For more than 30 years, the National Endowment for the Arts (NEA) and the National Assembly of State Arts Agencies (NASAA) have supported professional development programming for state arts agency arts education managers. The annual Professional Development Institute (PDI) provides meaningful leadership development and technical assistance for this diverse field. As a result, arts education managers are knowledgeable leaders in their field through a peer network that new and seasoned managers alike find invaluable.

The purpose of the Professional Development Institute is to equip participants with skills necessary to succeed in their roles as state arts agency arts education managers. PDI attendees will gain job-specific tools and knowledge that are relevant across a wide array of state needs and circumstances.

This year, PDI programming will focus on strategies to ensure all learners, especially those in underserved communities, have access to high-quality arts education. Discussion will encompass impactful approaches to grant funding, services, research and partnerships.

Guiding Question & Outcomes
The 2023 PDI agenda responds to the following guiding question:

How can state arts agency arts education leaders use the tools uniquely available to them to meet the multiple challenges of the postpandemic moment?

- **Learning Outcome 1**: PDI participants will build their capacity to "lead from the middle" as a member of a state arts agency team.
- **Learning Outcome 2**: PDI participants will increase their knowledge about how arts education supports well-being in a postpandemic environment.
- **Learning Outcome 3**: PDI participants will learn skills to communicate the benefits of arts education in a dynamic policy landscape.
Tuesday, November 7

All times are Mountain Standard Time.

1:30 – 3:00 p.m.   New Arts Education Managers Luncheon
(by invitation)

With arts education leaders from the National Endowment for the Arts

5:00 – 7:30 p.m.   Opening Reception & Plenary Session

Welcome Remarks

Creative Introductions / Icebreaker Activity

Mingling & Heavy Hors-d’oeuvres

Close of Day 1 / Dinner on your own

Wednesday, November 8

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Breakfast on your own

8:30 a.m.         Travel to venue

9:00 – 9:30 a.m.   Arrival & Welcome Remarks

9:30 – 12:00 p.m.  SAA Professional Development Module I

12:00 – 2:00 p.m.  Lunch (provided)

2:00 – 4:00 p.m.   SAA Professional Development Module II

4:00 p.m.         Travel to hotel

Close of Day 2 / Dinner on your own
### Thursday, November 9

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End of PDI / Lunch on your own