

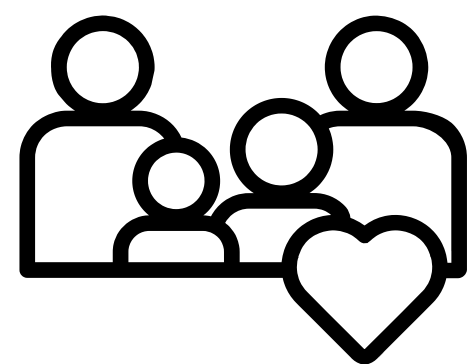
ATD Fourth World New Mexico Participatory Planning Process

After the 10th anniversary of the Story Garden at the Gallup flea market in 2022, members of ATD Fourth World in New Mexico felt ready to embark on a major planning exercise. Our goal was to build on the initial learning phase from 2019 to 2021, during which we learned deeply from the families we work alongside. During the planning phase, we created spaces for collective thinking which engaged community members in defining our goals and actions.

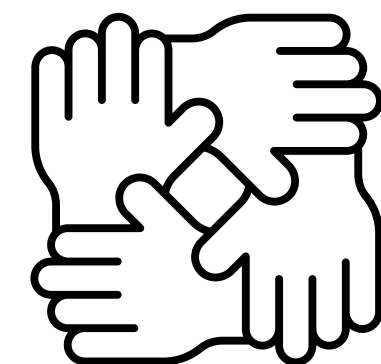
Outcome of the process: 2-year plan 2023-2025

The questions and reflections that emerged in the gatherings during the planning process allowed us to explore our identity as ATD Fourth World in New Mexico, our place as members in supporting ATD's efforts, and importantly, shape our programs' evolution. This resulted in three main areas of action for the next 2 years:

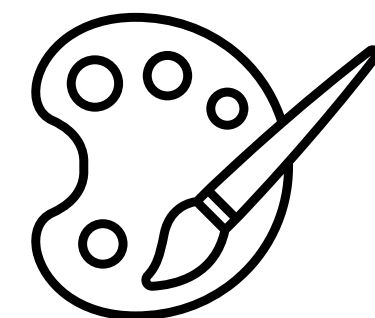
Presence and Learning with Families in Poverty



Membership Base and Capacity Building



Education and Art Initiatives



Voices from our Community Participatory Planning Process, March 2023



"The element important to me is forming alliances with the people connected to ATD."



"It's empowering for kids when they have a platform to express their voice. It's good for everyone because kids tell the truth."



"Our strength is to outrun dangers, to outdo wounds. Our strength is in our heart and mind and we can pass it on to our children. We can indigenize the system and put our spin on it."

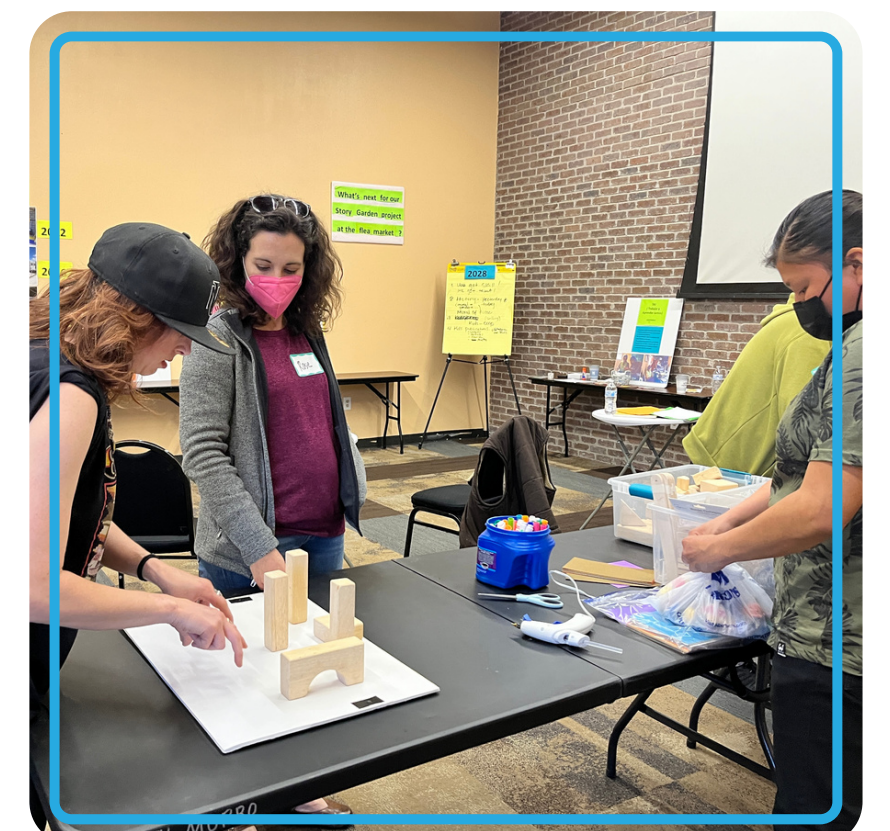
"Something important to me is filtering up the knowledge and ideas the ATD collective has to influence system change in Gallup."

