

WEST OAKLAND COMMUNITY COLLABORATIVE

Focus Areas: Homelessness, Affordable Housing, Employment, Entrepreneurship, Food Security, Health Care, Education, Economic Self-Sufficiency, Youth & Family Services, Safety

Profile

Founded in 2001 with nine West Oakland community-based organizations, with support from The San Francisco Foundation, Supervisor Keith Carson, and others, the West Oakland Community Collaborative (WOCC) brings together community-based organizations, faith-based communities, and schools serving West Oakland to address a wide range of issues from education and substance abuse to job training and economic development. All WOCC members are committed to working together to build the capacity of the local nonprofit organizations and to serve the needs of West Oakland residents. Today, the WOCC is a vibrant group of 20+ organizations committed to working together to meet the needs of West Oakland residents. The WOCC meets on the 2nd Wednesday of each month from 10:00am-11:30am at Lincoln Families.

Mission

To enhance, expand, unite, and build the capacity of West Oakland community-based organizations to improve and protect the quality of life, positive living conditions and social, cultural, and economic viability of all West Oakland residents.

Goals

Our long-term vision is the seamless provision of services to West Oakland residents. This represents a holistic approach to meeting local needs through strategies promoting systematic change and social services aimed at improving the quality of life. Goals include:

- ❑ **Offering comprehensive services** to meet the long and short-term needs of West Oakland. Key program areas include food, employment assistance, safety and crime prevention, and youth development and education.
- ❑ **Building a network** of community-based organizations in West Oakland that works together to best meet the needs of West Oakland. Members of this network coordinate services and referrals to local residents, form partnerships to leverage resources, and meet regularly to discuss strategies to address community needs.
- ❑ **Building the capacity** of individual community-based organizations in West Oakland. This is accomplished by conducting organizational assessments, providing individual and group technical assistance, facilitating peer knowledge-exchange and mentoring relationships, and cultivating partnerships with local stakeholders, consultants, and academia.

Some Past Accomplishments Include:

- ✓ **2018** – The WOCC was re-launched with a new vision and focus, in partnership with Lincoln, St. Vincent's Day Home, and the Prescott-Joseph Center. 20+ organizations participate.
- ✓ **2013 & 2014** – West Oakland Education Expo, 100+ vendors, 200+ attendees
- ✓ **2012** – West Oakland Community Investment Forum, Guest Speaker: Lena Robinson, Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco
- ✓ **2006-2009** – Voter Registration
- ✓ **2006** – West Oakland Community Fair, DeFremery Park
- ✓ **2005** – PJCCE/WOCC awarded a contract with Alameda County Social Services Agency and First 5/Every Child Counts to serve as the West Oakland replication site for Another Road to Safety (ARS) providing in-home, family support services to low-moderate risk families referred from CPS.
- ✓ **2005** - WOCC's contract renewed with the San Francisco Foundation to continue providing family-centered support services to 45 families and students of all three schools in the new McClymond's Educational (BEST/EXCEL/KIZMET).
- ✓ **2004** - WOCC received a grant from the West Oakland Initiative of The San Francisco Foundation to provide family support services to 25 families and students of the Youth and Family Center at McClymonds High School.
- ✓ **2004** - WOCC conducted a very successful Voter Education and Registration Drive that increased new voter registration by over 3,500 and increased use of absentee ballots.
- ✓ **2003** - Organizational assessments conducted in July 2003 showed that all WOCC members have increased their organizational capacity since program completion in 2001. Forty-two percent of the organizations assessed in 2003 have fully addressed all recommendations in at least one capacity area.
- ✓ **2001**- Nine participating agencies graduated from a one-year capacity-building program sponsored by The San Francisco Foundation and Alameda County Supervisor Keith Carson.