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Arkansas Community Resources

Listed below are organizations within Arkansas that have an interest in developing Arkansas's Communities and/or in promoting web-based communications or products within the following sectors: Agriculture, Business & Industry, Community & Culture, Education, Government, Healthcare, and Libraries & Related Organizations. This list will be continually updated to reflect our latest findings.

The information below was obtained through an extensive search of various online directories and search engines. More detailed information was obtained through some or all of the following methods: directly speaking with company representation; searching through the company's website; and searching for any available online information regarding the organization's programs. Contact information for the following organizations are available in the appendices.

Agriculture:

Delta Center for Economic Development

Arkansas State University
Jonesboro, AR

Website: <http://deltaced.astate.edu>

The College of Business is the home of the Delta Center for Economic Development. The Center will coordinate the economic development outreach services of the university and provide a coordinated and comprehensive approach to serving the businesses, governments and citizens of the Arkansas Delta.

Financing Ozark Rural Growth & Economy (FORGE)

Huntsville, AR

Website: <http://www.forgeonline.com>

Focus: Agriculture, Community Development

FORGE, a non-profit membership group, was founded in 1989 by groups of organic farmers from throughout the Ozarks bio-region of Arkansas, Missouri and Oklahoma who were concerned that farmers who were interested in incorporating sustainable agricultural practices into their farming systems were being hindered by a lack of affordable capital. One of their solutions was to form a revolving loan fund that would be sensitive to the needs of small farmers. FORGE's loan program now has many components: It has an energy saving program; it helps other community organization that support the mission of FORGE; it has a credit establishment program and makes emergency loans to help individuals and families in need. In 1998 FORGE became a SBA Microlender and now offers technical assistance to start up businesses. Other

support services produced by the organization include brochures, pamphlets, newsletter, speakers, and workshops.

National Center for Appropriate Technology (NCAT)

Fayetteville office, Appropriate Technology Transfer for Rural Areas (ATTRA)
Fayetteville, AR

Website: <http://www.attra.ncat.org>

Sustainable farming information center managed by the National Center for Appropriate Technology (NCAT), and funded by USDA. ATTRA provides technical assistance to farmers, farm support groups, and agencies through its publications and website. The organization publishes a newsletter and is also a source of organic production information.

Ozark Organic Growers Association (OOGA)

Mt. Judea, AR

An organic farmers' cooperative that pools produce from AR, OK, MO farmers and sells and delivers bulk orders into wholesale markets in surrounding states.

Southern Sustainable Agriculture Working Group (SSAWG)

Fayetteville, AR

Website: <http://www.ssawg.org/>

Focus: Agriculture, Technology Training

The Southern Sustainable Agriculture Working Group -- commonly known as "Southern SAWG" -- is the region's non-profit leader in creating a sustainable food and farming system. Souther SAWG's program and activities are aimed at helping family farms and those working to improve community food systems in the Southern region of the United States. Southern SAWG provides learning opportunities for farmers and agricultural professionals, and tools and support for farmer entrepreneurs. The organization promotes communication and collaboration between farmers, consumers and community organizations, and fosters the development of food systems that are more secure. Southern Sawg also links dozens of diverse organizations and thousands of individuals throughout the 13 Southern states of Alabama, Arkansas, Georgia, Florida, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, Oklahoma, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas and Virginia. In partnership with the USDA's Risk Management Agency (RMA), Southern SAWG also launched the Internet-Based Services project to assist Southern farmers in utilizing the Internet. This project was designed to address the special needs of family farmers, including those who are not "computer literate," and to help them take advantage of all the internet can offer, including other internet-based resources and virtual farm tours.

University of Arkansas Cooperative Extension

University of Arkansas | Division of Agriculture
Little Rock, AR

Website: <http://www.uaex.edu/>

Focus: Agriculture, Community Development, Technology Training

The Cooperative Extension Service is part of the University of Arkansas' Division of Agriculture. With offices in all 75 counties, its faculty and staff provide educational programs (from agricultural and natural resource programs, to family financial management, home and garden information, to youth education and

community development) and research-based information to the people of Arkansas. Additionally, 4-H is the youth development program conducted by the University of Arkansas, Division of Agriculture, Cooperative Extension Service. 4-H members can select from many activities in 82 project areas ranging from automotive to clothing to space camp. Adult leaders, trained by county Cooperative Extension Service Faculty, teach projects to children using the "learn -by-doing" method. 4-H teaches leadership, citizenship, and skills children will use through out their lives.

