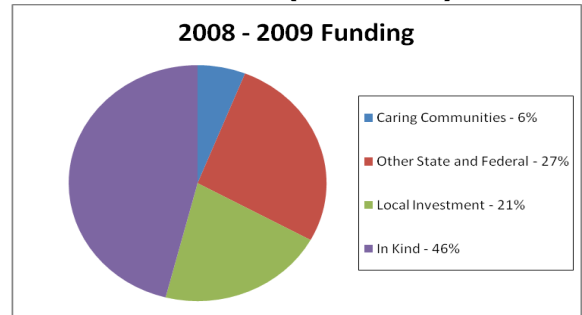
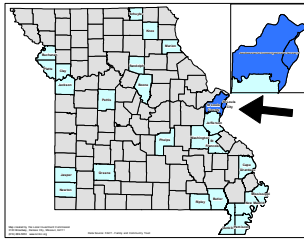


Area Resources for Community and Human Services (ARCHS)

Established: 1995



FY09 Result Achievement: Children Ready to Enter School

September 2009

Community Profile:

ARCHS is the community partnership serving the Greater St. Louis Region. (2.7 million population).

ARCHS has an active 22 member board and 32 employees. This year, ARCHS managed more than 350 community partners valued at **\$31.2 million** (leveraging \$21 for every \$1 of state community partnership funding).

ARCHS is in the third year of implementing a lifelong learning (L3) community partnership model that focuses on:

- Pre-Kindergarten/Early Childhood
- Grades K-12
- Adult Education
- Community Education

ARCHS' L3 model emphasizes education related programming. L3 creates a unifying structure for ARCHS to best fulfill its role as a state partnership and enhance its ability to positively address the state's six core results.

ARCHS manages its partnerships through a formal business model called SOFA:

- Social Responsibility
- Objective Evaluation
- Financial Soundness
- Accountable Results

ARCHS' partnership database monitors the financial and programmatic progress of its partnerships with a focus on results (leveraged dollars, people served, etc.) The data is reviewed in real time to help troubleshoot issues and identify promising best practices that can be refined and replicated.

ARCHS' Pre-K/Early Childhood

FY 09 Major Collaborative Accomplishments:

Jan '08	July '09	ARCHS' Pre-K Programs
2	2	Stay at Home Parents – Home Visitation Program
0	13	Educare – Registered Home Provider Education Program
4	39	Start Up and Expansion – Licensing and Quality Improvement Program
9	44	Accreditation – Quality Improvement Program
15	86	Total Unduplicated Programs Served

ARCHS' Pre-K Early Childhood Partners:

- ARCHS' **86** funded Pre-K programs can be found in **32** St. Louis area zip codes – serving more than **3,000** area children.
- In FY 09, ARCHS' Pre-K partners provided **\$14.3 million** in additional leveraged/in-kind funding.
- ARCHS' 86 child care partners help working families find affordable, quality child care in the setting of their choosing:
 - Registered Home Providers
 - Licensed Home Providers
 - Group Home Centers
 - Faith Based Programs
 - Child Care Centers
 - Full and Half Day Programs
 - Extended Day Programs
 - 24 Hour Care
 - Evening and Weekend Care

ARCHS' Pre-K/Early Childhood Educational Support Programs:

- **For Teachers by Teachers Peer Modeling Series**
ARCHS' workshops are hosted by teachers at ARCHS' various child care sites working on accreditation. Each workshop focuses on a single accreditation topic or goal and is taught by teachers who have received a high score on the accreditation focus topic.
- **Strengthening Families Workgroups**
ARCHS' nine month child-abuse prevention initiative helps child care programs form self-study support groups that examine the seven implementation strategies of Strengthening Families as they work to put a support plan in place for the families served by their child care programs.
- **ARCHS' Training Institutes**
ARCHS hosts regional early childhood training institutes. Each institute serves approximately 600 early childhood professionals and provides more than 7,000 hours of collective training.
- **ARCHS' Quality Improvement Planning**
ARCHS works with 86 St. Louis area child care providers to improve the quality of child care and ensure children are entering school ready to learn.

ARCHS has developed a multi-faceted approach to quality improvement that examines four areas that must be addressed if they want to become accredited:

- Education levels and annual clock hours for directors and staff
- Program quality goals based on state-reliable environmental rating scale assessments
- Strengthening families goals for supporting children and families
- Business, organization and management goals for running a successful child care business

- **ARCHS' Pre-K Scholarships**
In FY 09, ARCHS granted more than 100 scholarships for staffs of its funded child care centers to attend St. Louis Community College to promote accreditation and quality improvement.
- **Leadership Training for Early Childhood Directors**
ARCHS provides focused monthly leadership training for early childhood directors in the following areas:
 - Business, organization and administrative practices
 - Strength-based coaching of staff
 - family/group home care – accreditation quality improvement
 - Child care centers – accreditation quality improvement

ARCHS' Pre-K State Partners:

- Missouri Child Care Resource and Referral Network
- Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education
- Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services
- Missouri Department of Social Services, Children's Division
- Missouri Educare Programs
- MoHealthNet
- T.E.A.C.H. scholarship program
- OPEN Initiative

ARCHS' Pre-K Greater St. Louis Partners:

- Child Day Care Association (CDCA)
- Harris-Stowe State University
- Head Start/Early Head Start Program
- Jennings School District
- New Hope Center
- Parents as Teachers
- Ritenour Educare
- St. Louis Mayor's Commission on Children, Youth and Families
- St. Louis Community College
- University City Educare
- Vision for Children at Risk (VCR)