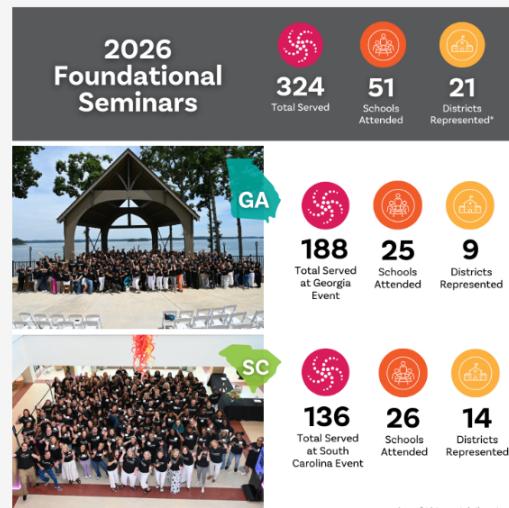




2026 Foundational Seminars

Each year, ArtsNOW Foundational Seminars host teams of educators (K-12) to explore arts-integrated instructional strategies aligned to state and national standards. These strategies promote 21st-century skills, critical and creative thinking, student achievement, and academic growth.

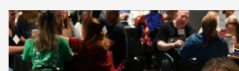
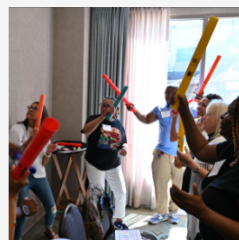
This year, Foundational Seminars were held in Georgia, June 3-5, and in South Carolina, June 10-12. 324 educators attended from Georgia, South Carolina, Louisiana, and Alabama. The numbers below capture teacher and leader participation, but the energy, inspiration, excitement, and joy were immeasurable!



This year's Georgia Foundational Seminar also welcomed WSB-TV Channel 2 Atlanta News to capture educators in action. The feature offered a meaningful glimpse into the energy of Foundational and the impact of bringing creativity, connection, and academic learning together in one space. [Watch the full clip to see ArtsNOW's work in action.](#)



"All the topics were valuable - another awesome day of learning!"



"Thank you for a much needed (missing) link in education today!"



"Make the arts integration movement as loud as thunder that can be heard across the United States!"

South Carolina: Celebrating Statewide Impact

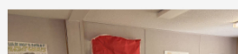
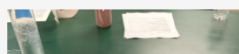
Earlier this June, ArtsNOW gathered at the Columbia Museum of Art to celebrate receiving the **South Carolina Governor's Award in the category of Arts in Education – Organization**, a meaningful recognition of the partnerships, creativity, and measurable impact shaping our work across the state.

This honor belongs to the educators who welcome new possibilities into their classrooms, the students who bring learning to life through the arts, and the partners who understand that creativity is essential to meaningful education. We are grateful for this recognition and energized to continue expanding our impact across South Carolina.



Youth Villages: Looking Inward

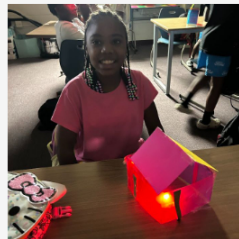
Students at **Youth Villages Inner Harbour** in Douglasville, GA recently enjoyed two days of arts-integrated learning that brought science, theatre, and visual arts together. After learning about different parts of the brain and their functions, students transformed those areas into characters, imagining how each one would look, sound, and communicate with the others. On the second day, students reflected on character traits they wanted others to see in them and created masks to represent those qualities. Through color, texture, and design, they explored how visual choices can express ideas about identity. It was a meaningful opportunity for students to learn creatively, think deeply, and bring learning to life.





Boys and Girls Club: 21st Century Summer Camp

At the **Boys & Girls Club** in Winder, GA students in the 21st Century Grant Summer Camp explored literacy, math, and science through visual arts with ArtsNOW Visual Arts Consultant Shannon Green. After reading about ocean pollution, students created coral reef sculptures using biodegradable materials, connecting storytelling, environmental science, and creative expression. They also built sculptures to explore arrays and multiplication, making math visible and hands-on. In another lesson, students investigated opaque, transparent, and translucent materials while creating sculptures inspired by artist Tom Fruin. Through each activity, students used the arts to think critically, solve problems, and bring learning to life.



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