

# Collaboration in Arts and Arts Education

**Coming together is the beginning.  
“Keeping together is progress. Working  
together is success.”**

**-Henry Ford**



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# A Case Study in Collaboration

## Mission Statement:

Arizona Citizens for the Arts is the nonprofit charitable arm of Arizona Action for the Arts. Arizona Citizens for the Arts generates discussion and builds awareness of the importance and impact of the arts in achieving quality of life, educational excellence and economic health for all Arizonans and Arizona enterprises.



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# Collaborative Partners

Arizona Commission on the Arts

Arizona Department of Education

Arizona Community Foundation

Arts & Culture nonprofit organizations

Arizona School Districts

Parent, Teacher and Student Networks



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# Arts Education Advocacy Program

The program is one of AzCA/AA's newest programs. The main goals of the program are:

- to raise awareness about the importance of Arts Education in the K-12 curriculum of Arizona's schools
- to recruit and train volunteers in the program

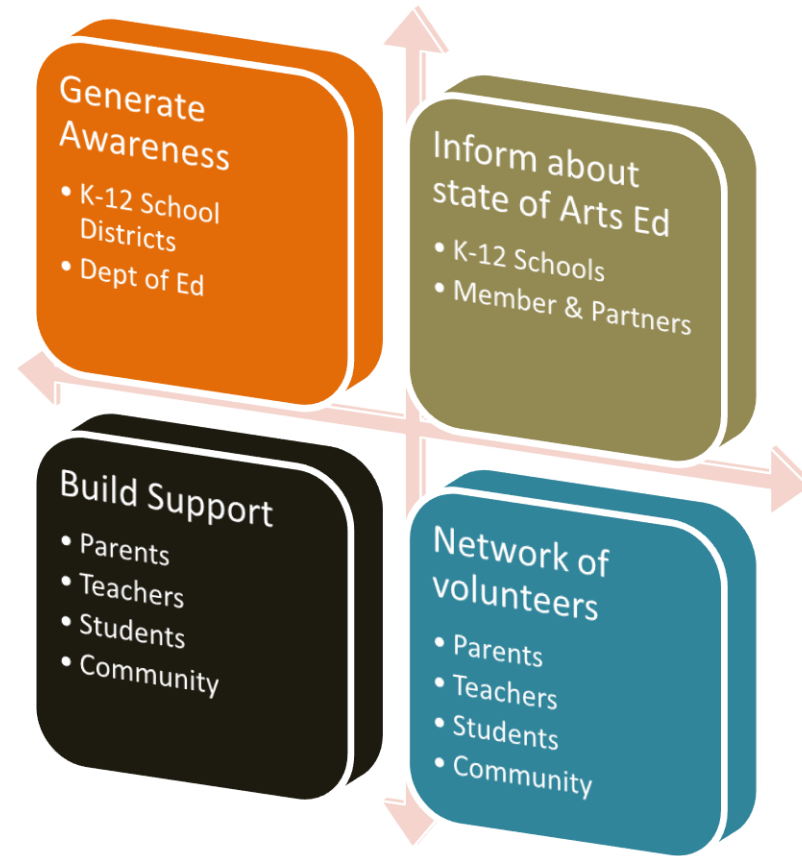


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# Collaboration in Action

**The Arts Education Advocacy Program is only effective if:**

- Before the program began, AzCA asked arts ed community how we could help; continues to be a partner in this kind of communication
- Partner organizations and stakeholders contribute their stories
- Partner organizations and stakeholders attend advocacy trainings
- Community and stakeholder participation in video blogging and blogging
- Community, stakeholder and partner organization participation and use of the AzCA/AA Arts Education Resource Center on our website



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# Why Collaborate?

- Advocacy requires collaboration and community
- To build a strong base of support for Arts Education we must engage the community and support the community in what it needs
- Collaboration is the key to this program and to a strong arts education community and arts education programs in Arizona's K-12 schools.



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# How Can You Collaborate?



- Ask Questions to better Serve
- Listen and Reflect in Programs
- Identify Partners
- Identify Assets in Stakeholders
- Build Your Network
- *Use Best Practices from existing collaborations*



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# Questions?

**Thank you for your time & participation.**



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