

A – Z Directory of Programs and Services

Office of the Vice President for Education Partnerships

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*“Building through Collaborations,
Programs and Services for Increased Student Achievement,
Increased Educators’ Skills & Knowledge and Increased Parent Literacy & Empowerment”*

Introduction

This A-Z Directory is intended to increase communications with our partner districts and schools to ensure they have the information necessary to make informed decisions about which programs and services are best aligned to their individual district and schools.

Our aim has never been to tell our partner district/schools what we think they need but rather, to listen to school districts articulate needs through various communication mechanisms. We then try to identify university resources, plan and design programs, build appropriate budgets to include resource development through securing grants and private sponsorships in support of programs and services.

This directory will be updated on a quarterly basis and will be delivered electronically to superintendents and key communicators. The A-Z Directory is organized by our existing units and programs, so you will know who to contact about a particular program or service. We hope to remain responsive to school and district needs through future partnership development and the development of additional programs and services to meet ever-changing needs.

We hope you will find this document useful in assisting you in which programs and services will best serve your district and schools.

A-Z Directory BY UNIT

Partnership Development and Enhancement (PDAE)

- **ACCESS ELL Grant**- A federal grant over 3 years to provide coursework for 25 secondary teachers in the Phoenix Union High School District to earn their ELL endorsement with tuition paid for by the grant or they can pay the small additional cost and go on and get the Masters Degree. Each summer a comprehensive institute is held for teachers both from middle and the high school district.
Contact: Mr. Anthony Trifiro, Project Coordinator (480) 965-4698
- **ALPHA Student Teacher Incentive Program** - ASU issues a \$1,000 stipend to ASU student teachers to select and ALPHA partnership schools to overcome the numerous myths about urban schools and end up signing contracts with those districts the following years. Over the last two years we have placed 240 student teachers in partnership districts with 102 signing contracts for a 3% retention rate.
Contact: Dr. Beatriz Arias, Faculty Advisor (480) 965-6895
- **AmeriCorps Student Teacher Incentive Program** - A federal program which provides student teachers up to \$2,000 service award for selecting an ALPHA school or a Mesa Unified School District Title I School.
Contact: Ms. Barbara Erickson, Administrative Associate (602) 496-1145
- **Arizona Quest for Kids** - Is a mentoring and enrichment for students with academic potential from low income families to provide support and guidance for college enrollment and graduation. Scholarships in some form and or assistance in financial aid is provided.
Contact: Mr. Victor Vidales, Chief Executive Officer (602) 636-1860
- **ASYouth** - ASYouth is the gateway for K-12 inner-city youth, students of underresourced schools and communities to experience and choose college in their future. ASYouth connects partner school districts to various ASU departments offering summer programs and to support students and families in facilitating access and navigation into ASU summer programs. Students get to access 43 programs across 13 colleges with all program fees being by our office or through scholarships from other colleges.
Contact: Ms. Noreen Balos, Executive Director (602) 496-0980
- **Barrett Summer Scholar Program** - Barrett Summer Scholars (BSS) is a summer program for Arizona's most gifted students. The curriculum, developed by Barrett Honors College faculty, will challenge participants at an academic level across the disciplines. Expectations in the classroom will be set high, and students will be encouraged to think critically.
Contact: Ms. Jo Ann Martinez, Project Coordinator (480) 727-8311
- **Bridges Learning Discovery** - The Bridges Learning Discovery program (Bridges Discovery) is designed to address the unique individual needs of students in preschool through second grade. During the Bridges Discovery program, a student's cognitive and perceptual skills are developed over 24 weeks, for twenty minutes per day in their regular classroom. The emphases of the program include the development of critical thinking, phonemic skills, counting ability, and hand-eye coordination.
Contact: Dr. Robert Donofrio, Assistant Vice President (602) 496-1154

