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CALIFORNIA NETWORK  
FOR EDUCATION IN  
AFFORDABLE HOUSING

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EMBEDDING EDUCATION INTO A CHILD'S ENVIRONMENT  
CREATES A PATHWAY OUT OF POVERTY.

**WE BELIEVE.**



## THE ELEPHANT IN THE ROOM.

Let's start with a story about an actual elephant, in an actual room, and three blind-folded people to describe it. (You might know this one.)

The one who feels the tail describes a rope. The one who feels a leg describes a tree trunk. The one who feels the tusk describes a solid pipe. They're all correct from their perspectives, but unless they work together, they'll miss **the whole picture**.



## PRODUCTIVE ADULTS AND HEALTHY COMMUNITIES

Affordable housing's goal is to create pathways out of poverty. The most reliable pathway out of poverty is education. Education's goal is to enable children to become productive adults. But a child from a low-income family is **3 times less likely** to graduate high school.

Each child living in affordable housing deserves every chance to grow up to be a productive adult, and contribute to a healthy community. **We can** break the generational poverty cycle - but only if we work together. And there's the elephant in *our* room.

## EDUCATORS NEED HELP FROM HOUSING

Educators and housing providers share goals, neighborhoods, and the challenge of helping the exact same children and families. But neither can do it alone.

Educators can help housing providers give each child more than just shelter; they can work with providers to build a **safe** and **supportive** environment in which children can **learn** and **lead** - right at home. Providers and educators can work together to enhance services to youth, families, and communities.



## HOUSING PROVIDERS NEED EACH OTHER

If affordable housing providers want to help families find pathways out of poverty, they need to work with education experts to embed education into their philosophy. Many providers have started doing this already, and are eager to help those who want to get started.

This is why the network model is **necessary for our success**.

## TOGETHER WE KNOW MORE

By forging new partnerships, engaging with families and stakeholders, and sharing what we've learned with our peers, we can all **grow our capacity** and learn how to focus our existing resources on youth development; preparing each child to be a productive adult contributing to a healthy community.



## OUR NETWORK IS HERE FOR YOU



The California Network for Education in Affordable Housing works with affordable housing providers, members of the education community, and those who provide funding to both - to bring **different perspectives** together.

Housing providers can play a critical role in the education and development of each child they serve. And we're here to help.

Let's work together. Learn more at [PartnerForChildren.org/housing](https://PartnerForChildren.org/housing).