

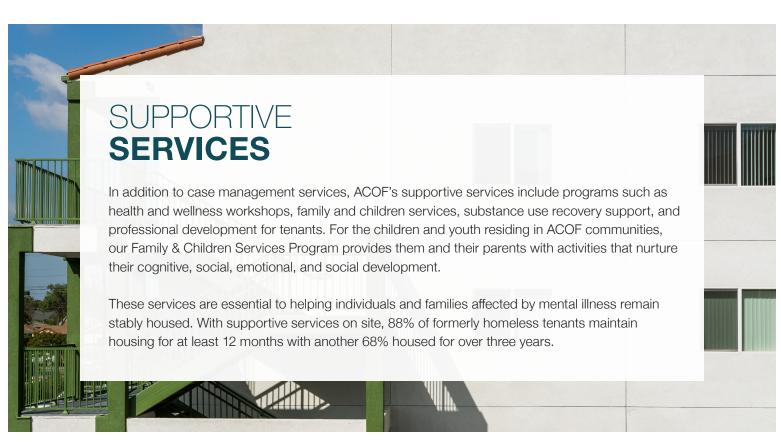
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ABOUT **ACOF**

Founded in 1988, A Community of Friends is a premier non-profit affordable housing developer in Southern California. Our mission is to end homelessness through the provision of quality, permanent supportive housing for people living with mental illness.

ACOF was created with seed funding from the Los Angeles County Department of Mental Health (DMH) when DMH sought alternatives to the emergency shelter system after recognizing that shelters did not provide long-term solutions for people with mental illness who became homeless. ACOF's name was derived from a desire to create a community where people who were homeless—so often disenfranchised from society—can reside among friends.

ACOF provides homes for over 2,700 people including more than 650 children. Currently, ACOF has 43 communities in neighborhoods as diverse as Hollywood, Koreatown, North Hills, South Los Angeles, San Pedro and Boyle Heights, as well as in the cities of Santa Monica, Santa Ana, and Fullerton.



Each of ACOF's three program areas are important to help individuals and families affected by mental illness to remain stably housed:

HOUSING DEVELOPMENT

- Acquisition
- Predevelopment
- Construction

MANAGEMENT

- Maintenance
- Compliance

SUPPORTIVE SERVICES

- · Case management
- · Life skills
- Enrichment

