

# ACACIA AT-A-GLANCE

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.



PROVIDING INTEGRATED, CULTURALLY-COMPETENT, AND TRAUMA-INFORMED SERVICES TO MORE THAN 150,000 INDIVIDUALS EVERY YEAR.



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## Acacia Network Our Work and Impact At a Glance



## **Our Work**

We are one of the leading human services organizations in New York City and one of the largest Hispanic-led nonprofits in the State, providing integrated, culturallycompetent, and trauma-informed programs in the areas of health, housing, social services, economic development, and cultural revitalization to 150,000+ individuals annually.

Our Network comprises 100+ affiliates and related entities across four boroughs in New York City, Buffalo, Albany, Dunkirk, Rochester, and Syracuse in New York State, as well as Maryland, Tennessee, Mississippi, 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

We operate a network of federally qualified health centers (FQHCs) and community clinics, provide care coordination through our Health Homes program, and operate a 24/7 skilled nursing facility for HIV/AIDS.



### **Behavioral Health & Addiction Services**

Our behavioral health & addiction programs offer outpatient mental health & substance use services, detox & rehab, residential care, mobile medication dispensing, and more!



**Early Childhood Education & Youth Development** We serve thousands of students and their families through our daycare centers and preschools, afterschool and schoolbased initiatives, and summer youth programming.



### Older Adult Services

Our Older Adult Centers in New York City and Buffalo offer year-round culturally competent programming for vulnerable seniors, including meals & recreational services.



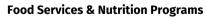
### Affordable, Supportive & Transitional Housing

We develop and manage a robust portfolio of affordable, supportive, and supported housing units throughout New York State and Puerto Rico. We also serve 7,000+ individuals daily through our transitional housing portfolio.



### **Workforce Development & Public Benefits Access**

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



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

### Arts & Culture



We provide year-round free and low-cost arts programming and cultural engagement to diverse audiences across the City, and develop cultural revitalization initiatives.





## **Integrated Primary Care & Skilled Nursing**

**Addressing Health Disparities & Improving Outcomes** 

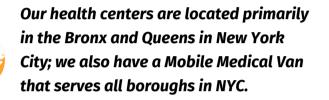


## **Our Scope**

Our Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHCs) and Community Healthcare Clinics provide integrated primary care services, including: Preventive Care; Chronic Disease Management; Comprehensive Immunizations; Mental Health Services: Women's Health and Pediatrics: Dental Care; Medication-Assisted Treatment, 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 serve patients living with HIV/AIDS through our 24/7 Casa Promesa Skilled Nursing Facility.

### **Our Programs and Services**





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

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 chronic conditions and behavioral health disorders to navigate and manage their care.

### Health Center Locations:



### 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





# **Behavioral Health & Addiction Services**

Supporting Individuals in their Paths to Recovery



## **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 include outpatient mental health services, outpatient substance use and addiction treatment, detox & rehab, and residential care, as well as Mobile Medication Units (MMU). We accept Medicaid, Medicare, and most other insurance plans.

### **Our Programs and Services**

Our programs are located in four New York City boroughs (Bronx, Brooklyn, Queens, and Manhattan), as well as Buffalo, Dunkirk, Rochester, and Albany in Upstate New York.



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

Our robust behavioral health, addiction and substance use portfolio includes: Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinics (CCBHC); Residential Programs for Adults and Youth; Opioid Treatment Programs (OTPs); Chemical Dependency Outpatient Programs (CDOPs); Detox and Rehab, as well as various Grant-Based Programs.

### **Outpatient Mental Health Services**

We provide a full range of services for individuals of all ages through our Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinics (CCBHC) and Outpatient Mental Health Clinics, fully licensed by the NYS Office of Mental Health (OMH).

### Chemical Dependency Outpatient Programs (CDOPs)

Our CDOPs provide services to help adults 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 through psychiatric rehabilitation and by instilling basic living skills to achieve life goals and wellness, remove mental health barriers, and foster community inclusion.

### **Detox & Rehab**

Serving adult men and women, our Amanecer Detox/Rehab Recovery Center specializes in opioid and alcohol dependence, providing integrated services that include: Detoxification, Rehabilitation, Counseling, Health Education, Psychiatric Evaluation, HIV Counseling & Testing, and more.

- **Comprehensive Integrated Outpatient Treatment & OTPs** Our licensed and certified Comprehensive Integrated Outpatient Treatment Programs and/or Opioid Treatment Programs (OTPs) provide medication-assisted treatment (MAT) to treat opioid use disorder (OUD), along with integrated services that include counseling, peer services, relapse prevention, and more.
- 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 licensed by the New York State Office of Addiction Services & Supports (OASAS).
- **Residential Treatment for Women With or Without Children** Our licensed residential programs serve adult women, including those who are pregnant, with children and/or working to regain supervision of their children, as well as women not currently parenting.

