ARTS EDUCATION

Local arts agencies (LAAs) champion arts education through their grants, programs, and advocacy efforts. Most LAAs (89 percent) are involved in arts education programs either in school or with out-of-school activities.

How Local Arts Agencies Advance Arts Education

- **55%** Pre-K through 12
- **40%** Out-of-school enrichment programming
- **33%** Collaborations with colleges/universities
- **33%** Creative youth development programming
- **28%** Continuing education for adults
- **27%** Out-of-school programming for at-risk youth
- **18%** Early education
- **18%** Creative aging programs

Common strategies that LAAs use to support arts education include residencies or performances, directories of artists and arts organizations, and advocating on behalf of arts education. The majority of LAAs offer arts education services for pre-K through 12 (55 percent), a third collaborate with colleges and universities (33 percent), and a quarter directly target underserved youth with arts-related, after-school programming (27 percent). Arts in education was also rated as the overall top arts advocacy argument by LAA leaders.

LOCAL ARTS AGENCIES BY THE NUMBERS

- 73 percent of LAAs include addressing arts education in their community as part of its written mission statement and/or goals.
- 47 percent receive revenue that is dedicated specifically to support arts education efforts.
- On average, 19 percent of the LAA operating budget is designated toward arts education.
- 70 percent of LAAs provide staffing for their arts education related activities. About half of those employ educators and teaching artists (55 percent) and work with volunteers (45 percent).