

# WHAT WE DO

## Mission

**A Place Called Home** is a transformational youth and community center based in South Central Los Angeles. Founded in 1993 as a safe space for young people facing poverty and systemic adversity, APCH provides a safe, nurturing environment with proven programs in arts, education and wellness for the young people in South Central Los Angeles to help them improve their economic conditions, and develop healthy, fulfilling and purposeful lives.



## 5 CORE PROGRAMS

(Some stats are pre-pandemic)

A Place Called Home offers a broad spectrum of robust, year-round FREE daily programs for youth from 8 year old to 24 years old.



### Educational Services

Daily **homework help** and specialized **tutoring, language learning support, and academic counseling** with trained professionals to support young people all the way from 2nd grade through college.

### Health, Nutrition, & Well-being

- Members and their families receive **crisis and mental health counseling** and ongoing support, including case management and referrals
- Robust programs focused on **urban agriculture** (we have 3 organic gardens!) and **meal service**, healthy meal preparation, nutrition and shopping healthy on a budget
- Our ongoing "Food for Families" program insures that member families in dire need receive needed **groceries and essential household supplies**
- Robust athletics programming, **organized teams**, and the **South Central Sports League** offer opportunities to learn teamwork, gain confidence and build community connections through healthy activity and sports events

### Teen & Young Adult Services

- Individualized **college and career** counseling, preparation and planning support young people in attaining **higher education and fulfilling employment**
- A robust array of **externship opportunities, career learning and job shadowing** opportunities via our **PREP Program**
- **The APCH Shaheen Scholarship Program** has supported more than **480 first-generation college students** in reaching their dreams
- **RISE High** at APCH is a charter High School partnership on the APCH campus **servicing highest opportunity** youth - young people who are justice system involved, living with housing insecurity or are in the foster care system

### Community Engagement & Volunteerism

- **1,500 volunteers** each year provide thousands of hours of service to support APCH's work
- **10,000+ community members** are served by cultural and distribution events at APCH
- **GirlPower** and **Journey** rites of passage programs and **LIFE Mentoring** offer teen members opportunities to **explore a bigger world** and organize community service projects that positively impact their community

### Arts & Creative Expression

- **The APCH Music Department** offers in-depth training in a variety of **instruments, voice, music recording and production and industry job exposure**. APCH members regularly perform in our house bands and a Mariachi ensemble.
- Our **APCH Dance Department** offers regular classes, summer intensives and an **advanced dance company that performs regularly**
- The **Theater Department** at APCH offers advanced programming in **acting, lighting and sound, scene design and writing**. In 2017, APCH proudly opened an on-campus theater that hosts internal and external productions, **special events and community gatherings**
- **Visual Arts** offerings are expansive and highly popular with all ages. APCH offers hands-on classes in **painting, print making, fashion design, illustration, digital media, filmmaking** and much more!

### APCH RESPONDS TO THE PANDEMIC

Within a week of Covid-19 closing our physical campus, we adapted all programs, outreach and events to online platforms.

- **70+ education and enrichment classes** offered weekly
- **Hundreds of members and families** actively engaged from home
- **300,000 meals** and counting distributed via our new Family Resource Depot
- **Nearly 100 college scholars** receiving scholarships and wraparound support



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