

# Academia Comunitaria



## Overview

The Academy is designed to meet the timely leads of community members in order to strengthen their knowledge, skills, and confidence to lead meaningful change in their own lives and in the Los Angeles region. Rooted in the belief that leadership begins with the individual, the program cultivates informed, empowered leaders who can navigate systems, advocate for their rights, and take action in education, health, economic prosperity, digital equity, and civic engagement.

Each cohort brings together 15-25 participants for a multi-week educational experience that builds practical tools, critical awareness, and collective power. Through courses and hands-on advocacy opportunities, participants deepen their capacity to engage in policies and practices that impact their communities — and put their power into action.

## Our Theme

## “Tu Poder en Acción”

“Tu Poder en Acción” is inspired by ABC’s the Power of Us campaign, but intentionally centers the power of you. It recognizes that each member of our community is powerful as an individual—autonomous, capable, and more than any single role or label. We are not defined only as parents, caregivers, students, workers; we are individuals with voice, knowledge, and the ability to make decisions about our own lives. Caring for ourselves and cultivating knowledge are essential ways we put our power into action.

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and get involved!



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## Themes | Subjects



### Education

**Saber es Poder** will equip individuals with the knowledge to navigate educational systems, explore diverse pathways, and advocate for lifelong learning across generations.

**Two Generations (TwoGen)** prepares both students and parents for the road to college and post-secondary pathways by navigating federal and local resources, exploring college requirements, and supporting student retention in higher education.



### Health

**Salud y Poder: Raíces Que Sanan** helps build confidence in navigating healthcare systems, understanding patient rights, and addressing health inequities through culturally grounded and community-centered approaches.

**Padres Organizados por la Salud Ambiental (POSA)** gives community members the resources and knowledge to take practical climate action at home and in schools through sustainable practices that protect our health, resources, and neighborhoods.



### Economic Prosperity

**Negocios con Raíces** supports Latina/o small business owners in Los Angeles County by gaining practical tools, strategic connections, and visibility to scale their businesses, access contracts, and strengthen their financial future.



### Digital Equity

**Conectados y Empoderados** advances equitable access to broadband while strengthening community awareness, consumer rights, and advocacy for fair digital access.



### Civic Engagement

**Civic Engagement and Advocacy En Acción: Civic Leadership for Our Community** strengthens the skills and confidence of community members to advocate in civic spaces and exercise power through voting and everyday actions beyond the ballot.

**Familia Fuerte** cultivates the practical skills, self-trust, and critical thinking needed to lead with autonomy and intention in home and family life.

