ARCHI is a collaborative of 105 organizations aligning their goals, resources and investments in a shared 28-year commitment to improving health in metro Atlanta. Rooted in the social determinants of health, ARCHI’s work seeks to address the root causes and underlying inequities that have resulted in our region’s poor health outcomes.

ARCHI has a bold vision and ambitious goals that will only be achieved if the resources, talent and expertise in our community can be realigned and the investments sustained to transform a generation.

ARCHI is growing Momentum, designing and building the Mechanics for change and Mobilizing for impact. 2019 was a year of great progress!
GROWING MOMENTUM

ARCHI’s strength lies in the collective power of its partners.

Atlanta has what is required to ensure health and wellbeing for all, but the resources need to be realigned, work implemented and supported differently. This requires a true movement for change. Throughout 2019 not only did the ARCHI partnership grow, but partners expanded their knowledge and expertise, built and tested new ways of working. Momentum is Growing!

In February, 56 partners evaluated their work with ARCHI:

- 21 attributed new alignments to their work with ARCHI.
- 70% of respondents are satisfied or very satisfied with their ARCHI engagement.
- 73% have recommended ARCHI to peers/colleagues.

“ARCHI connects others and promotes a collaborative environment for the greater good. In Atlanta, this is invaluable.”

- ARCHI Partner

540+

Over 540 people gathered at ARCHI’s quarterly breakfasts to discuss a range of topics: data to promote equity, applying global health practices locally and the changes and opportunities in complex care.

19

On average, 19 ARCHI partners were engaged each month in designing and implementing cross sector partnerships.

36

Technical training on Complex Care provided 36 individuals from 20 organizations the tools and techniques to address the needs of their patients.

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ARCHI supported the Atlanta Regional Commission’s day-long Health Equity Forum in June and the Partnership for Southern Equity’s two-day Just Health Summit in October.

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Seven new partners joined the ARCHI collaborative.

“...I believe that we all have a collective interest to unify around the health outcomes of Georgians and to see what we can do together.”

- Candice Saunders
CEO of WellStar
DESIGNING AND BUILDING THE MECHANICS FOR CHANGE

Collaboration is more effective and sustainable when goals and incentives are aligned in the design.

Cross sector collaboration is easier said than done. ARCHI and its partners focus on the details of data sharing, financing, governance and mutually reinforcing activities to ensure that the innovation Atlanta needs can be sustained long enough to create lasting change. In 2019, ARCHI actively supported multiple partnerships that were designing new ways of working to address long standing inequities. These have included community-driven efforts in DeKalb and Fulton counties, health system-level change focused on heart failure, diabetes, affordable housing and service connections to meet the unmet social needs of individuals with poor health.

The Atlanta Value-Based Health Care Collaborative which includes **4 health systems and 5 payers** is working to improve quality of life and lower the cost of care for heart failure patients. In 2019, they adopted an intervention, established risk stratification criteria, and designed a value-based payment model to finance the work. This pilot will be the **nation’s first multi-system, multi-payer value-based initiative**.

ARCHI partners designed the **South Fulton Supported Pathway to Quality Employment (SPOE)**, a prototype to expand quality and sustainable employment for local residents.

**SPOE will target un- and under-employed individuals** who need supportive services [e.g. transportation, job training, housing, childcare, etc.] to secure and maintain quality employment.

The group continues to refine the design of the pilot and to identify additional partners and resources to prepare for launch in 2020.

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Residents and partners in the DeKalb Youth Prosperity Initiative (DYPI) identified their pilot site, set baseline metrics and developed a resource network.

Seven DYPI members traveled to Spartanburg, SC to apply lessons from their work to South DeKalb.

Six Emory University Community Building Social Change Fellows worked with residents to identify challenges and assets to inform the DYPI design.

"We partner with existing infrastructures to reach the populations and address the needs that insurance companies don’t provide but address critical concerns."

— Bobby Jones, CEO of CareSource

Funding was raised to hire a resource navigator for DYPI to work directly with residents and families to address their unmet housing, transportation, nutrition, physical and mental health needs.

ARCHI completed its yearlong mentorship with the Community Information Exchange in San Diego, learning how they have built an interoperable data sharing system to improve service referral and delivery.

ARCHI partners designed Community Resource Hub Pilots that will launch in 2020 at Grady Health System and Mercy Care. These hubs will connect patients to needed social and community supports.*

*Retrieved from [www.nationalcomplex.care/blueprint](http://www.nationalcomplex.care/blueprint)
MOBILIZING FOR IMPACT

ARCHI partners plan, do, study and act to refine innovations in the field.

Embracing agile development strategies, ARCHI partners are moving ideas and plans into action, learning quickly what works, adjusting models and testing again. These prototypes are not only yielding results for individuals who receive the interventions, but they are changing the way organizations work and invest in the root causes of poor health.

“When you’re managing a condition like high blood pressure, diabetes, or you have to see the doctor multiple times a year/month, it can be very difficult to...choose between a copay and your light bill, or a copay and food. Community health workers help people navigate these barriers.”

–Aisha Williams
Patient Advocate for Chris 180

The Atlanta Area Diabetes Collaborative launched its prototype to address comprehensive needs of unmanaged diabetics.

683 diabetic patients have received assistance through an online Diabetes Self-Management Education database and a 4-month coaching program. Preliminary data shows that patients improved their knowledge, their health, and many received new services and supports that allowed them to concentrate on managing their condition.

ARCHI and United Way of Greater Atlanta support Colabs, a collaborative of organizations pursuing collective impact strategies to achieve critical community goals. They improve their capacity through technical trainings and address shared challenges.

ARCHI partners have committed to achieving bold goals by 2040. With seven years on-the-ground experience, clear lessons learned about both what needs to be done and how to do it, ARCHI is positioned to build catalytic levers for change.

ARCHI will continue to enhance communication and information sharing pathways among stakeholders to support cross sector work.

ARCHI will identify gaps in our partner makeup and actively recruit underrepresented sectors.

ARCHI will communicate the impact of its prototypes and recognize organizations that emerge as leaders in advancing ARCHI’s strategic priorities.

ARCHI will facilitate technical assistance workshops to expand application of the tools and techniques showcased at quarterly breakfasts.

ARCHI will grow the region’s stewardship of community health and support equitable systems change to ensure wellbeing for all.

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MOVING FORWARD