



Serving Lackawanna County since 2008



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Where we started....

- ❖ 2008, County Commissioners, Children and youth Services and the Department of Arts and Culture **ARTS Engage!** was born.
- ❖ An innovative way to address the needs of at-risk children.
- ❖ The benefits of the arts, performing and visual.
- ❖ An effective way to change their lives positively.

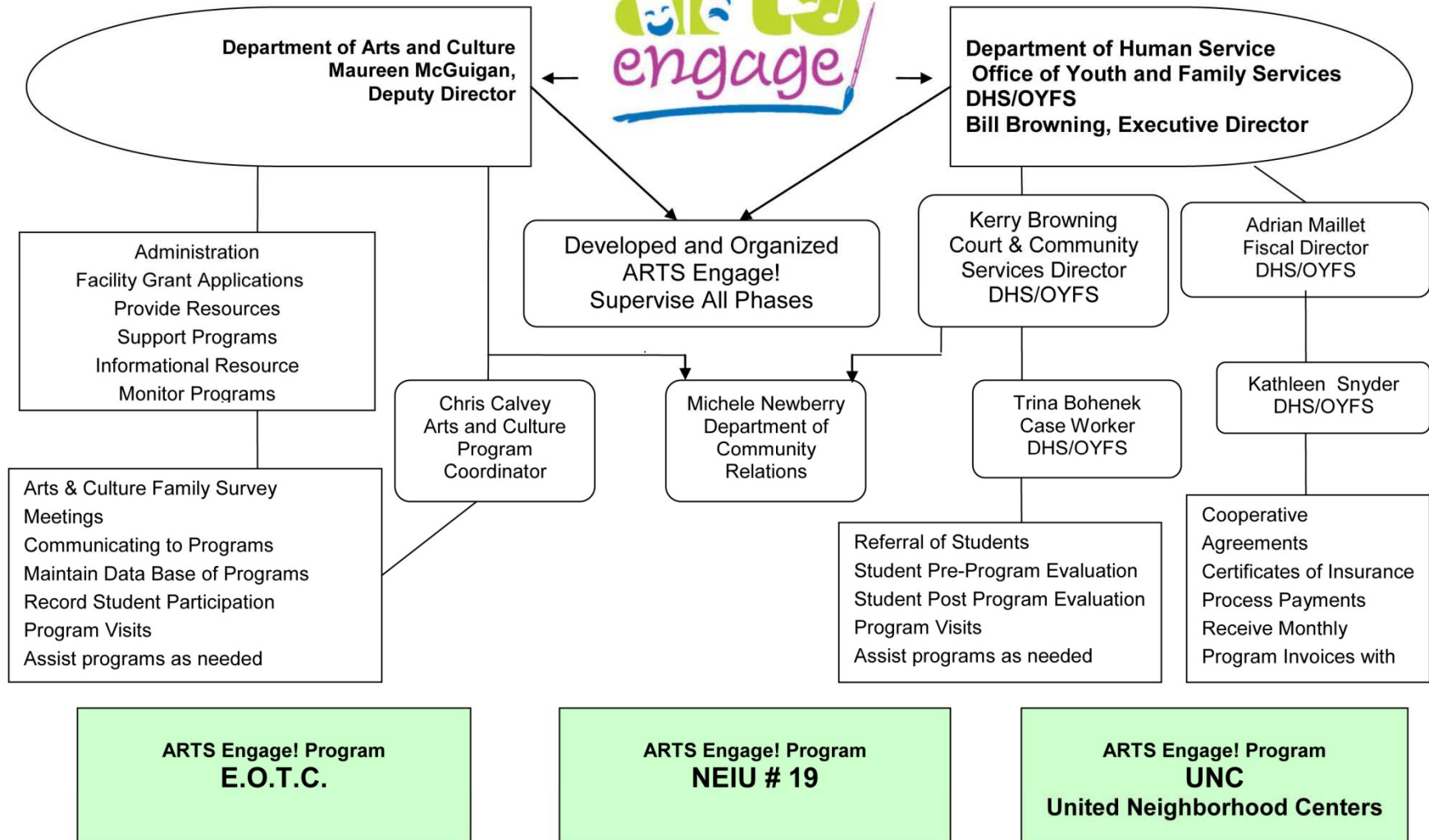
Who is involved...

- ❖ Department of Human Service
- ❖ Office of Youth and Family Services
- ❖ Department of Arts and Culture.
- ❖ Sheriffs Department
- ❖ Social Service agencies
- ❖ Schools

Work together ...