#### **Residential Substance Use Treatment for Youth** Promesa RRSY is an Intensive Residential Treatment Program for young men between the ages of 14 to 20 that utilizes an integrated clinical approach that incorporates a Dialectical Behavior Therapy (DBT) Phase System to support recovery.

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## **Affordable & Supportive Housing**

Providing Stable, Affordable Homes for Vulnerable Families



## **Our Scope**

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

In addition to managing and operating thousands of units across New York State and Puerto Rico, Acacia Network and our affiliates are also active in real estate development, both as sole developers and as part of joint ventures.

### **Our Programs and Services**

Our robust housing portfolio extends across several boroughs in New York City, as well as the Upstate/Western New York region and Puerto Rico.



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

As a mission-driven housing developer and property manager, Acacia Network provides much-needed housing to atrisk 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:

### Affordable Housing Portfolio

Acacia Network's housing portfolio is comprised of more than 4,400 units of housing, either solely owned or in partnership through a joint venture. To date, we have developed over 1,800 units as sole developer and more than 2,200 as co-developers.

### **Real Estate Development Initiatives**

As a mission-driven nonprofit developer, Acacia Network and its affiliates, including our development arm Acacia Real Estate Development (ARED), actively seek opportunities to build, develop, rehabilitate, and/or preserve much-needed housing units to serve at-risk populations experiencing housing insecurity, homelessness, among other quality-of-life challenges.

### **Supportive Housing:**



### Supportive Housing Portfolio

Our portfolio includes Individual Residential Alternatives (IRAs) under the NYS Office for People with Developmental Disabilities (OPWDD), Community Residences and Apartment Treatment Programs under the NYS Office of Mental Health (OMH), Congregate Supportive Housing under the NYC Department of Health & Mental Hygiene (DOHMH), NYC HIV/AIDS Services Administration (HASA) Supportive Housing Programs, as well as diverse supportive housing programs for single adults and/or families who are homeless or at risk of homelessness in which either the individual or the head of household requires support for a substance use disorder, a serious mental illness (SMI), a disabling medical condition or HIV/AIDS, among others.

### **Social Services**

We provide social 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.





## **Transitional Housing & Homeless Services**

Helping Homeless Individuals & Families to Regain Stability



## **Our Scope**

Acacia Network is one of the largest providers of transitional housing in NYC, providing an array of resources to individuals & families experiencing homelessness, 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.



Acacia Network Housing (ANH) operates 40+ sites for single adults, adult families, and families with children across four boroughs in New York City.



Approximately 90% of our 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; Commercial Hotel Units for Families with Children; Hotel Beds for Single Adults and Single Stand-Alone Beds; 208 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).



**Commercial Hotels for Families with Children:** Commercial Hotels in the Bronx, Manhattan, Brooklyn and Queens, providing more than 1,500 units to families with children.

Master Lease Permanent Housing for Homeless Families: Three (3) sites providing 208 apartment units for formerly homeless families with housing vouchers.

### **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

In partnership with our arts & culture affiliate, Loisaida Inc., we offer cultural programming to homeless families with children who reside in our shelters to nurture their social-emotional and mental wellness. During the COVID-19 pandemic and, later, during the migrant surge in 2022-2023, we engaged clients through our Arts & Language Programming to provide opportunities for creative self-expression and language immersion.





## **Workforce Development & Benefits Access**

Setting Individuals & Families on a Path to Stability & Success



## **Our Scope**

Acacia Network provides workforce development and family support services to individuals and families in underserved communities, from rural areas to urban centers.

Through our workforce development affiliates, Seedco and El Barrio's Operation Fightback (EBOF), we help vulnerable individuals and families achieve stability and plan for their futures. Our programs 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.



access programs serve vulnerable populations in New York City, Maryland, Tennessee, Mississippi, and Arkansas.

**Our workforce development & benefits** 



More than 50% of the individuals we serve in the Mid-South Region identify as Black/African American and/or Hispanic/Latinx. In NYC, nearly 90% of our clients are Hispanic/Latinx and/or Black/African American.

Our integrated approach 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 longterm success and stability by helping them to find jobs, gain access to benefits, and advance in their careers.





# Early Childhood Education & Youth Programs

**Engaging Children, Youth & Families in our Communities** 



## **Our Scope**

Our Early Childhood & Youth Development initiatives provide high-quality educational and recreational programming for children and youth of all ages to ensure positive outcomes inside and outside of school. Our model integrates a holistic approach that engages the entire family through wrap-around services.

Through our youth development affiliate, the Community Association of Progressive Dominicans (ACDP), we serve 7,100+ kids & youth through thirteen (13) afterschool, community schools, and cornerstone programs in the Bronx and Manhattan. Meanwhile, our PROMESA Pre-K programs serve 180+ three- and fouryear olds.

### **Our Programs and Services**

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 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.