"People in poverty could come together and advocate for themselves. A support group for people going through the same thing. We can articulate things in a group and then say: we want a change."



"I can make myself stronger and make my children strong by passing on strength from our elders."

We are now putting into action the outcomes of the planning process that you as members helped us create. We count on your continued participation to contribute towards the success of our projects. **Do get in touch to see how you can be involved.**



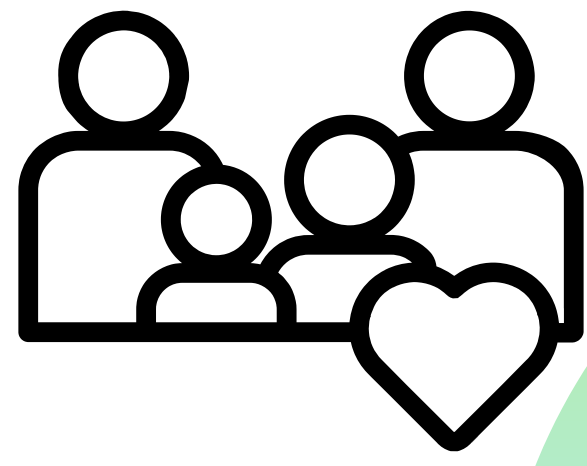
Main Areas of Action

**LAUNCHED IN
MAY 2023:
Stronger
Together
Advocacy Group!**

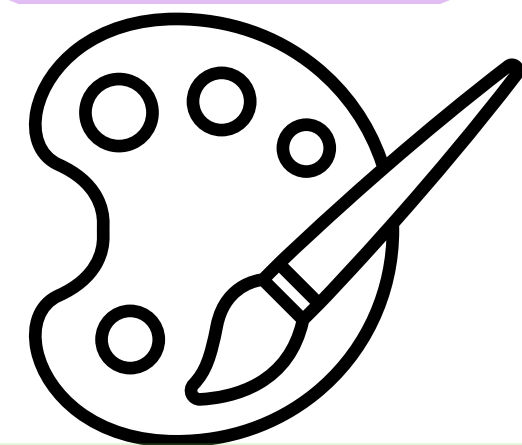
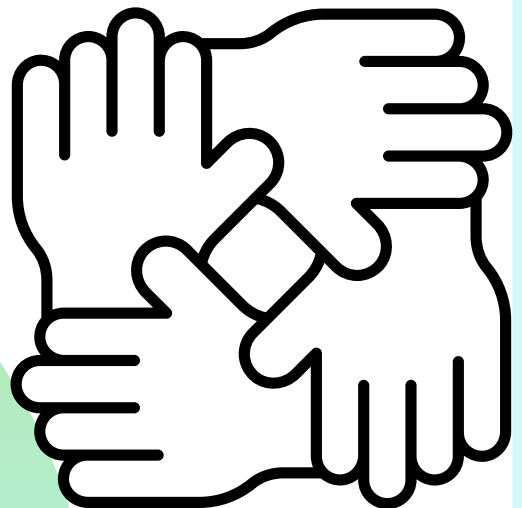
PRESENCE AND LEARNING WITH FAMILIES

This area is focused on building from individual experience of poverty to a collective knowledge and voice. In the long term this process aims to articulate the community changes that would do the most to help families achieve their hopes for a dignified life. For the coming years we will continue our **Family accompaniment** and launch the **Stronger Together** advocacy group.

"We have strength as human beings. We should celebrate ourselves, not shame ourselves."



**STORY GARDEN
GALLUP FLEA
MARKET
CENTER OF
ATD PRESENCE
IN THE REGION**



EDUCATION AND ART INITIATIVES

This area is focused on providing spaces for learning, outreach, and building relationships, using art as a tool that plays a key role. These initiatives enable us to cultivate relationships with families, organizations, and schools. We are evolving our interaction with communities through **Story Gardens** and through the **Learning with Dakota program**, engaging in a variety of community settings.

MEMBERSHIP BASE AND CAPACITY BUILDING

This area aims to build the ATD community by seeking the involvement of new people, as well as exploring paths of engagement for long-term members to grow in their commitment with ATD Fourth World. We will continue to bring people together through the **ATD Community Lunches**, and invest in **engagement, internships and training** for our members.

"Telling stories and being in community is the heart of change and creating positivity."

"Youth & young children: we should celebrate them, see the strength they have and see their dreams through their eyes and their strength."

**LAUNCHING IN
2024:
Consultation with the
flea market community
to implement new ideas
for Story Garden!**

**LAUNCHED IN MAY
2023:
New internship, work
experience, and
volunteer
opportunities!**