- ❖ To provide public high quality arts
- ❖ **To date, 5,320 children** have been served with great success.

Working Together...



Organizations Funded since 2008



Additional
*Organizations • Artists
Instructors & Facilities*
contribute to the success of ARTS Engage!
and its Economic Development
for Lackawanna County

Boys and Girls Club of Northeastern PA

City of Scranton Parks and Recreation

Dickson City Civic Center

Electric Theatre Company

EOTC Friends Neighborhood Outreach

Everhart Museum

Greater Carbondale YMCA

Howard Gardner School for Discovery

Keystone College

Lackawanna Historical Society

N.E.I.U. 19

Scranton Civic Ballet

Scranton Public Theatre

United Neighborhood Centers
of Northeastern PA

Why was ARTS Engage! developed?

Research has shown ...

Quality art experiences

Meaningful relationships with positive adults and peers

Improves youth outcomes in the areas of...

- ❖ Attitude
- ❖ Academic motivation
- ❖ Mood
- ❖ Cognitive functions
- ❖ Communication skills
- ❖ Social-emotional development



Participating children explore their strengths and encourage creativity...

- ❖ Development of motor skills
- ❖ Connects at-risk youth with caring role models
- ❖ Increasing their exposure to experience cultural arts and career options

Why Lackawanna County?

**In Lackawanna County the following was found from
a study done by the**

Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency in 2005:

- 60.8% of the in the Scranton School District is economically disadvantaged
- Scranton finished last in the nation as having ability to recover from spatial poverty through employment.
- Area school districts reported an increase in heroin use.

**In November 2012, the Pennsylvania Partnerships for Children
reported that in Lackawanna County:**

- Almost $\frac{1}{2}$ of the children under 4 years old live in poverty.
- 14% of babies are born to mothers without a high school diploma.
- 51% percent of children are on public health care.

The Need Is Great

The highest number of Children in Lackawanna County that are in the DHS/OYFS program live in;

- Scranton
- Carbondale



Who is served by ARTS Engage?

Lackawanna County Commissioners Office,
Department of Human Service
Office of Youth and Family Services
Department of Arts & Culture

provides a wide variety of Arts Programs
for “at-risk youth“
in Lackawanna County



The programs are also open to the public and they are all free or low cost programs to all children who reside in Lackawanna County.

There are programs available to children ranging from ages 5 thru 18 years old who are involved with Children and Youth Services or Juvenile Probation at no cost.

When does ARTS Engage! take place?

ARTS Engage! programs follows
DHS/OYFS fiscal year:
July 1-June 30



What Are The Children Learn Through ARTS Engage!

Children are exposed to various art disciplines
Music · theatre · dance · sculpting · painting · photography

Children will also gain pro-social skills
such as self-esteem · working in teams · establishing positive thinking
establishing positive peer and adult relationships

Where does ARTS Engage! take place?

Various sites throughout Lackawanna County

Cultural Centers · Museums · Schools · Libraries · Theatres
Art Studios · Dance Studios · Parks · Universities and Colleges

*Greater emphasis on Scranton and Carbondale,
the two area with a higher population of at-risk children.*