VisionWorks

Website: <http://www.vworks.org/>

The purpose of VisionWorks News is to share insights, resources, and tools that equip community and regional leaders to create breakthroughs, to think and act strategically, and to prosper in the global, knowledge-based economy.

Winrock International Institute for Agricultural Development

Little Rock, AR

Website: <http://www.winrock.org/>

Focus: Agriculture, Community Development

Winrock's integrated programs support establishment and growth of small and medium-sized enterprises and agricultural initiatives that target sustainable production driven by market demand. These sectors play critical role in the development and stability of communities and nations.

Business & Industry

Since Broadband Providers and many businesses throughout Arkansas would likely have an interest in developing Arkansas's communities and/or promoting web-based communications or products, the organizations listed below will only include non-profit organizations or organizations that also represent industry interests. A complete list of Arkansas's Broadband Providers is available online at: http://www.connect-arkansas.org/for_communities/information.

Arkansas Broadband Advisory Council

Website: <http://www.broadbandadvisorycouncil.arkansas.gov>

On March 28, 2007, Governor Beebe signed Act 604 into law creating two separate entities – the Arkansas Broadband Advisory Council and Connect Arkansas. While Connect Arkansas's initiatives are focused on broadband education and facilitation, the Arkansas Broadband Advisory Council advises the Governor and the General Assembly on policies related to making affordable broadband available to every Arkansas home and business. The Council also monitors the broadband based development efforts of other states and nations in areas such as business, education, and health.

Arkansas Cable Telecommunications Association

Little Rock, Arkansas 72201

Phone: (501) 907.6440

Website: <http://www.arcta.org/>

The Arkansas Cable Telecommunications Association provides members with information on issues in the Legislature and government affecting the group.

Arkansas State Chamber of Commerce & Associated Industries of Arkansas

1200 West Capitol Ave
P.O. Box 3645
Little Rock, Arkansas 72203-3645
Phone: (501) 372-2222

Website: <http://ascc.weknowarkansas.org/>

The Arkansas State Chamber of Commerce and Associated Industries of Arkansas are private, non-profit corporations that are totally funded by dues from our members. Each organization has its own officers and its own directors, but both share headquarters and professional staff in Little Rock. The State Chamber formed in 1928 to advocate for the business community in the state. The Associated Industries of Arkansas was founded as a separate but sister organization, and the two groups work together to continually enhance the economic climate in Arkansas.

Arkansas Telecommunications Association

1220 West Sixth Street
Little Rock, AR 72201
Phone: (501) 375-0086

Website: <http://www.ataweb.org/>

The Arkansas Telecommunications Association provides members with information on issues in the Legislature and government affecting the group.

Arkansas River Valley Economic Development Compact

Johnson County and its county seat, Clarksville, were both recertified as Arkansas Communities of Excellence at a ceremony at the University of the Ozarks. It is the first recertification for Johnson County, which in 2002 was the state's first county to be recognized as an Arkansas County of Excellence.

AUTIS- Association for Users of Telecommunications and Information System

Website: <http://www.autis.org/>

AUTIS - Association for Users of Telecommunications and Information Systems has been founded as a voluntary nonprofit organization, exclusively for educational and charitable purposes. AUTIS pursues the advancement of education by providing a forum for members and non-members who are interested in the rapidly changing fields of telecommunications and information systems. The forum provides the basis for the exchange of ideas, personal experiences and similar pertinent information. AUTIS also supplies to educational institutions, charitable organizations, and other organizations, speakers who are knowledgeable in telecommunications and information systems.

Buffalo Island Partnership

Website: <http://arkansasedc.com/>

The Buffalo Island Partnership was recertified as an Arkansas Community of Excellence at a ceremony held May 10 at the First Baptist Church in Monette, AR. The partnership – composed of the cities of Black Oak, Caraway, Leachville

and Monette – was first certified in 2003 and is one of two regional partnerships in the state along with the Golden Triangle Economic Development Council in southern Arkansas.

