Liga in Syracuse, which distribute over 23,000 meals annually to low-income households in underserved communities.





## Our Scope

Acacia Network provides access to integrated services and support to individuals of all ages in underserved communities across the Upstate New York Region in order to address health, socioeconomic, and educational disparities.

Through our network of Upstate affiliates, we provide access to affordable and supportive housing, economic development, integrated healthcare & addiction treatment services, family support services, programs for youth & seniors, initiatives to help overcome cultural and language barriers, food distribution, among other services.



**Impact:** Our programs and services in Upstate New York reach approximately 20,000 clients of all ages annually.



**Geographic Scope:** Our footprint in Upstate New York reaches Albany, Buffalo, Syracuse, and is expanding to Dunkirk.



**Demographics:** The large majority of our program participants are Hispanic / Latinx and/or Black / African American.

## Our Programs and Services

Acacia Network's footprint in Upstate New York has continued to expand through the integrated health, housing, and social services provided by our primary affiliates in Upstate New York, mainly: Hispanos Unidos de Buffalo (HUB), Spanish Action League (La Liga), and Capital District LATINOS (CDL).

➤ **Hispanos Unidos de Buffalo (HUB)**  
HUB provides comprehensive health, housing, and social services programs, including: Affordable & supportive housing; Rapid rehousing; Primary & subspecialty care, including HIV services; Mental health & addiction treatment; Health Home services; Senior services; Nutrition programs & food distribution; Educational and vocational services; Preventive services to keep children out of foster care and domestic violence survivor services, among others.

➤ **Buffalo Hispanic Management Corporation**  
Our property management affiliate oversees a portfolio of 31 units of affordable & market rate housing, soon to include 46 units of affordable housing for low-income seniors, including 14 supportive units through our new development, La Plaza de Virginia (completion expected 2022).

➤ **Integrated Mental Health & Substance Use Treatment**  
Our integrated addiction treatment centers are fully licensed by the NYS Office of Addiction Services and Supports (OASAS). We currently operate Alba de Vida in Buffalo and Camino Nuevo in Albany, with a new facility soon to open in Dunkirk. In addition, we are licensed to operate two mobile addiction treatment units through the Center of Treatment Innovation (COTI).

➤ **Spanish Action League (La Liga)**  
Founded in 1969, La Liga, seeks to bridge the cultural and experiential gap for underserved communities, including the Latinx population, in the Syracuse area by providing access to economic development and education programs, in addition to housing, family support, and language services, among other resources. Among other initiatives, La Liga's work focuses on the following programmatic areas: Health & Wellness; Career & Financial Literacy Services; Youth Leadership and Development Services; Housing Services; Language Services and Interpretation, as well as Domestic Violence Support.

➤ **Capital District LATINOS (CDL)**  
Founded in 2010, CDL seeks to create conditions for the success of the Latinx community in the Capital District. It is the only Latino-led organization in the Albany region that owns a stand-alone building where cultural, educational and health-related services are provided. CDL engages with community and government partners, as well as local elected officials, in the Albany region to explore partnerships and develop strategic initiatives.



## Our Scope

Acacia Network's history and that of its earliest affiliates is deeply rooted in the transformative work of Bronx-based Puerto Rican pioneers, who made important contributions to the fields of behavioral health and addiction services, particularly in underserved Latinx populations.

Throughout our 50+ year trajectory, we have remained close to our Puerto Rican roots, both through initiatives involving the diaspora in New York City and throughout the mainland, as well as targeted efforts aimed at helping underserved communities across the island, particularly those most impacted by natural disasters and the COVID-19 pandemic.



**Impact:** To date, our initiatives in Puerto Rico have reached over 15,000 individuals. In 2020, we delivered 4,000+ meals, 1,000+ emergency supplies, 100+ units of housing & more.



**Geographic Scope:** Our relief efforts and ongoing work take place in underserved communities across the island.



**Demographics:** 100% of the clients served through our Puerto Rico-based initiatives are low-income Latinx individuals.

## Our Programs and Services

In 2012, Acacia Network expanded our footprint to the island of Puerto Rico through the development of an affordable housing project for seniors, which enabled us to become further rooted in the community. We expanded our presence to include emergency relief to underserved communities following Hurricane Maria and the subsequent earthquakes.



### Affordable Housing

We provide 100+ units of affordable, green housing for vulnerable individuals through two primary developments: Palacio Dorado, an Energy Star-certified, affordable housing complex in Toa Alta that serves 100+ seniors; and our Resilient Prototype Home, a project in Caguas that aims to provide long-term sustainable, green, and resilient housing for two (2) low-moderate income families.



### Workforce Development

Acacia Network is part of a multisector effort to develop the Puerto Rico Centro de Artes y Tecnología Corp. (PRCAT). PRCAT was established in 2018 to address deteriorating education and employment trends on the island, and includes a visual arts training program for at-risk youth and a career training program for adults-in-transition. PRCAT is working with the National Center of Arts and Technology to open a CAT in San Juan by 2022.



### Relief Efforts

In 2020, we continued to solidify our presence in Puerto Rico through our earthquake relief efforts, which included visits to underserved communities to carry out informational workshops, wellness initiatives, and arts interventions, and to provide critical supplies & equipment. Our efforts later pivoted to COVID-19 relief, as the pandemic further exacerbated health and economic disparities across the Island.



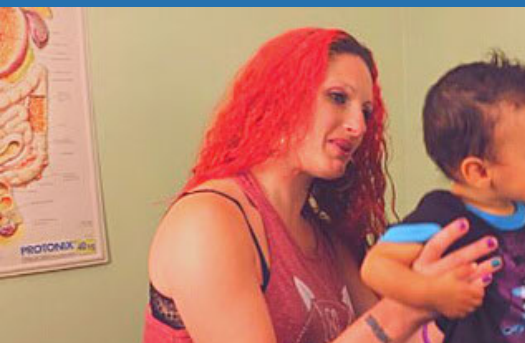
### Strategic Partnerships

Our nonprofit, community-based, private, and government partners include Banco Popular; Fundación Banco Popular; ERS Consulting; Executive Home Search; Enlace Técnico; Young and de la Sota Architects; R4 Capital; EcoBuilders; Municipality of Toa Alta; Municipality of Caguas; Marvel Marchand Architects; Manchester Bidwell Corporation; SIM - Salud Integral de la Montaña; SANOS / Caguas; Mezcolanza; Sistema de Salud Menonita; Meson del Amor; SAPR - Proyecto de Salud y Acupuntura para el Pueblo; Ministerio Marc; Esperanza para la Vejez, among others.



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