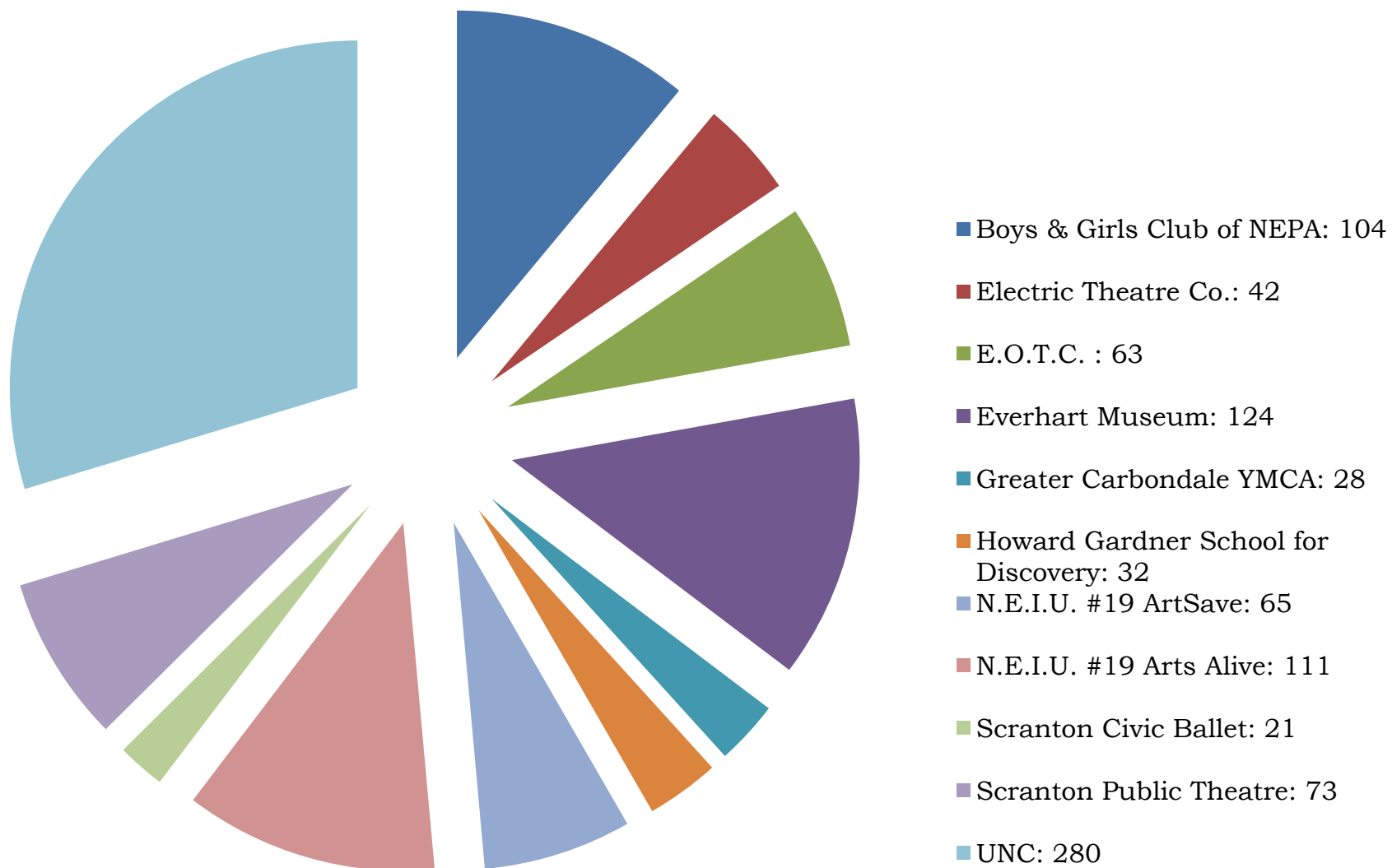
Recognized the need to be Fiscally Responsible

- ✓ Building relationships-partnering
- ✓ Reducing administration costs
- ✓ Reduced duplication of administrations
- ✓ Economic development -Artist
- ✓ Simplify better serving
- ✓ Lead to the Consortium RFQ

<u>I</u> <u>2008-2009</u>	<u>II</u> <u>2009-2010</u>	<u>III</u> <u>2010-2011</u>	<u>IV</u> <u>2011-2012</u>	<u>V</u> <u>2012-2013</u>
Boys & Girls Club of Northeastern PA	Boys & Girls Club of Northeastern PA	Boys & Girls Club of Northeastern PA	Carbondale YMCA	Carbondale YMCA
Dickson City Civic Center	Dickson City Civic Center	Dickson City Civic Center	EOTC	EOTC
EOTC	EOTC	EOTC	NEIU 19	NEIU 19
Everhart Museum	Everhart Museum	Everhart Museum		
NEIU 19	NEIU 19	NEIU 19		
Scranton Civic Ballet	Scranton Civic Ballet	Scranton Civic Ballet		
Scranton Parks & Recreation	Scranton Parks & Recreation	Scranton Parks & Recreation		
Scranton Public Theatre	Scranton Public Theatre	Scranton Public Theatre		
United Neighborhood Centers	United Neighborhood Centers	United Neighborhood Centers		



Program Year 2010-2011



Program Year 2011-2012

Consortium Grant 1st Year
E.O.T.C

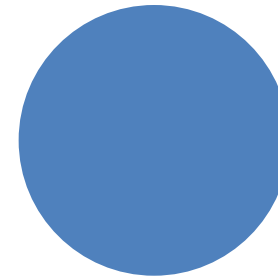


- E.O.T.C Mentoring at Skyview: 60
- Keystone Iron Works: 20
- South Scranton Intermediate School: 18

N.E.I.U. #19



- ArtSave: 38
- Arts Alive Senior: 128
- Arts Alive Jr. Performance I: 77
- Arts Alive Jr. Performance II: 116
- Willard After School Program: 79
- Willard Pre-School: 185
- Everhart Museum: 185



