

EDUCATION PROGRAMS | Youth Programs

You Can Academy

You Can Academy (YCA) is a quality after-school program that provides a safe environment and focuses on homework help (math, reading, specialized learning), character development, enriched activities, a healthy snack, and mentoring relationships with caring adults.

YCA aims to increase opportunities for children to benefit from constructive educational activities supervised by responsible, trained adults and mature high school student volunteers.

You Can Academy creates an environment where students feel welcomed, cared for, and valued while learning about God's love through relationships with mature volunteers and role models.

- Volunteers assist students with their homework, reading, and mentoring during this time.
- All You Can Academy volunteers age 18+ are required to have a background check before volunteering.
- High school students, age 16 and above, must commit to a minimum of one semester to be accepted into the program.

In-School Support

We work closely with the schools in the communities in which we serve, providing support for students, teachers and staff. We adopt classrooms and help teachers provide a great learning environment for the students.

Summer Programs

Various youth programs are offered at our different locations during the summer. We offer a safe space with educational opportunities to prevent "summer slide" and to build relationships within the community. These summer camps include topics such as: robotics, chemistry, biology, physics, math in music, art, and movement. Summer camps generally run for 3 weeks during the month of July

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The Adult Education classes allow adults the opportunity to flourish and reclaim their purpose through offering a hand-up, not a hand out.

Our Adult Education courses offer tools to empower them to break the cycles that have become a roadblock for their future, enabling them to take the next step. Each class also invites individuals to examine their personal relationship with God, in whose image we are all made. We understand that part of the process of flourishing is building a stronger, (and genuine) relationship with God, with others, and the world around us. We must address this brokenness as well as the educational challenges in order to begin the journey towards full transformation.

COMPUTER AND TECHNOLOGY WORKSHOPS

Much of our lives revolve around technology; from job applications, registration for events, communication with our children's school, even advancement in educational opportunities, they all require some level of computer efficiency. We offer computer skills and technology workshops designed to familiarize students with basic computer functions, understand how to navigate the web, and develop beginner skills in word processing.

ESL (ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE)

An adult's ability to speak and understand English is important if they are to participate fully in today's society. The ESL classes are designed to help adults (18 years of age and older) to learn the four (4) basic communication skills: listening, speaking, reading, and writing.

The goal of an ESL program is to improve the students' level of English. ESL classes teach different language skills, depending on students' English abilities, interests, and needs. All programs teach the following: conversational English, grammar, reading, listening comprehension, writing, and vocabulary.

Our North Richmond and North Rosenberg locations partner with the Literacy Council of Fort Bend who trains and certifies our volunteers. The Literacy Council provides a volunteer orientation for new volunteers using instructional tools and supports them with on-, continuing education, opportunities to keep abreast of trends and best practices in the field of adult education. Volunteers are required to commit to teaching twice per week for a minimum of one hour per class for the duration of an academic year (which runs September through May), and must be at least 18 years old.

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GED PREP

GED Prep offers tutoring and support for individuals that seek to gain their GED certificate. Writing, reading, math, science and social studies subjects are covered. A Pre & Post Test is given in each subject to determine whether or not the student is ready for the actual exam. Students attend classroom hours as well as work on their own.

We ask that volunteer tutors commit to teaching twice per week, for a minimum of one hour per class, for the duration of the academic year. Volunteers must be at least 18 years old and have, at minimum, a High School diploma.

FAITH & FINANCES

Faith & Finances teaches biblical principles about money management. In this highly interactive course, families and individuals discover the basics, such as what the Bible says about money, how to create a spending plan, and how to save for emergencies. Participants of all ages learn how to break cycles of personal financial crisis and start building a foundation for the future. Attack Poverty locations partner with a STCH Ministries, a local ministry, to offer this program. Volunteers must be at least 18 years old.

FAITH & WORK

Faith & Work guides people to discover God's purpose for their lives and how to fulfill that purpose through their work. Participants are provided the opportunity and tools to achieve their full potential as they become more confident in their ability to succeed at work, become leaders and positively influence their work environments. Attack Poverty locations partner with a STCH Ministries, a local ministry, to offer this program. Volunteers must be at least 18 years old.

JOBS FOR LIFE

We believe that God created everyone to work, and designed all of us with gifts and talents to subdue and steward the earth through work. We partner with Jobs for life (JfL), an organization that seeks to equip leaders to implement this program in their communities, to offer this program at our locations. By training, equipping, and connecting churches, ministries, and businesses in communities, JfL helps prepare men and women for meaningful work through honest relationships, mentoring, work-force development training, and an ongoing community of support. JfL addresses the root causes of unemployment by facilitating positive transformation within lives and communities

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

To see a community restored and renewed, community development must use an asset-based approach that aims to build on the strengths and capacities of the community. We do this through home repairs, community revitalization projects, and equip the community to lead the change they want to see.

HOME REPAIR-COMMUNITY REVITALIZATION

Attack Poverty provides home repair services for low income, elderly, and/or disabled homeowners located within the communities we serve. To be eligible for this service the applicant must meet certain requirements and there is never a charge to the homeowner! Our goal is to provide critical home repairs for people with no means to make the repairs themselves. All repairs must be NECESSARY and positively influence the quality of life, health, and safety of the occupants

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Community Engagement programs can include weekly, monthly, quarterly, and annual opportunities and vary by location. Programs such as a CommUNITY Garden, Bible Studies, Senior Hour, Prayer Walls and Community Prayer Walks, Community Listening, and various festivals are a few ways we engage with members of the community.

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Mission Week exists to empower individuals to attack poverty in their own backyard. Every June, each Attack Poverty location hosts a week of fun, encouragement, and personal & spiritual growth for residents, volunteers, and the larger community. Through these activities, participants build relationships with one another as well as learn how to serve alongside Attack Poverty to see their community flourish.

ANNUAL EVENTS

Annual Run to Attack Poverty

The Annual Run to Attack Poverty is a community-driven event aimed at raising awareness and resources to attack poverty. With a mission to empower individuals and strengthen communities, this event brings people together from all walks of life to run, walk, and contribute towards a common mission. This event includes a chip timed, certified 10K/5K Run/Walk, and a Kids 1K. You won't want to miss out on the opportunity to volunteer for this annual event. The festivities include a health & fitness fair, food, music, and activities for the kids, giving you a choice of areas to serve. This is one of our major fundraising events each year.

Other Events

We have other annual events which vary by location and include National Night Out, Fall Art Walk, a variety of Fall Festivals, Holiday programs, and Breaking Bread at Thanksgiving.