



A Neuro-Inclusive Learning
Experience and Incentivized Workforce
Development Program

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COMMUNITY SHOP CLASS

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ABOUT SHOP CLASS!



Community Shop Class (Shop Class Inc 501c3) is a neighborhood learning center and workforce development facility that fosters community resilience, youth empowerment, and neighborhood learning. The neuro-inclusive education framework delivers classes, learning programs, youth camps, and neighborhood events that inspire collaboration, volunteerism, and sustainable living. All programs are built and delivered by a neurodiverse coalition of coaches, educators, industry professionals, and community advocates.

Shop Class champions its mission to revolutionize equitable access to education and housing in Oak Park (an SB 535 Disadvantaged Community and a Climate Investment Priority Population). Years of strategic partnerships with Hire Hope Education, Outreach Construction, Sierra Service Project, Sacramento Sustainability Academy, SABA, The City of Sacramento, and CADClass.org, have yielded impactful training and coaching initiatives that propelled transformative change in Oak Park, Sacramento.

TINY HOME ACADEMY

The **Tiny Home Academy** is a 6-week workforce development experience for 17 to 24-year-olds experiencing food, housing, or opportunity insecurity. Students learn the basics of carpentry while exploring technology, urban agriculture, community service, and climate resilience. The program uses an inspirational environment, emotional components, and experiential learning to drive retention and understanding. Building meaningful projects helps students find purpose while learning.

The class for 2025 offers graduates new opportunities for expanded learning, pathways to entrepreneurship, apprenticeships, employment, and educational opportunities. Through a strategic partnership with Outreach Construction, all Tiny Home Academy students will receive the first CORE module of the NCCER Basic Construction Skills training course. This allows learners to accrue academic and hands-on hours toward their union career goals.



Shop Class is dedicated to changing the traditional image of a builder. The organization intentionally recruits individuals from underrepresented groups in construction. The learning programs are designed to help everyone thrive, regardless of background or learning style. The Tiny Home worksite provides a place where all builders can feel both physically and emotionally safe while learning.

TINY Home Academy

Day Schedule

8:00 - 8:20 AM: Morning Stretch and Catch

8:20 - 9:00 AM: Classroom Discussion & Morning Snack

9:00 - 10:30 AM: Hands-On Lessons and Build

10:30 - 10:45 AM: Break

10:45 AM - 12:00 PM: Build

12:00 - 12:30 PM: Classroom Discussion

12:30 - 1:00 PM: Lunch

1:00 - 3:00 PM: Build

3:00 - 4:00 PM: Discussion and Skills Exploration



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Class Outline

Week 1	Welcome Safety	Tools & Fasteners	Worksite Safety and First Aid	The Foundation
Week 2	Framing	Framing	Doors + Windows	Insulation + Rough Elect
Week 3	Roofing	Roofing	Drywall / Taping	Review Day
Week 4	Lighting	Exterior Siding	Outlets + Switches	Solar Panels
Week 5	Interior Paint	Resume and Job Fair	Floor and Trim	Gutters and Reclamation
Week 6	What is Next	Paint and Finishing	Wrapping it up	Graduation Day

Wraparound services: The Tiny Home Academy is much more than a workforce development program. Shop Class recruits learners from community-based organizations, housing programs, and through community referrals. Many learners have additional needs that must be met to ensure they can focus on learning and retaining skills. This has helped shape a truly engaging and supportive learning environment.

During academy:

- Transportation to and from class
- Lunch, snack, and take-home pantry food
- Skills training and mentorship with local professionals and leaders
- Weekly Stipeneds
- Job prep services and network building

Post-Graduation Services:

- Free 6-month memberships for the Shop Class workshop
- Project advice, entrepreneurship coaching, and peer support
- Employment opportunities for graduates
- Continuing education opportunities