■ Children Served
Greater Carbondale YMCA:
serves 179 children

The ARTS Engage! Consortium Model

Organizations are required to partner



Skyview Park
Apartments South
Scranton

South Scranton
Intermediate School

Keystone College

PATH School

Lourdesmont

Art Works Gallery

University of
Scranton

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Scranton Elementary
Schools

Our Lady of Peace
School

Ballet Theatre of
Scranton

Civic Ballet Company

Scranton Cultural
Center

Everhart Museum

Broadway Theatre
League of NEPA

NEPA Philharmonic



UNC

Carbondale Area
High School

Penn Foster

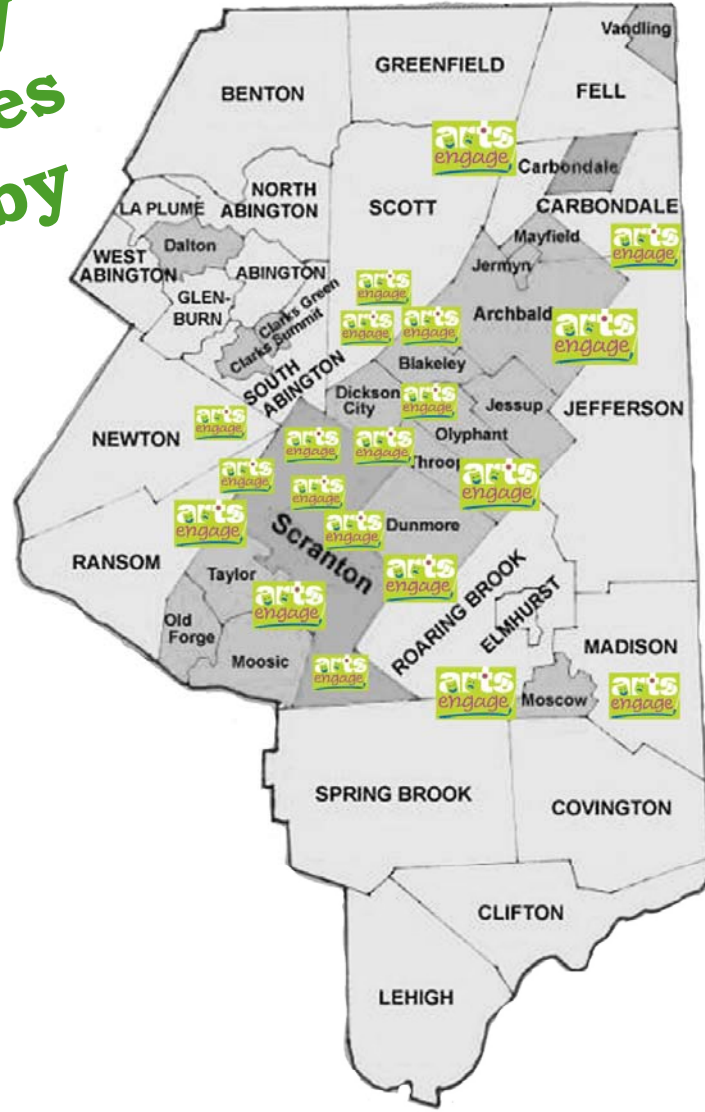
REV Theatre
Company

Arabesque Dance
Academy

Pop Up Studio

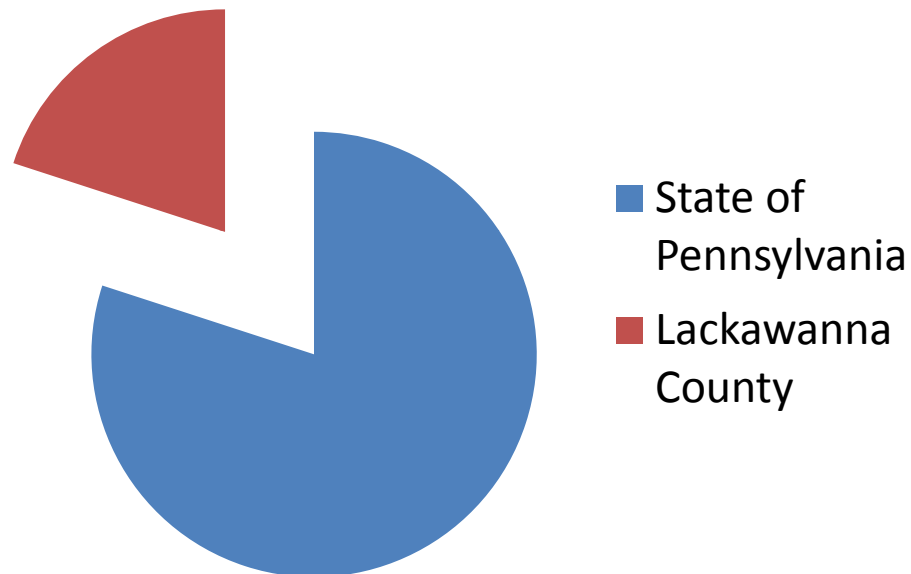
Scranton
Shakespeare Festival

Our Lackawanna County Residents & Communities that have been served by



Financial Contributions

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- ARTS Engage is 80% reimbursed by the State as a Protective Service - General Cost Center.
- There is a 20% match. It is part of our base allocation.
- The per child cost averages to about just over \$200 which is much lower than many after school and camp programs which can cost over \$500-\$1000 per child.

ARTS Engage! Five Year Funded \$ 987,345.48

Round I , 2008-2009	Round II, 2009-2010	Round III, 2010-2011	Round IV, 2011-2012	Round V, 2012-2013
\$201,642	\$242,852	\$210,241	\$150,000	\$150,000
Scranton Public Theatre \$34,100	Scranton Public Theatre \$34,100	Scranton Public Theatre \$15,000	EOTC \$50,000	EOTC \$50,000
