



Georgia Advancing Communities Together, Inc.

2025 ANNUAL FALL AFFORDABLE HOUSING CONFERENCE AND AWARDS PROGRAM

October 1, 2025

8:00 AM – 4:00 PM

Georgia ACT 2025 Annual Fall Affordable Housing Conference & Awards Program & Survey



Who We Are

Georgia Advancing Communities Together is a statewide membership organization which represents the state's nonprofit housing and community development organizations.

Mission

To build, support, and inform a statewide network of thriving organizations, professionals, and individuals advancing equitable housing and community development.

Vision

All Georgia families have safe & decent housing in vibrant neighborhoods.

Georgia ACT is nonpartisan 501c3 organization without party affiliation, bias, or designation.

Georgia ACT 2025 Theme

"Empowering Pathways: Building Resilient Communities Through Economic Growth and Self-Sufficiency"

This theme highlights Georgia ACT's commitment to fostering economic opportunities, promoting sustainable development, and equipping individuals and families with the tools needed to achieve long-term self-reliance. It emphasizes collaboration, innovation, and the collective effort required to create thriving communities across Georgia.

2025 Initiatives

- Supporting affordable housing and homeownership programs
- Providing workforce development and financial literacy training
- Advocating for equitable policies that advance economic and community well-being
- Strengthening partnerships with local organizations to address community-specific challenges



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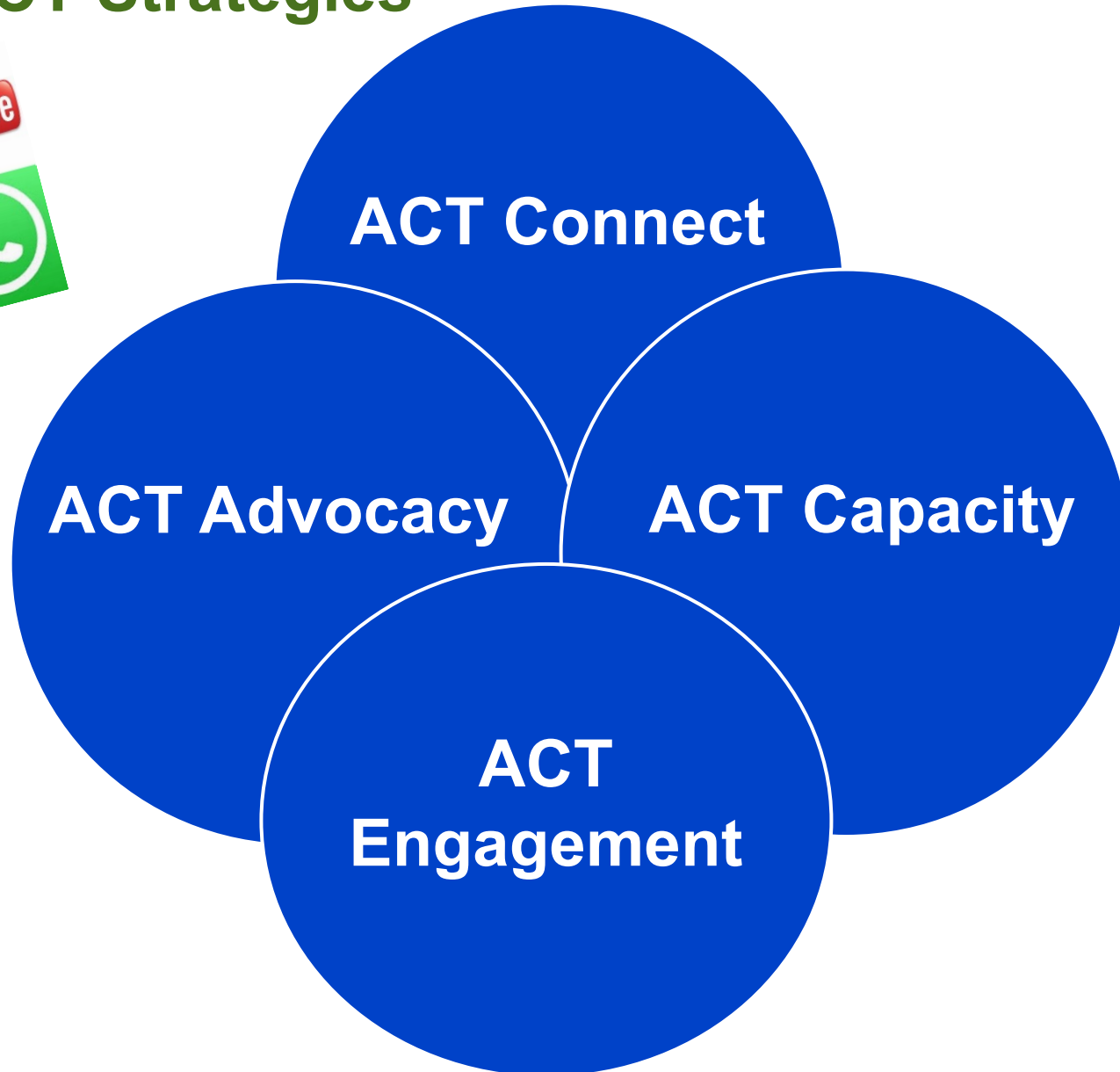
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Georgia ACT Strategies



Georgia ACT Four-Pronged Approach

ACT Connect

Connect and convene affordable housing and community development nonprofits to address needs and build the capacity of these organizations to improve life outcomes for the residents in the neighborhoods and communities these nonprofits serve.



Georgia ACT Four-Pronged Approach

ACT Advocacy

Build a broad-based constituency of stakeholders committed to housing advocacy to identify how we can collaborate and leverage our limited resources for the good of all Georgia families.



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ACT Capacity

Build industry capacity via training, leadership/professional development opportunities, and technical assistance.



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ACT Engagement

Build civic engagement among Georgians for equitable housing and community development.



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2026 Housing Day at the Capitol

February 25, 2026

**Central Presbyterian Church
201 Washington Street, SW
Atlanta, Georgia 30303**

**GEORGIA ACT 2026
HOUSING DAY
AT THE CAPITOL
FEBRUARY 25, 2026**



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