- **Early Childhood Community of Practice** – A coalition of early childhood specialist and early child providers across all sectors of state and local governments, community based organizations, school districts, foundations and private organizations who come together monthly to share information, write policy briefs, coordinate activities, explore collaborations on joint grants and advocate for early childhood programs, services and sound public policy.
Contact: Dr. Robert Donofrio, Assistant Vice President (602) 496-1154
- **English Language Learners Community of Practice** - A coalition of university and PreK-12 school district language acquisition experts who meet monthly to share information, provide joint professional development programs, discuss mandates and recommendations how to implement, produce educational briefs and assist in developing public policy for the state's 160,000 English Language Learners.
Contact: Dr. Robert Donofrio, Assistant Vice President (602) 496-1154
- **Gear-Up** - Gaining Early Awareness and Readiness for Undergraduate Program. Partnership with Northern Arizona University who is the fiscal agent. Cohort approach, beginning with 7th graders and staying with them through high school. Provides multiple strategies for college awareness and preparation with the expressed goal of significantly increase the number of economically disadvantaged students who are prepared to succeed beyond high school.
*Contact: Ms. Teena Olszewski, NAU Gear-Up State Director (602) 776-4616
or Dr. Robert Donofrio, Assistant Vice President (602) 496-1154*
- **Hunnicut Future Educator's Academy** - To meet the critical need for teachers in the state of Arizona, the office of the Vice President for Education P has collaborated with the Mary Lou Fulton College of Education and the Arizona State Department of Education for the state of Arizona to host the Hunnicutt Future Educators Academy. Hunnicutt FEA offers high school students a 5-day in-resident program, which provides students with a vision and strategies to become a future teacher.
Contact: Ms. Noreen Balos, Executive Director (480) 496-0980
- **Intercollegiate Athletics & Events** - In partnership with ICA, the VPEP office offers opportunities for K-12 students and families of partnership districts to experience athletic events in compliment to other VPEP academic and enrichment activities that supports encouragement of college and pursuit of higher education. Tickets and food vouchers are provided free by the VPEP Office and ICA and the school districts provide transportation.
Contact: Ms. Eva Fatigoni, Senior Program Coordinator (602) 496-1142
- **Leaders for Learning** – With support from the Helios Foundation and in partnership with Arizona Leads, Regents Universities and other institutions/organization, to provide comprehensive administrative training Institutes for novice (3 years or less) superintendents, principals, and assistant principals with a blended coaching/mentor model.
Contact: Dr. Robert Donofrio, Assistant Vice President (602) 496-1154
- **Learning For Ever Professional Development** - In partnership with ASU West campus CTEL, our office provides scholarships to pay fees for teachers and other educators to attend high quality; practitioner based educational workshops by leading experts.
Contact: Dr. Debbie Robinson, Academic Associate (602) 543-6311

- **Phoenix Union/ VPEP Office Partnership** - A program to establish and coordinate the Phoenix Union/Arizona State University College Going Program with the mission of transforming PUHSD from a high school graduation district to a college going district through multiple strategies.
Contact: Ms. Michelle Alcantar, Director (602) 496-1143
- **Science is Fun** - Approximately 30 trained Science is Fun interns visit K-12 classrooms throughout the school year, facilitating science demonstrations and hands on science inquiry based activities to students and teachers. Each science module is appropriately modified to fit the level of understanding for students in each grade kindergarten through high school.
Contact: Ms. Adrienne Fuentes, Administrative Associate (480) 965-4545
- **Spend the day with a Scholar/Athlete Mentoring Program** - In partnership with ICA, the Scholar Athlete Shadow Day Program is specifically designed to inspire elementary students to do their best personally and academically—and to help them understand that going to college is certainly an achievable goal. Our program objective is twofold: 1.) encourage ASU Athletes to make connections with Arizona inner-city youth, and 2.) expose ALPHA students to the responsibilities and opportunities of college. This partnership intends to grow from a shadow day to a mentoring program.
Contact: Ms Noreen Balos, Executive Director (602) 496-0980

Office of Youth Preparation (OYP)

- **AIMS Prep** - AIMS Prep is a bank of AIMS-like practice questions which addresses languages arts and mathematics standards for grades 3, 5, and 8. The program was designed to support teachers in their need to prepare students in a systematic way for Arizona's Instrument to Measure Standards (AIMS)
Contact: Ms. Marilyn LaCount, Executive Director (602) 496-1388
- **Astronomy Fair** - The Astronomy Fair is a one-day annual event held on the Tempe campus for the ASU community. It is an event in which students in K-4th grade participate in 18-20 hands-on activities in astronomy, mathematics and science. Additional activities are presented in collaboration with the ASU NASA/Mars Education Program, ASU Astronomy Department, and ASU Science Is Fun Program. The program intent is to heighten students curiosities and interests in science and math.
Contact: Ms. Frances Luna, Director (480) 727-7450
- **College Is For You** - College Is for You (CIFY) exposes students to the need for college readiness, awareness of college admission requirements, the advantages of Advanced Placement courses, scholarship offerings and the need for taking more rigorous courses in high school. Currently this is a 3-day, 50-minute per day session conducted at the school site.
Contact: Ms. Patricia Nash, Director (602) 496-1392
- **Court Works** - Court Works is an annual event when students who have participated in Junior Law take their mock trial skills to the Sandra Day O'Connor Federal Court. Usually 10 classes take over 10 different courtrooms in the Federal court and there, under the guidance of legal professionals, they deliberate a Supreme Court case.
Contact: Mr. Michael Zimmerman, Director (602) 496-1388