Scranton Parks & Recreation 34,100	United Neighborhood Centers of NE PA \$34,024	Scranton Parks & Recreation \$0		
United Neighborhood Centers of NE PA \$34,024	N.E.I.U. 19 \$34,100	United Neighborhood Centers of NE PA \$24,000		
N.E.I.U. 19 \$31,100	Everhart Museum \$24,211	N.E.I.U. 19 \$34,510	NEIU \$50,000	NEIU \$50,000
Everhart Museum \$24,211	EOTC \$16,805	Everhart Museum \$24,211		
EOTC \$16,805	Scranton Civic Ballet \$10,230	EOTC \$25,455		
Dickson City Civic Center \$13,640	Boys and Girls Club of NE PA \$13,432	Scranton Civic Ballet \$15,000	YMCA Carbondale \$50,000	UNC \$50,000
Scranton Civic Ballet 10,230	Electric Theatre Company \$20,065	Boys and Girls Club of NE PA \$12,000		
Boys and Girls Club of NE PA \$3,432	Greater Carbondale YMCA \$15,750	Electric Theatre Company \$22,065		
	Howar Garner School for Discovery \$11,630	Greater Carbondale YMCA \$12,000		
	Keystone College \$20,505	Howard Gardner School for Discovery \$11,000		
	Lackawanna Historical Society \$8,000	Keystone College \$15,000		

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Organizations
Benefit
With
Consortium

- Skyview Park Apartments South Scranton
- South Scranton Intermediate School
- Keystone College
- PATH School
- Lourdesmont
- Art Works Gallery
- University of Scranton
- Scranton Elementary Schools
- Our Lady of Peace School
- Ballet Theatre of Scranton
- Civic Ballet Company
- Scranton Cultural Center
- Everhart Museum
- Broadway Theater League of NEPA
- NEPA Philharmonic
- Carbondale Area Highschool
- Penn Foster
- REV Theater Company
- Arabesque Dance Academy
- Pop Up Studio
- Scranton Shakespeare Festival

