

How do YOU **advocate*** for languages???

*The ideas listed below were contributed by attendees at the 2016 Central States Conference in Columbus, Ohio.
Bring your ideas to share in 2017 in Chicago, Illinois!!*

BE AN EXAMPLE – Learn ANOTHER language – and demonstrate your “process”

***WITH STUDENTS**

Regularly ask students to think of how the current topic could benefit their future selves.

Invite former students who have used their language skills – university, travel, study-abroad, etc.- to share their “success” stories.

Show use of language in future career.

(Use sites such as ODE website education.ohio.org –Career Connections.)

***WITH ADMINISTRATORS**

CONNECT with administrators and Guidance Counselors – keep them informed of the benefits of second language study.

Attend their conferences and provide information.

***WITH PARENTS and the Board of Education**

Provide info re the benefits of bilingualism / career opportunities, etc.

***WITH LOCAL COMMUNITY**

Speak at Kiwanas – Rotary – Women’s Groups, etc. on the benefits of language study and the importance of language competency.

Participate in Multi-cultural / International Fair/Fest – Get students involved.

Collaborate w/ local University.

A D V O C A T E !

Make your program VISIBLE to all stakeholders.

“GROW” life-long learners of languages.

Organize an elementary FL camp or visit an elementary school.

Create student “ambassadors”...

..through relevant, exciting lessons that lead to proficiency – SUCCESS!

PROJECTS:

*Organize and Participate in a Multi-cultural Fair.

*Visit an elementary school – to teach a song, tell a story, etc. or do same w/ family.

Be PATIENT, but PERSISTENT – rework proposals and re-submit!!

