young audiences of houston

2018 – 2019 impact report

Total Children Served: 221,935
At-Risk Children Served: 86%
Economically Disadvantaged Served: 77%
Title 1 Schools Served: 89%
English Language Learners Served: 32%

Public Schools: 184
Independent Schools: 29 (Private and Independent)
Charter Schools: 11
Community Based: 37 (Libraries, Juvenile Detention Centers, Hospitals, etc.)

Student Demographics
Hispanic / Latino: 58%
African American: 29%
Caucasian: 11%
Pacific Islander: 1%
Two or more: 1%

Community Sites Overview
Bayou Bend, Boys and Girls Club of Greater Houston, Cypress Creek FACE, Discovery Green, George R. Brown Convention Center, Fort Bend County Libraries, Fort Bend County Juvenile Detention Center, Harris County Juvenile Probation Department, Harris County Public Libraries, Houston Maritime Museum, Houston Museum of Natural Science, Houston Theater District, Jesse H. Jones Park, Klein Multipurpose Center, Levy Park, MD Anderson Cancer Center, Methodist Hospital, Midtown Park, Miller Outdoor Theatre, Montgomery County Memorial Library System, Museum of Fine Arts Houston, Ronald McDonald House, Shriner’s Hospital for Children, The Salvation Army, Southwest Glen Mission, Texas Children’s Hospital, Yellowstone Academy and more.

Program Highlights
*Created 227 arts-in-education programs in collaboration with 261 artists and supplemental Curriculum Connection Extension Lesson guides to improve educational outcomes.
*Service delivery to 21,710 students across Houston Independent School District in partnership with arts partners.
*Provided free summer arts-integration program, Come and Explore to children in Houston’s 3rd ward neighborhood with area high school students (Cristo Rey Jesuit College Preparatory, The Village School, Northside HS, YES Prep Southeast HS, Clear Lake HS, Atascocita HS, Dulles HS, and Eastwood Academy HS) who served as mentors to children throughout the program.
*Expanded the Discovery Arts program supporting arts-based strategies using film and theatre to support children with special needs.

Community Building
*Expanded the Arts for Learning Lab, an academic certificate program to train professional artists entering the teaching artist field led in conjunction with the Katherine G. Mc Govern College of the Arts at the University of Houston, to include training in theatre as well as dance.
*Expanded the Arts-Promise program, supporting the delivery of 40 service-learning workshops in partnership with the Harris County Juvenile Probation Department. Arts-based strategies incorporated complex societal issues such as youth homelessness, food scarcity, police relations, and more.
*Established multi-county Arts-Integration Rural County Partnership supporting the implementation of literacy and arts-integrated programs across 12 new counties in partnership with two Texas-based Young Audiences affiliates.

Capacity and Milestones
*Hosted No Limits, the annual National Young Audiences Conference, in Houston from April 3-5, 2019, highlighting inclusion, accessibility, and the role of the arts in supporting young people with special needs.
*Awarded a total of $13,000 in scholarships to 11th and 12th graders in public high schools and public charters through the Houston Arts Partners coalition, managed by Young Audiences of Houston.
*Completion of year five pilot program to support 35 underserved HISD K-8 campuses.
*Partnered with Aldine Independent School District to deliver district-wide programming to 27 underserved elementary schools and early childhood centers that focused on anti-bullying.

Professional Learning
*Hosted Synergy 2018, the annual Houston Arts Partners conference, highlighting professional development sessions for educators of students with diverse learning needs such as learning differences and/or disabilities, English Language Learners, or Gifted and Talented Students.