EOTC

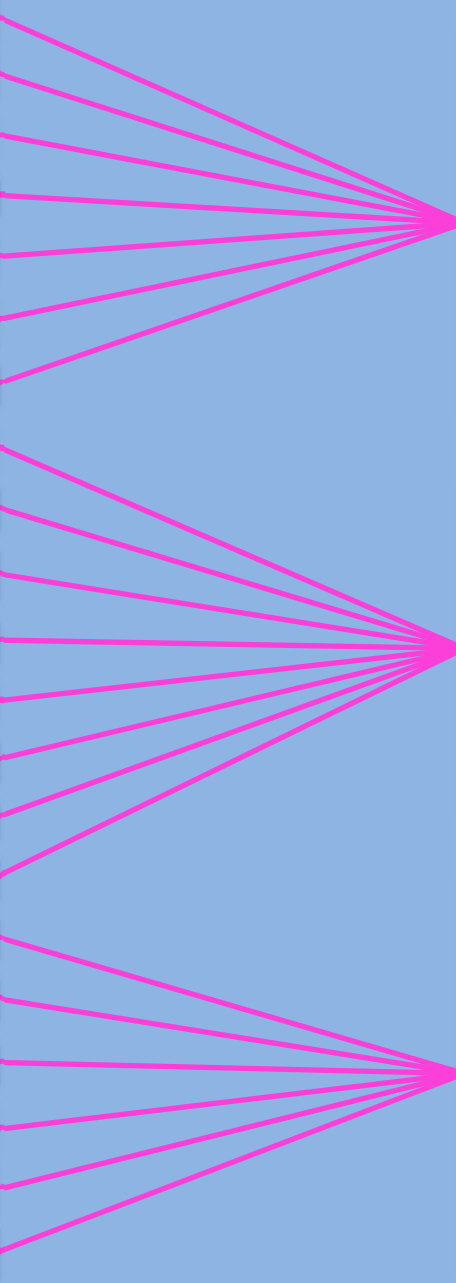
\$ 50,000

N.E.I.U.

\$ 50,000

UNC

\$ 50,000



2012/2013 Programs EOTC

FRIENDS Mentoring Program



- ❖ Arts Engage funding helps EOTC serve South Scranton youth ages 6 to 14 through mentoring, homework help and multi-disciplinary arts enrichment.
- ❖ Programs are held at Skyview Park Apartments and at South Scranton Intermediate School with the help of screened college mentors, community volunteers, Art Education graduates from Keystone College and other professional artists.
- ❖ The students who provided their report cards for evaluation at year end 2012, **52% maintained grades and 36% improved by a ½ grade or better.**

Keystone Iron Works



- ❖ Keystone College in partnership with EOTC to engage a group of at-risk and underserved high school students from Lackawanna County in the unique art of casting iron.
- ❖ High school students learn the principals of this fine art technique, create sculptures, exhibit their sculptures in art studios throughout the county.
- ❖ Students then teach this sculptural process to the public for the Community Iron Pour at the Arts on Fire festival.

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2012/2013 Programs NEIU

Northeast Intermediate Unit #19
“ArtSave”



- ❖ At ArtSave teens will create integrated arts projects with professional artists.
- ❖ A certified psychologist and 2 counselors are part of the teaching staff. Their role is to work on the development of pro-social skills in the teenagers.

❖ These young adults will also get the opportunity to go on inspirational field trips to discover art and history in our own community and community resources.

- The Electric City Trolley Museum
- Lackawanna Historical Society
- Lackawanna County Courthouse
- Steamtown National Park
- Everhart Museum of Natural History
- Scranton Cultural Center

❖ ArtSave meets one Saturday a month.





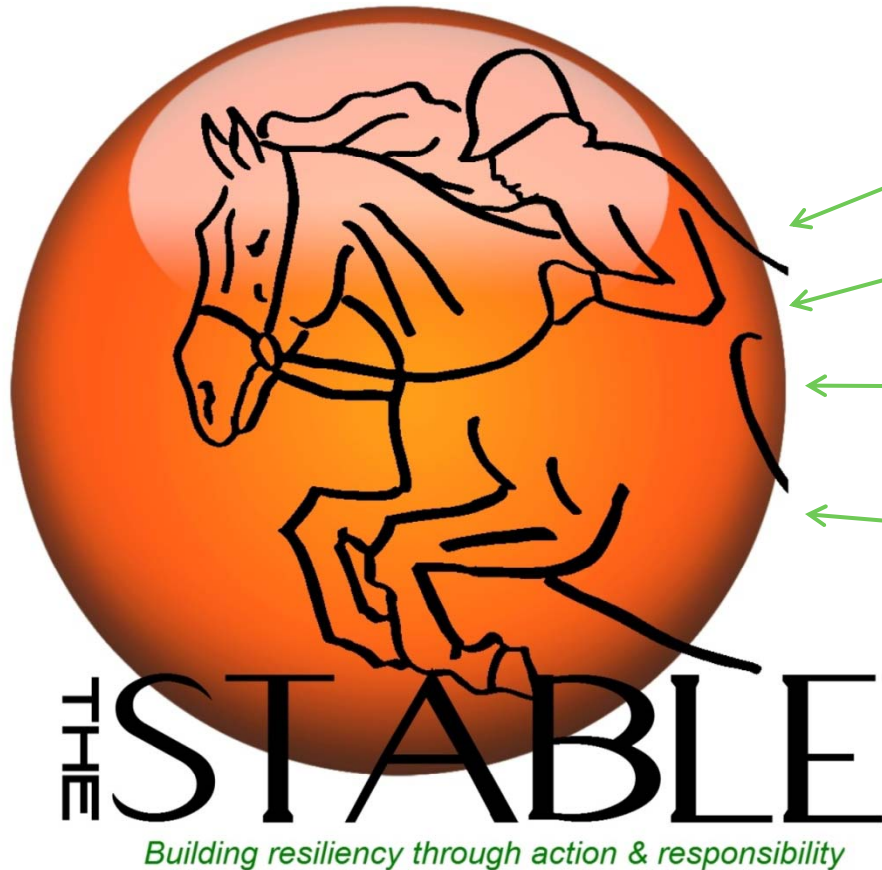
2012/2013 Programs UNC United Neighborhood Centers *“Illumination Youth Arts Program”*



