

# AATF French Advocacy in a Nutshell

The American Association of Teachers of French now has a Commission on Advocacy to defend your French program, whether you are a member or not.

We have a national web site to explain our goals and objectives:

Ideas for French Language & Culture Advocacy in the US  
<http://www.utm.edu/staff/globeg/advofr.shtml>

with a number of state-specific web sites and informational databases linked to it.

**What do we do?** We work with you to develop a group of local and state allies (at school, in business, in the local and state political scene, among parents, etc.). We help you develop a corpus of local-specific knowledge and give you state specific reasons why French is important. Among these allies, in most cases we can put you in contact with a chapter advocacy team.

**What kind of knowledge do we offer?** Recent economic, demographic, historical knowledge about your state that can be openers with power brokers or part of a winning argument in a debate. We offer the addresses of valuable contacts from consulates, state supervisors, your state's AATF chapters, regional chapters of the Alliance Française, and many more.

**What else will we do?** We will help you create a game plan, and then play an appropriate role in its execution.

Though we cannot guarantee to thwart the bad guys, we can be your best chance to save a good program, provided you let us know early enough. Of course, AATF members receive regular news of what we are doing through our paper publications:  
<http://www.frenchteachers.org> .

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