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ACHs bring together clinical providers, public health departments, schools, social service agencies, CBOs and businesses, along with residents, in a collective effort to make a community healthier, more equitable and resilient.

To date, 13 communities across California have formed ACHs to address a range of community-identified issues: cardiovascular health, asthma, housing and homelessness, substance use disorder (SUD), food insecurity, violence and trauma, adverse childhood (ACEs) experiences, and children’s health.

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What are ACHs accomplishing?

“Our ACH provided us with the opportunity to release funding from our Wellness Fund at a rapid rate to respond to COVID-19, helping us target our most vulnerable communities—particularly those that aren’t able to receive assistance elsewhere.” — East San José’s ACH

“We’ve heard through our Trustbuilders [resident organizers] that housing was more of a day-to-day issue than had been previously known. That’s influenced our focus—now we organize residents around housing.” — South Stockton’s ACH

“The ACH facilitates cross-sector communication and partnerships with purpose. This has resulted in new contracting opportunities, workforce development and increased community capacity to address the health and social needs of residents.” — San Diegos’s ACH