

ACTA Seeks Full Time Arts in Corrections Program Manager

The **Alliance for California Traditional Arts (ACTA)**, a national leader in the folk and traditional arts field, is seeking a full time program manager to administer its statewide [Arts in Corrections](#) (AIC) program. Founded in 1997 to support the health, vibrancy, and evolution of California's diverse cultural traditions, ACTA operates statewide programs from its offices in Fresno, Los Angeles and San Francisco. These programs include advocacy, apprenticeships, grantmaking, convenings, and support for artists working in promise zones, the prison system, and select local communities.

All ACTA programs are directed by its founding executive director, Amy Kitchener, who also serves as program director. ACTA began its work in Arts in Corrections in 2013, piloting seven residencies in three Central Valley state correctional facilities. Since that time, the program has grown rapidly. Today, a staff of 40 teaching artists conducts the \$1.3 million AIC program in 18 facilities throughout California from as far as Stockton in the north down to Blythe in Southern California.

ACTA's artist residents lead long-term, participatory classes inside prisons for both men and women experiencing incarceration. Their workshops connect students with their cultural heritage through art forms like Mexican *son jarocho*, Afro-Colombian percussion, storytelling, Native American beadwork, and *Danza Azteca*. To get a fuller perspective of the work, you are encouraged to explore the [Arts in Correction page](#) on ACTA's website, which includes background information, a listing of artists and residencies, photographs and video documentation of the program.

The ideal candidate to further the success of ACTA's AIC Program will share ACTA's and the AIC Program's mission and have experience and passion for working deeply with marginalized populations, particularly communities of color and the incarcerated. We are seeking an experienced go-getter who can work independently as well as lead a large team (2 program staff and 40 teaching artists) and work collaboratively with multiple program partners and staff.

Please refer to the detailed [job description](#). The job will remain open until filled. The position is based in the Fresno office, in the hub of the organization's administration and within driving distance to many of the prison sites.

To apply send a letter of interest (that outlines the skills and experience that make you a good candidate), resume, and the names, addresses and telephone numbers of three references to: actajobs@gmail.com. This position is open until filled.