



# What is the All Stars Talent Show Network?

Founded in 1983, All Stars Talent Show Network (ASTSN) uses a "performance-learning" approach to foster the emotional and social development of young people. Based in New York, thousands of urban youth between the ages of 5 and 25 participate in All Stars events including auditions, rehearsals, talent shows and development workshops. The All Stars involves young people from all over, including youth from underserved communities. The phenomenal success of the All Stars Project and its programs have inspired volunteers to build the development program in Atlanta, as well as in cities such as Oakland, Chicago, Newark, Dallas, and Bridgeport, extending this effective performance model for learning and growth.



## How Do Youth Get Involved?

Youth and adult volunteers distribute flyers, speak at community centers and schools, set up tables at events in the Metro Atlanta area, and canvas the neighborhoods where the performance is to take place. Auditions are usually held in the auditorium of a local recreation center or high school. Every young person who auditions makes it into the show.



In addition, all participants are related to as producers as well as performers. Once a group has participated they are encouraged to continue participating by mentoring new performers, and taking other new producing roles in running the program. This activity builds the program, and most importantly, builds the leadership skills of young participants.



## How You Can Help?

The success of the Atlanta All Stars depends on the financial support of individual supporters, and has not relied on government or foundation funding. Our financial independence is key to making it possible to develop new ways to approach motivation, learning and development.

The Atlanta All Stars' engine is our growing and vibrant volunteer program. Volunteers work on publicity, administration, design, donor development, audience cultivation, community outreach, fundraising, performance, ushering and more!



## Why Talent Shows?

Culture plays an important role in the lives of youngsters from inner city communities as it does in the lives of young people from more middle income or affluent communities. The All Stars' approach to youth development is based on an understanding that performance is a developmental activity. The All Stars sponsors talent shows in which young people "create their own development" through a process of learning how to create stage performances -- and new "life performances".

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