ARCHES Collaborative Diagnostic Tool (ACDT)

The ARCHES Collaborative Diagnostic Tool (ACDT) measures an intersegmental, multi-sector collaborative’s capacity to design, implement, adopt, and sustain regional initiatives. This tool collects information across nine Essential Collaboration Drivers that include:

- Collective Vision;
- Common Agenda;
- Oversight Structure;
- Mutually Reinforcing Initiatives;
- Shared Measurement System;
- Evaluation Design;
- Continuous Communication System;
- Professional Learning; and,
- Student Development.

Each driver has been identified in the research literature as being essential to the continuous learning and development of highly effective, healthy, and robust collaboratives (“ARCHES EdCAR Dashboard,” 2011; “Implementation Drivers | NIRN Project site,” n.d.; Ashley, 2009; Blase, van Dyke, & Fixsen, 2013; George, Hall, & Stiegelbauer, 2008; Hord, 2006; Hord et al., 2006; Preskill, Parkhurst, & Juster, n.d.; Preskill, Parkhurst, & Splansky Juster, 2014b, 2014a). Additionally, the ACDT collects data useful for monitoring leadership development that occurs within a collaborative.

The information compiled from the ACDT is presented through online data visualizations that can be referenced by stakeholders to inform understanding of efforts to design, implement, adapt, and sustain collaborative practices across an intersegmental and multi-sector network of partners.

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- **Measures** a program/initiative’s progress designing, implementing, adopting and sustaining collaborative practices across a network of intersegmental and multi-sector partners.

- **Collects** information used to monitor leadership development that occurs within a collaborative.

- **Informs** the capacity and impact of the collaborative to close opportunity gaps.

- **Tracks** growth across the nine Essential Drivers.

The ACDT is being piloted currently as a key component of the Tulare-Kings College and Career Collaborative (TKCCC) Individualized Collaborative Building plan. The data compiled from the ACDT will inform decisions about the best ways to provide training, support, and assistance that contributes to the overall health and development of an intersegmental, multi-sector collaborative.