



Advancing Connecticut Together Announces CEO Search

After twenty-eight years of exceptional leadership, Advancing Connecticut Together (ACT) has announced the upcoming retirement of John Merz, whose vision, steadiness, and deep commitment to equity have shaped ACT into a trusted statewide partner addressing poverty, health inequities, housing instability, HIV, and addiction across Connecticut.

Under John's leadership, ACT grew into a \$12.9 million organization with a broad statewide footprint, strong public-sector partnerships, and a reputation for integrity, impact, and collaboration. His legacy is one of lasting systems change, mission-centered growth, and unwavering dedication to communities across Connecticut.

As ACT prepares for its next chapter, the Board of Directors is pleased to launch **a national search for the organization's next Chief Executive Officer**—a people-centered, relational leader deeply experienced in navigating complex public-sector funding and compliance environments, who will build on ACT's strong foundation while guiding the organization toward continued sustainability, growth, and impact.

The next CEO will inherit a highly experienced leadership team, a committed staff, and an organization deeply rooted in values of racial and health equity, collaboration, and advocacy. Based in Hartford, Connecticut, this hybrid role offers a rare opportunity to lead a respected organization at a pivotal moment in its evolution.

ACT is partnering with Fio Partners to conduct the search. Applications will be reviewed on a rolling basis, with priority consideration given to candidates who apply by May 21, 2026.

To learn more about the opportunity and apply, visit:

<https://fiopartners.zohorecruit.com/jobs/Careers>

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