We provide education & afterschool services to families across New York City, mainly in the Bronx and Washington Heights.



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



### **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**

Through our affiliates, ACDP and EBOF, we provide thousands of youth ages 14-24 with summer employment opportunities. Funded by DYCD, the Summer Youth Employment Program (SYEP) and the Work, Learn & Grow (WLG) Program offer youth ages 14-24 a combination of realworld work experience and life skills training workshops focusing on job readiness and academic success skills.





## Services for Older Adults Ages 60+

Offering Culturally Responsive Services to the Aging Population



## **Our Scope**

Acacia Network serves thousands of mature adults ages 60+ through Older Adults Centers in the Bronx, Queens, and Manhattan, as well as Upstate New York. Clients enrolled in our Centers benefit from a variety of services and resources –including wellness checks, daily meals and recreational & wellness activities.

Our programs in New York City are operated by the Institute for the Puerto Rican / Hispanic Elderly (IPRHE) and funded by the NYC Department for the Aging (DFTA). Our programs in Buffalo are operated by Hispanos Unidos de Buffalo (HUB) and supported by the Erie County Department of Social Services.



Our Older Adults Centers (OACs) are located in the Bronx, Queens, and Manhattan in NYC, as well as Buffalo in Upstate New York.



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 OAC | Tel: 718-617-6334 1619 East 174 Street, Bronx, NY 10472

James Monroe OAC | Tel: 718-893-3484 1780 Story Ave, Bronx, NY 10473

Arturo Schomburg OAC | Tel: 718-842-6880 1315 Franklin Avenue, Bronx, New York, 10456

Betances OAC | Tel: 718-292-4922 401 St. Anns Avenue, Bronx, NY 10454



### Queens Elmhurst OAC | Tel: 718-478-7171

75-01 Broadway, 3rd Floor, Queens, NY 11373

### Manhattan

Carver Neighborhood OAC | Tel: 212-860-9708 55 E 102nd St, New York, NY 10029





## Arts & Culture Programming

**Celebrating the Rich Cultural Fabric of our Neighborhoods** 



## **Our Scope**

Through our arts & culture affiliate, Loisaida Inc, we offer year-round, accessible cultural 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.

At 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 selfsustainable initiatives, entrepreneurial efforts, among other projects. We also produce the annual Loisaida Festival, which engages 25,000 participants every year.

### **Our Programs and Services**

all ages, primarily from the Lower East Side and New York City at large.

Our programming attracts audiences of



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

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 emerging and under-recognized artists and cultural producers 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. 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.





## Food & Nutrition Programs

**Tackling Food Insecurity & Nutritional Inequality** 



## **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 the Upstate New York 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.

### **Our Programs and Services**

take place in New York City, as well as the Upstate New York region (Albany, Buffalo and Syracuse).

Our food and meal distribution efforts



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

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 nutrition classes and live cooking demonstrations. 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 efforts in the Upstate New York region are coordinated through our affiliates: Capital District LATINOS (CDL) in Albany, Hispanos Unidos de Buffalo (HUB) in Buffalo, and La Liga in Syracuse.





## **Regional Work: Upstate New York**

**Promoting Healthy Communities in the Upstate Region** 



## **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.

### **Our Programs and Services**

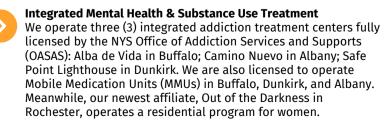
Acacia Network's footprint in Upstate New York has continued to expand through the integrated health, housing, and social services provided by our primary affiliates in Upstate New York, mainly: Hispanos Unidos de Buffalo (HUB), Spanish Action League (La Liga), and Capital District LATINOS (CDL), among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

### Hispanos Unidos de Buffalo (HUB)

HUB provides comprehensive health, housing, and social services programs, including: Affordable & supportive housing; Rapid rehousing; Health Home services; Senior services; Nutrition programs; 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, as well as 46 units of affordable & supportive housing for low-income seniors through our newest development, La Plaza de Virginia.





#### Spanish Action League (La Liga)

Founded in 1969, La Liga, seeks to bridge the cultural and experiential gap for Latinos and other underserved communities 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.

**Our footprint in Upstate New York** 

Syracuse, Dunkirk, and Rochester.

The large majority of our program

participants are Hispanic / Latinx

and/or Black / African American.

extends throughout Albany, Buffalo,

### **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.





## **Regional Work: Puerto Rico**

Working with our Partners to Address Challenges in the Island



## **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 through initiatives involving the diaspora in New York City and 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.

### **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.

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### Affordable Housing

We provide affordable, sustainable 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 consists of two (2) resilient single-family residences for low-income families who lost their homes in Hurricane Maria.

### 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.



### **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.

### **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 ja Vejez, among others.

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100% of the clients served through our Puerto Rico-based initiatives are lowincome Latinx individuals.



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