The Role of Indiana's UCEDD in Statewide Forums on Arts Employment and Other Arts Initiatives

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IIDC's Arts Involvement

• Statewide Partner for ArtsWORK Indiana

Administers the ArtsWORK Indiana Website

Initiates Arts Projects with Local Partners

Partner Organizations for the ArtsWORK Indiana Initiative





The State Organization on Arts and Disability

Ondiana Institute on Disability and Community

Pre-Forum Advisory Group

- Artists with disabilities
- Arts administrators
- University personnel
- Rehab agency & employment professionals
- Governor's Council for People with Disabilities

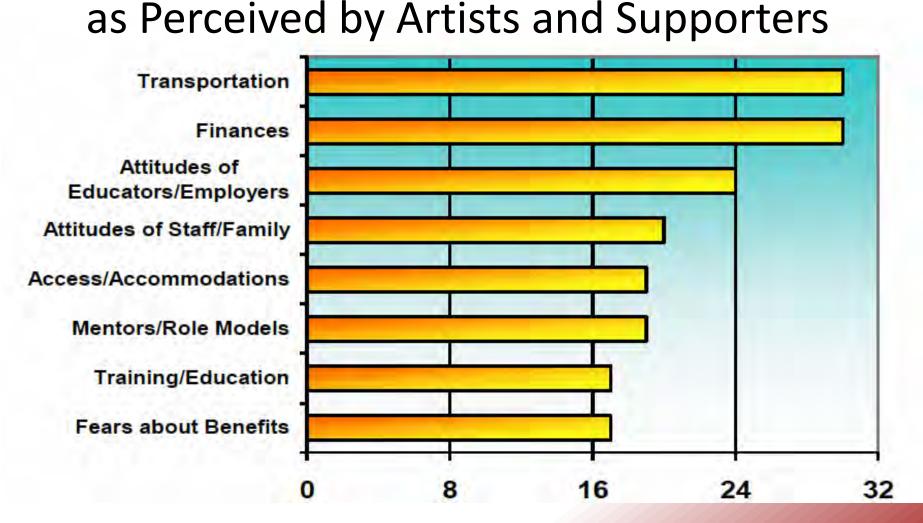
Indiana Art Works: Employing Creativity Statewide Forum

Indianapolis October 2004





Barriers to Arts Careers



Number of Respondents



Selected by Respondents:

Barrier:

1. Transportationn=30Financesn=30

- 2. Educator/Employer Attitudes n=24
- 3. Staff/Family Attitudes n=20

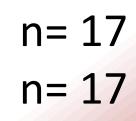


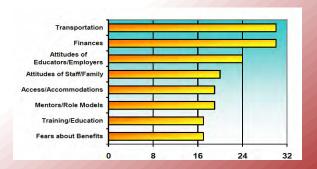
Selected by Respondents:

4. Access/Accommodations n= 19 Mentors/Role Models n= 19

5. Training/Education Fears about Benefits

Barrier:





ArtsWORK Indiana

Statewide Forum Follow-up Projects INDIANA

1. ArtsWORK Indiana Website

2. Regional Workshop Series

3. Establishment of Satellite Groups

Indiana Forum Follow-up Project #1

ArtsWORK Indiana Website

Comprehensive Internet Resource on Careers in the Arts





- Timely events & opportunities
- Extensive information resources
- Artist marketing venue
- Associated newsletter and social media



Indiana Forum Follow-up Project #2 "Creative Connections"

Regional Workshop Series

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Careers in the Arts

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Regional Workshops: Project Goals

- Increase breadth and depth of member participation
- Raise awareness about resources on newly-launched website
- Partner with local organizations new to ArtsWORK







Indiana Forum Follow-up Project #3 "Creative Networks"

Creation of Satellite Groups for Artists with Disabilities





Satellite Groups: Project Goals

- Identify, focus on local artist concerns
- Connect artists with local support
- Establish relationships between arts and disability sectors



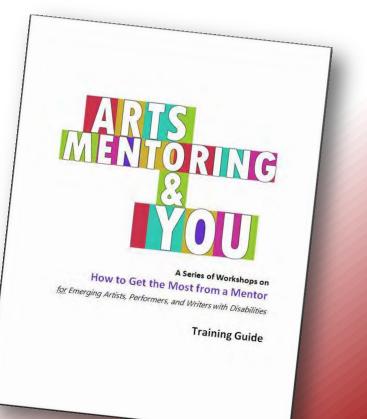
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Arts Mentoring Training Project

A Series of Workshops on How to Get the Most from a Mentor





Indiana's Arts Career Forum Activities CHALLENGES

- Sustaining a structure of in-person meetings with good attendance
- Putting leadership by artists with disabilities in place

Indiana's Arts Career Forum Activities

IMPACT



• Direct Economic Benefit to Artists with Disabilities

• Systemic Change:

Indiana Arts Commission's Individual Artist Grant Program Access Category "ArtsWORK provided me with practical advice in a supportive tone to develop my skills."

> Judy Champa, Jewelry Artist and Small Business Owner

"Sometimes it's extremely hard to put yourself out there, but seeing others paving the way is helpful."



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"Across our many different artistic disciplines, ages, backgrounds, and disabilities, we were able to serve as **believing mirrors** for each other.

That's a rare and precious gift."





+ staff with arts background

+ Arts Partner Organizations

= Capacity for Arts Initiatives

THANK YOU!

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