
Join the Butte Resilience Collaborative (BRC)

Who We Are

The **Butte Resilience Collaborative (BRC)** is a countywide network of organizations working together to make Butte County more **equitable, connected, and resilient** before, during, and after disasters.

BRC is:

- **An initiative of ARCH (Alliance for Resilience and Community Health)**
- **Convened and facilitated by Collaborative Commons**
- **Launched in partnership with the American Red Cross**

Our partners include community-based organizations, family resource centers, food banks, school districts, clinics, tribal partners, faith communities, housing and shelter providers, local government departments, and neighborhood-based groups across Butte County.

Why We're Approaching You

Your organization is a **trusted presence** in your community and often one of the first places people turn for help, information, and connection. We know that resilience isn't built by any single agency—it's built through **local relationships and trusted places** like yours.

We're reaching out because we want your perspective, your community knowledge, and your leadership to help shape this countywide network.

What's the Benefit of Joining?

By participating in the BRC, your organization can:

- **Strengthen Connections**
Build relationships with dozens of other organizations working on food access, housing, health, mental health, disaster response, and community wellbeing.
- **Improve Coordination in Crises**
Be part of a clearer system for communication, referrals, and resource-sharing when emergencies happen.
- **Access Information & Opportunities**
Stay informed about trainings, funding opportunities, shared tools, and countywide initiatives that can support your work.
- **Shape Countywide Strategy**
Help define priorities and solutions so that plans and funding reflect what your community actually needs.

What We're Asking of You

We're inviting your organization to become a **Collaborating Partner** in the BRC by:

- **Joining one Working Group** (Collaboration, Communication, Resources, or Capacity) that aligns with your mission.
- **Sending at least one consistent representative** to periodic meetings (and inviting others from your team as relevant).
- **Sharing your insight and experience** about what's working, where the gaps are, and how we can better support your community together.

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- **Participating in shared projects when possible**—for example, helping test tools, host events, or share information with your community.

There is **no membership fee**; the "cost" is your time, your wisdom, and your willingness to collaborate.

What We've Accomplished So Far

Since our launch in August 2023, the BRC has:

- **Co-created a Butte County Community Resilience Plan** with a multi-sector steering committee to guide shared priorities and investments.
- **Formed four Working Groups** (Collaboration, Communication, Resources, Capacity) that are actively moving projects forward.
- **Mapped key resource hubs**—including food pantries, shelters, family resource centers, cooling/warming centers, and other community anchors—and begun identifying geographic and population gaps.
- **Supported joint grant efforts**, helping partner organizations secure funding for resilience, outreach, and emergency-response projects.
- **Helped distribute free electric utility vans in 2025** to eligible organizations so they can transport food, supplies, and people more efficiently during both everyday operations and crises.
- **Provided mutual support and training for staff**, including shared learning sessions, peer problem-solving, and access to tools that strengthen organizational capacity.
- **Coordinated across organizations during recent disasters** to improve information-sharing, referrals, and on-the-ground support for communities.

These are early steps—and we know we can't build a truly resilient Butte County without organizations like yours at the table.

Ready to Learn More or Get Involved?

- Visit: butteresilience.org
- Email: hello@butteresilience.org
- Upcoming meeting: **Contact us for the next BRC gathering**

We'd be honored to have you join the Butte Resilience Collaborative and help shape what resilience looks like in your community.