

All Children Thrive: Local Action, Statewide Results

Advancing Policies for Housing Security and Stability

THE CHALLENGE

Unstable housing harms health, learning, and well-being

Most California renters (54%) spend over 30% of their income on housing costs, including 79% of low-income families with children under age 5.¹ Black renters are disproportionately burdened, with 85% paying unaffordable rents.¹ Despite increased construction, the state continues to fall short of affordable housing goals. Failing to meet low- and moderate-income housing goals,¹ median rents keep rising² and homelessness continues to increase.¹ When children lack stable housing, their education is disrupted, their health suffers, and the resulting stress and trauma can last a lifetime.



Making housing affordable can help a lot of people, including youth. If they don't have a stable home, it will cause trauma.

Genesis Gonzalez (Youth Leader)

OUR APPROACH

Working with local partners to expand affordable housing

All Children Thrive (ACT) strengthens housing stability by supporting community-driven solutions that expand access to quality, affordable homes. Through partnerships with local governments, nonprofits, and residents, ACT communities are protecting renters, improving housing quality, and increasing affordable housing options so children and families can grow and thrive.

OUR IMPACT

Local policies are improving housing quality and stability for 2M+ children under 18 and their families

- **Los Angeles County:** Two ACT projects, Long Beach Forward and LA Voice, contributed to the success of *Measure A*, a half-cent sales tax expected to generate **\$1B+ annually for homelessness services and affordable housing**. Long Beach Forward community members canvassed, phone banked, and joined strategic partnership meetings to support its passage, while LA Voice engaged its Interfaith Youth Group to bring *Measure A* educational materials to local faith communities.
- **Santa Ana:** Adopted **Rent Stabilization and Just Cause Eviction Ordinances**, capping rent increases for covered units, and extending eviction protections to most tenants after 30 days of occupancy.
- **Fresno:** ACT and The Children's Movement secured a statewide grant and policy change to improve infrastructure and provide broadband internet to **rural and multi-unit housing residents**.



1. <https://chpc.net/housingneeds>

2. Estimated percent change in the median gross rent between the periods of 2014-2018 and 2019-2023. [Census](#) via Policy Map