- **Curriculum Connections** - The Office of Youth Preparation has collaborated with several ASU departments and units to develop curricula for students in K-12. Some of the units have been ASU Archaeology Department, Chain Reaction magazine, Institute for Human Origin, etc.
Contact: Ms. Marilyn LaCount, Executive Director (602) 496-1388
- **Junior Law** - Using decisions from the U.S. Supreme Court, middle school students are introduced to logical problem solving and critical thinking during classroom presentations by first-year law students engaged in pro bono services.
Contact: Mr. Michael Zimmerman, Director (602) 496-1388
- **Leaps and Bounds: A Kindergarten Readiness Program** - Leaps and Bounds assists parents in becoming their child(ren)'s first teacher and prepares them for a successful kindergarten experience through the use of familiar objects and routines. The program focuses on mathematics-logical skills, language and literacy skills, and social skills.
Contact: Ms. Courtney Geer, Director (480) 965-6221
- **Mathematics and Science Program** - The Mathematics and Science Program encourages Arizona youth to explore the world while increasing their knowledge of math and science. Its first focus is to provide staff development to math and science teachers.
Contact: Dr. Anna Rosa Lampis, Director (480) 965-0723
- **Options for Excellence** - Options for Excellence assists in teacher training, curriculum building, and helping school districts/schools increase the number of students receiving college credit through AP, IB, or CLEP testing. The program also offers the annual Advancing Arizona Education Conference for high school and middle school teachers and administrators.
Contact: Ms. Patricia Nash, Director (602) 496-1392
- **Programs for Talented Youth** - Programs for Talented Youth (PTY) is a revenue-driven program which offers rigorous courses from a variety of academic disciplines to talented students in grades 3 through 7. This program is conducted in a fall and spring, six-week Saturday program and in a 3-week summer program. Currently the program is conducted on the ASU Tempe campus. Courses are interdisciplinary and often developed in collaboration with ASU departments and units.
Contact: Ms. Mary Frances Luna, Director (480) 727-7450
- **STARLAB-To-Go** - In this collaboration with the Mars Education Program, teachers are trained to utilize the STARLAB Portable Planetarium and its ancillary equipment and materials to teach astronomy/science at their schools.
Contact: Ms. Marilyn LaCount, Executive Director (602) 496-1388
- **Young Writers Program** - The Young Writers Program provides students with an arts-based resource to experience writing as a means of self-discovery and expression, while simultaneously addressing important writing concepts found in state academic standards. While teaching students, resident writing artists, provide staff development for teachers.
Contact: Mr. Sean Nevin, Director (602) 496-1387

Arizona Prevention Resource Center (APRC)

- **Blackwater Community School, a Gila River Indian Reservation Charter School** - Blackwater Community School, a Gila River Indian Reservation Charter School and the Blackwater Community Pre-school contracts with us for evaluation services for their 21st Century grant and reading readiness.
Contact: Ms. Kate Hamm, Research Specialist, Sr. (602) 496-1325
- **Childsplay Arts in Education Model Development and Dissemination Grant** - The Childsplay Arts in Education Model Development and Dissemination Grant evaluation is assessing the value of theatre arts instruction and academic performance within the language arts standards for 27 schools in the Washington Elementary School District.
Contact: Ms. Cassandra Larsen, Director (602) 496-1333
- **Olweus Bullying Prevention Partnership** - The APRC administers the Olweus Bullying Prevention Partnership an evidence-based violence prevention program throughout the state. Over 160 schools participate in the program.
Contact: Ms. Ruby Alvarado Hernandez, Program Coordinator, Sr. (602) 496-1332
- **Reading First** - Reading First grant evaluation through the Arizona Department of Education. Our ongoing role is leading the evaluation of reading instruction and assessing the impact this program has on student achievement within school districts of need. Number of schools participating is 146 with 18 reading coaches.
Contact: Ms. Cassandra Larsen, Director (602) 496-1333
- **The Arizona State Board for Charter Schools** - The Arizona State Board for Charter Schools contracted with the APRC to develop and implement a Parent Satisfaction Survey to all 450 charter schools in the state (as required by statute). The APRC designed and developed the on-line survey linked to the Charter School Board office for schools throughout the state. The data is collected, analyzed and provided in a report to the Charter Board.
Contact: Ms. Cassandra Larsen, Director (602) 496-1333
- **The Collaboration for a New Century** - The Collaboration for a New Century is a local non-profit organization that is partnering with the APRC to promote the common purpose between both organizations in their efforts to further evidence-based programs that will positively affect Arizonan's quality of life.
Contact: Mr. Steve Capobres, Community Initiatives Coordinator (602) 496-1333
- **Scottsdale Blue Ribbon Advisory Council** - Scottsdale Blue Ribbon Advisory Council has been developed by the APRC to facilitate a community visioning process with the school district administration and staff and community members that will engage in discussion and action on key issues concerning growth and declining enrollment, board training, grant planning and future responsible fiscal and educational development of the Scottsdale School District.
Contact: Mr. Steve Capobres, Community Initiatives Coordinator (602) 496-1333