



Despite the enormous challenges that so many ARCHI partners faced in 2020 they found ways to advance ARCHI's 28 year commitment to improving health in metro Atlanta, while collaborating in real time to meet the emerging needs of the pandemic, the economic crisis and the growing impact of racial and health inequities.

As has been its history, ARCHI was there to help partners innovate, to facilitate alignments that improve the way they work and to challenge old ideas with new models and frameworks.

Following are a few examples of how ARCHI partners *came together* and *made a difference* in 2020.



### **INNOVATOR**

### Driving Innovations in Care Coordination

ARCHI's 28-year commitment is based in the science that recognizes the powerful role that housing, education, jobs, food and nutrition, safe, quality communities play in creating health and wellbeing. **ARCHI partners are coming together to drive innovations in care coordination** to address these needs and measure the impact on health.





#### Dekalb Youth Prosperity Initiative

DeKalb Youth Prosperity Initiative embedded a Resource Navigator into the Peachcrest Elementary School to address social, health or economic needs of families within and around the school community.





#### MERCY CARE

Community Resource Hubs launched at Mercy Care and Grady that matches Community Health Workers with patients and utilizes a closed loop partner network to address housing, food, transportation, legal and employment needs.



The Diabetes Collaborative provided telephonic coaching to unmanaged diabetes patients to address their social and economic needs and finished Phase I of the initiative.



The Value-Based Collaboratives completed the design of a payment model targeting the community needs of recently hospitalized congestive heart failure patients with lower socio-economic status.



### THOUGHT LEADER

# Supporting Education and Dialogue on Health and Racial Equity

ARCHI continued its commitment to examine the policies, practices and prejudices that have created the inequities impacting the health of many Atlantans in 2020 by holding in-person and virtual learning sessions in conjunction with many different partners. ARCHI provided almost 20 hours of programming, engaged over 1600 individuals and focused on a range of topics including Race and Homelessness, Policing and Health, Health Equity and the COVID Crisis, the facts about the COVID Vaccine and Atlanta's recent ranking of health and race as key community priorities in the annual Metro Atlanta Speaks Survey.



### **FACILITATOR**

#### Aligning Partners to Collaborate in Real Time

Since its founding, ARCHI has built cross sector partnerships to address immediate and underlying health needs. Inside the global pandemic of 2020, this work was even more critical. **ARCHI partners came together rapidly to share information, strengthen each other's work and integrate services** to address the emerging and varying issues of the pandemic and economic crisis.





# Weekly Hospital Coordination

The care coordination teams of the six metro area health systems meet weekly to identify resources and other partners to better serve patients. While this initially focused on COVID positive patients, it has expanded to individuals with substance abuse and mental health needs.



# Collaborating in the Time of COVID

ARCHI along with United Way has been supporting Colabs, a partnership of 13 collaboratives with different missions but common commitment to collective impact. Special virtual sessions in 2020 focused on identifying the shared challenges and building skills to foster collaborative work within a pandemic.



# Investing in Housing to Address Health

Six health systems and insurers made a commitment at the end of 2019 to develop a shared investment strategy to support affordable housing in metro Atlanta. While their timeline was shifted by the pandemic, several partners did make initial investments and the group met regularly to discuss the changing housing crisis. They will continue their work toward an investment strategy in 2021.



# Integrating Health and Housing

ARCHI partners came together to align services and resources to help individuals who were temporarily housed to keep them safe from COVID-19 find permanent and supportive housing. Many of these individuals were older and/or had chronic conditions so by aligning services, partners were able to more quickly integrate health and housing.

## **ENGAGING & INFORMING THE COMMUNITY IN 2020**



1665 individuals attended 17 hours of discussion and dialogue on critical issues of health and racial equity in metro Atlanta



ARCHI supported and led **18 different initiatives** in 2020 to improve health in metro Atlanta



**700 individuals** received critical information and regular updates from ARCHI throughout 2020

ARCHI partners have committed to achieving bold goals by 2040. With eight 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.** 

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