

ACHIEVEability



OUR MISSION & VISION

ACHIEVEability is dedicated to permanently breaking the generational cycle of poverty for low income and homeless families in West Philadelphia.

By supporting individuals through higher education, providing access to affordable housing, championing economic development, creating safe environments for kids and teens, and offering holistic care services, ACHIEVEability works alongside residents to foster a rising and thriving West Philadelphia.

WHO WE SERVE



ACHIEVEability's service area covers the Haddington and Cobbs Creek neighborhoods in West Philadelphia. Poverty in our predominantly Black (88.6%) community is a manifestation of systematic oppression and racial injustice. As a result of decades of chronic disinvestment, our neighborhood has a poverty rate of **34.5%** and an unemployment rate of **12.1%**.

40.8% of Haddington and Cobbs Creek families with children under 18 are living below the poverty level, a statistic which is **43%** higher than the Philadelphia average (28.5%).

OUR AREAS OF FOCUS

By focusing on these categories, ACHIEVEability is actively working towards a safe, equitable, and vibrant West Philadelphia.



Economic Mobility: Coaching and down payment support for first-time homebuyers, training and placement in living wage jobs, and support to complete college degrees.



Small Businesses: Technical assistance, connection to capital, and storefront improvement.



Basic Needs: Connection to public benefits, rental and energy assistance, foreclosure prevention, tax preparation, affordable housing, vaccination, computer lab access, and distribution of items (e.g. clothes, shoes, diapers, and backpacks).



Quality of Life: Gun violence prevent programming for young adults ages 16-24, safety improvements, public space improvements, and community cohesion events.

60th Street Strong

The 60th Street Strong Coalition is ACHIEVEability's response to the rising gun violence crisis in our neighborhood. The mission of this project is to provide youth that are commonly drawn to violent or criminal activities with alternative, positive opportunities to receive gainful employment, skills, and mentorship from local, Black-owned businesses that we partner with.

The ultimate goal of 60th Street Strong is to lower rates of violence in the area, improve perceptions of safety, foster community cohesion, and stimulate the local economy.

PROGRAM COMPONENTS



Employment & Training



Wraparound Services



Mentorship



Safe Streets Events

IMPACT SNAPSHOT

406 young adult participants (100% Black, 64% male, 36% female)

83% experienced no new instances of gun violence

85% completed the program

89% reported site placement was helpful to reach professional goals

100% reported positive experiences with their job placement & professional development sessions

**Data as of 2024*

GET INVOLVED

Gun violence is a major problem in West Philadelphia. Our primary zip code 19139 has some of the highest rates of gun violence in the city. Because of physical location and racial demographics, young people in our service area are at disproportionately elevated risk of gun violence involvement as compared to many other areas in the city.

With your support, we can continue to provide life-changing services and resources to the youth we serve. Please visit our website for volunteer and donation opportunities.

“ I'm taking what I learned and actually pouring it back into my community... giving the same lessons to my family.

-Kyhir, a Coalition participant who lost his brother to gun violence.



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