

## **Accessibility Statement**

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Arts for Learning WNY meets the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) requirements, but for us, accessibility means much more than complying with the minimum standard of acceptance.

We strive to meet the needs of all individuals we work with at Arts for Learning. Many of our programs are designed to engage all participants or can be modified to meet different individual needs. Our programs offer interdisciplinary arts experiences for people of all ages and those with varying ability levels to gain confidence in communication and knowledge across all art forms. Through our programs, all individuals build sequential skills that develop physical coordination, visual communication abilities, and confidence-using the arts as the unifying element. We have an ongoing commitment to removing barriers that prevent people with disabilities from fully participating in our programming.

Our location in the Tri-Main Building allows us to host meetings for the broader public and have training on site. Our office space is wheeled mobility device accessible, as are all our event and meeting locations. We utilize venues that are fully accessible to the public and comply with all safety and accessibility standards.

Additionally, the launch of our new website includes an Accessibility Toolbar for individuals with auditory or visual impairments to navigate our website more successfully. This toolbar will create accessibility features including but not limited to keyboard semantics, defining ARIA (Accessible Rich Internet Applications) attributes, and offering visual indicators.

Arts for Learning also considers financial and transportation barriers when writing our comprehensive accessibility policy. We strive to maintain financial support from state, federal, and local resources to provide programming for free, directly in the neighborhoods with the most need. To provide programs in these neighborhoods, we partner with the Buffalo and Erie County Public Library system, public and private schools, and after school community programs such as NorthWest Buffalo Community Center, King Urban Life Center, the Police Athletic League, and local YWCA sites.