

# Arkansas Opportunity to Learn CAMPAIGN



## **Who We Are:**

The Arkansas Opportunity to Learn Campaign is a coalition of statewide organizations, community leaders, parents, students, educators, policy-makers and others who are committed to public education in Arkansas and dedicated to ensuring its viability.

## **Our Vision and Mission:**

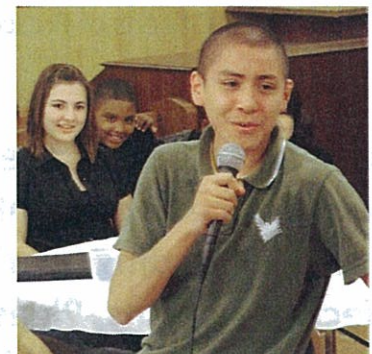
We envision an Arkansas where the educational needs of each student are addressed, and where every child enters school ready to learn, receives a high quality education, and graduates from high school prepared for college, career, and life as a productive member of a democratic society.



We are working to engage all public education stakeholders to improve educational opportunities and outcomes in Arkansas. We are striving for an education system that guarantees each child an equitable and excellent opportunity to learn.

## **The Core Values We Believe in:**

- ✓ Every child's right to realize his or her full potential
- ✓ The importance of a child-centered educational system
- ✓ Equal access to high quality educational services, programs, and support
- ✓ Equitable resources to meet the unique needs of students no matter where they live
- ✓ Collective action and fostering partnerships among families, communities and schools
- ✓ Giving a voice to those who have been excluded from discussions about education policy
- ✓ Understanding diverging views and the need for compromise and consensus building.
- ✓ The need for social and economic progress for all Arkansans
- ✓ A just society where everyone is treated fairly







## 7 Long-term Priority Areas for Reform

- High Quality Early Childhood Education
- Highly Effective Teachers, Administrators, School Structure, & Learning Time
- College Preparatory Curriculum
- Equitable Instructional Resources & Policies
- Effective Interventions
- Parent, Student, Community, and School Partnerships
- Improved Access to Higher Education

## Our 6 Specific Policy Goals for 2012 and 2013

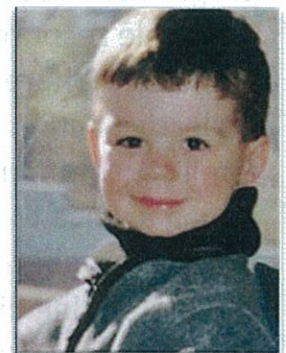
- Increasing Access to High Quality Pre-K
- Expanding Afterschool and Summer Programs
- Improving Teacher/Administrator Preparation & Development
- Passing the Arkansas DREAM Act
- Increasing Parent, Student, Community and School Partnerships
- Modernizing Career and Technical Education



## Key Partners in the Arkansas Opportunity to Learn Campaign

- ◆ Arkansas Public Policy Panel
- ◆ Arkansas Advocates for Children & Families
- ◆ Arkansas Education Association
- ◆ Arkansas Out-of-School Network
- ◆ Rural Community Alliance
- ◆ Winthrop Rockefeller Foundation
- ◆ Charles A. Frueauff Foundation
- ◆ Arkansas Citizens First Congress
- ◆ Concerned Citizens of Prescott
- ◆ Arkansas Commission on Closing the Achievement Gap
- ◆ Concerned Citizens of Monticello
- ◆ Gould Citizens Advisory Council
- ◆ South Arkansas Education Coalition
- ◆ Strong Community Leadership Alliance
- ◆ Desha Grassroots Coalition
- ◆ Arkansas Coalition for DREAM
- ◆ University of Arkansas – Pine Bluff & University of Arkansas – Little Rock Deans of Education

**The work of our partners and coalition members have produced better parent and community involvement, increased funding, world class Pre-K programs, and other effective reforms. Please join us as we work together to ensure that every child in Arkansas has an equitable and excellent educational opportunity!**



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