



## Our Scope

Acacia Network provides access to integrated services and support to individuals of all ages in underserved communities across the Upstate New York Region in order to address health, socioeconomic, and educational disparities.

Our Network Affiliate in the Capital Region, **Capital District LATINOS (CDL)**, is the only Latino-led organization in the Albany area that owns a stand-alone building where cultural, educational and health-related services are provided. Its Cultural Empowerment & Community Engagement Center serves as an important hub for community services and initiatives.



**Impact:** CDL's services and community outreach efforts in the Capital District reach thousands of individuals of all ages annually.



**Geographic Scope:** Capital District LATINOS (CDL) provides services at its program hub in Albany and surrounding communities.



**Demographics:** The large majority of our program participants are Hispanic / Latinx and/or Black / African American.

## Our Programs and Services

Founded in 2010, Capital District LATINOS (CDL) seeks to create conditions for the success of the Latinx community in the Capital District. CDL engages with public, private, and community-based partners, as well as local elected officials, in the Albany region to explore avenues for collaboration and develop strategic initiatives.



### Cultural Empowerment & Community Engagement Center

With the support of Acacia Network, CDL acquired the site of St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church (built circa 1886) in 2018 to serve as the permanent home for its Cultural Empowerment & Community Engagement Center. Throughout the subsequent months, major repairs and renovations were carried out to repurpose the building for use as a cultural and community space. Today, it houses the headquarters of CDL and serves as a hub for the Latinx community and other underserved populations, but is still in need of major renovation work, beginning with the replacement of its 100+ year-old slate tile roof.



### Substance Use & Addiction Services

CDL was the driving force behind the opening of Camino Nuevo, the Capital District's first bilingual chemical dependency outpatient treatment program in 2014, under an extension of the OASAS license granted to Promesa, an affiliate of Acacia Network. Today, Camino Nuevo provides substance use and addiction treatment services to hundreds of individuals in recovery. CDL continues to partner with Camino Nuevo on various community, cultural and health-related initiatives.



### COVID-19 Response & Vaccine Equity Efforts

Throughout the COVID-19 pandemic, CDL has been busy ensuring that underserved communities in the Capital Region are able to gain access to critical resources, including food, essential items, and COVID-19 education and vaccines. Among other initiatives, CDL was active in 2020 Census efforts, and has hosted multiple outreach events and pop-up vaccination clinics at its Cultural Empowerment & Community Engagement Center, in partnership with the Albany County Department of Health and other CBOs and local agencies.



### Representation at the Local & State Levels

Our Regional Director of the Capital District, Micky Jimenez, remains active in the local community, representing CDL and Acacia Network in multiple panels and public engagements. In addition, she is the only Latina woman invited to be part of the New York State Vaccine Equity Taskforce, which was created to inform and advise vaccine distribution efforts across NYS. The Vaccine Distribution and Implementation Task Force is comprised of experts in public health, immunizations, government operations, data and other fields.