- ❖ Various art programs for students kids ages 5-18.
- ❖ Offering a variety of art with programs five days a week .
- ❖ Programs such as:
 - photography • theatre • drama workshops • dance
 - creative writing • interactive installations
- ❖ Artist and instructors work with students to develop a video group to produce videos that will eventually be posted on YouTube.



Building Resiliency through Action & Responsibility



DHS/OCYS

Sheriff's Office

ARTS Engage!

**Parks and
Recreation**



The Stable Program provides



- ❖ Team building
- ❖ Socialization
- ❖ Sense of responsibility
- ❖ Working with others



Sheriff's Mounted Unit horses at Merli Sarnoski Park



One on One attention from instructors for classroom, training, riding instruction & barn safety

Goals of the ARTS Engage!

- ❖ Meeting the needs of Lackawanna County's children that are at risk.
- ❖ Increase academic competencies in the arts and other content area.
- ❖ Build economic capacity for artists and arts organizations.



ARTS Engage! Objectives

Increased Skills in Artistic Disciplines and Arts Appreciation

- ❖ Provide a fresh, creative way of engaging youth in the arts?
- ❖ Interdisciplinary experiences in the arts so that children are exposed to more than one art form?
- ❖ Opportunities to have arts experiences outside structured program (field trips, special events).



ARTS Engage! Objectives

Increased Positive Associations with Adults

- ❖ Teaching artists high quality artists with experience
- ❖ Programs with a mentorship piece and adequate number of adult to child ratio
- ❖ Activities and Events to increase family involvement



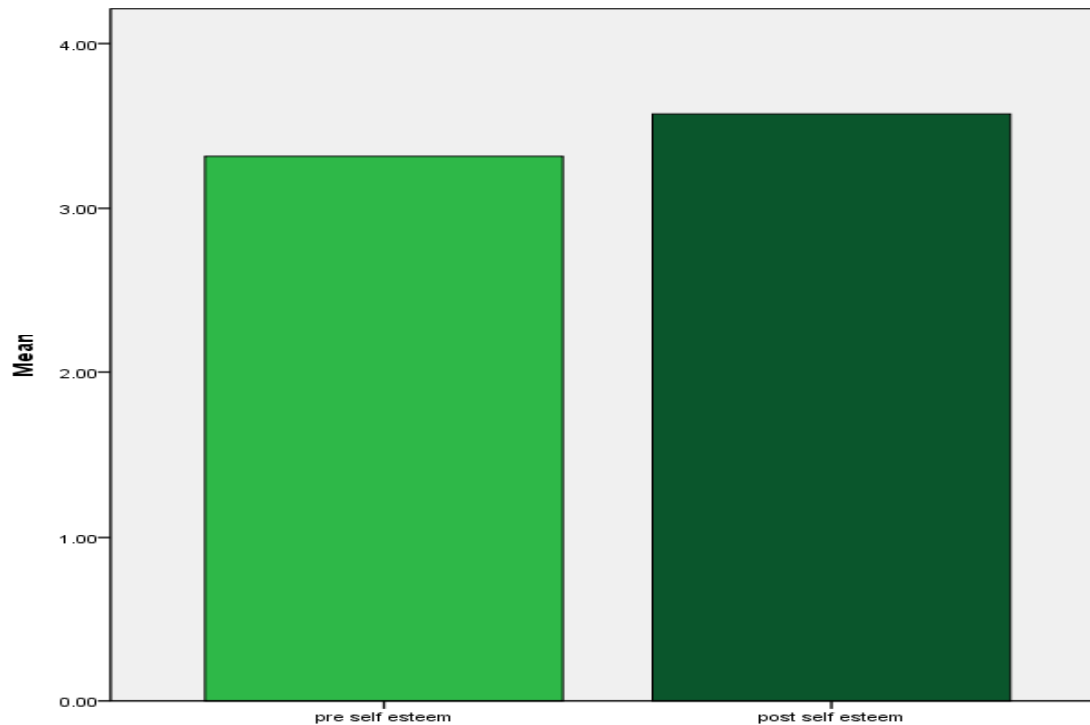
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Increased Interactions with Positive Peer Associations

- ❖ Programs structured so children work with others in their own age groups
 - ❖ Are there team-building aspects to the program? Or does the program encourage collaboration among students
 - ❖ Goals and opportunities to compliment students with an exhibit or performance, allowing students to celebrate their work



Pre & Post Levels of Self-Esteem



Purpose of study:

To determine if a child's perception of their positively impacted participating in an ARTS Engage program.

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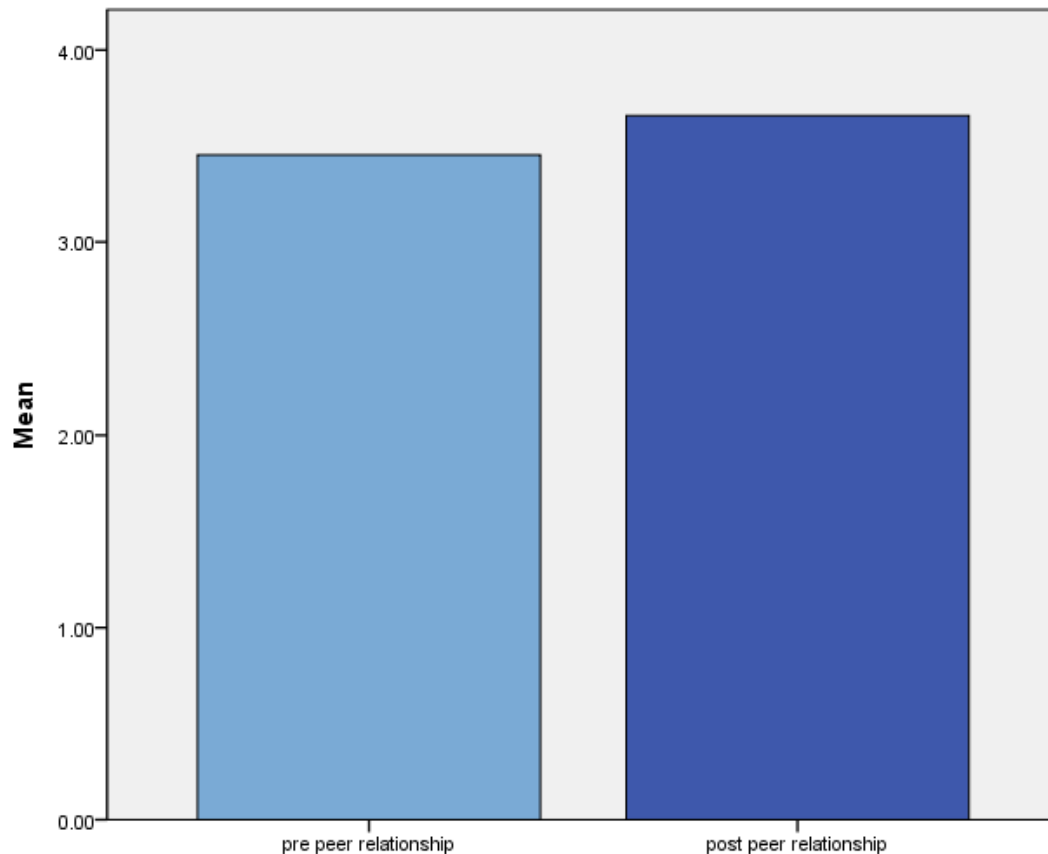
Records of children ages 6-18 years old were reviewed.

Conclusions:

On average, participants in this study reported higher levels in their perception of their self-esteem following the art intervention.

This evaluation was conducted by Marywood University School of Social Work in April 2011.

Pre & Post Levels of Peer Relationships



Involvement in Art:

By participating in an arts program the child are exposed to a peer group where friendships can be formed. Interaction with peers and the forming of peer relationships could also positively impact the increased levels of self-esteem in the children.

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The Future of ARTS Engage! ...

- The need for... additional resources and partners as we continue to grow and develop.
- The need for... additional small staff that would be able to devote more time and energy solely for ARTS Engage! program.
- The need for... additional ARTS Engage! consortiums – partnerships leading towards countywide signature programs.
- The need to... to increase our evaluation data and to prepare it for outside grant applications for additional funding.
- The need for... partnerships with a local college/university in order to have the research done and published.

*Your Consideration is
Appreciated*