Crossroads Coalition

University of Arkansas Economic Development Institute
Fayetteville, AR

Website:

http://uaedi.cast.uark.edu/five_core/Regional_Partnerships/Crossroads/Crossroads_Coalition.htm

The Crossroads Coalition is a comprehensive organization comprised of partnering organizations and individuals, all of whom are actively seeking to enhance broad-based development in the region. Broad-based development includes economic, community, educational and leadership development.

Golden Triangle Economic Development Council

Website: <http://www.gtedc.org/>

The Golden Triangle Economic Development Council (GTEDC) is a non-profit organization that combines the area's resources and talents to attract new business and industry to the Golden Triangle area.

Greater Fort Smith Regional Initiative

Fort Smith, AR

Website: www.fortsmithchamber.org/PageDisplay.asp?p1=2166

Memphis Regional Economic Development Council

Memphis, TN

Website: <http://www.memphissuperregion.com/index.html>

The Memphis REDC is a facilitating organization that simplifies site selection for companies and markets the Memphis region to the world. The REDC a collaborative effort comprised of various economic entities through-out Tennessee, Arkansas and Mississippi.

Metro Little Rock Alliance

Little Rock, AR

Website: <http://www.metrolittlerockalliance.com/>

The Metro Little Rock region works with businesses in the Central Arkansas area to be successful and cultivate growth and prosperity in the Metro Little Rock region's communities.

Missouri/Arkansas Partnership

Bentonville, AR

Website: <http://www.co.benton.ar.us/MAPartnership/>

The Missouri Arkansas Partnership (MAP) is a not-for-profit; regional partnership, public/private community and economic development organization dedicated to the positive growth and prosperity of northwest Arkansas and southwest Missouri. The Missouri Arkansas Partnership (MAP) plans for economic and community development for the two state, three county region.

North Central Arkansas Regional Economic Development

Mountain Home, AR

Website: <http://www.ncared.com/>

North Central Arkansas Regional Economic Development (NCARED) provides information and assistance to businesses and individuals relocating to North Central Arkansas or considering relocation. For those already in the region NCARED provides a network between businesses located in the eight counties of our region. NCARED promotes industrial & existing workforce training incentives.

Southeast Arkansas Cornerstone Coalition, Inc.

Monticello, AR

Website: <http://www.searkcornerstone.org/index.html>

The Southeast Arkansas Cornerstone Coalition, Inc., a 501(c) (6) designated organization, was formed in September 2003 by leaders of Ashley, Bradley, Chicot, Desha, Drew and Lincoln counties to serve as a regional economic development group for the Southeast Arkansas Region.

Texarkana Regional Initiative

Website: <http://www.texarkanaregionalinitiative.com/home/>

The Texarkana Regional Initiative is a voluntary association of economic development professionals in the area of Southwest Arkansas, Northeast Texas, and Northwest Louisiana.

Community & Culture

Arkansas Advocates for Children & Families

Little Rock, AR

Website: <http://www.aradvocates.org/>

Arkansas Advocates for Children & Families is a non-profit, non-partisan, child advocacy organization founded in 1977. As advocates, they research, educate, debate, dialogue, compromise and rethink children's issues.

Arkansas Community Action Agencies Association (ACAAA)

Little Rock, AR

Website: <http://www.acaaa.org/ex/>

Established under national legislation approved in 1964, ACAA (a private, non-profit organization) provides training, technical assistance, communications support, information resource development, and advocacy to the 16 private, nonprofit community action agencies throughout the state. The CAA's operate scores of opportunity, service and support programs that help those of low income gain the basic necessities and attain economic self-sufficiency. They help those in need gain care and education for their infant and preschool children; decent housing and weatherization of their homes; nutrition; education, training and employment; transportation; utility assistance; dental care; personal care in their homes (for elderly and disabled); financial literacy; savings, and other basic human needs. Last year, the 16 community action agencies invested more than \$93 million in social programming in the state, served more than 170,000 people,

many of whom are at various stages of progressing from poverty to self-sufficiency, and employed more than 2,300 people.

Arkansas Community Foundation (since 1976)

Little Rock, Arkansas

Website: <http://www.arcf.org/>

The Arkansas Community Foundation is the state's premier philanthropy resource for comprehensive charitable gift planning for individuals, nonprofits and corporations. Working together with fund donors, grant recipients and communities, the Foundation is a powerful catalyst for building charitable giving in Arkansas.

Arkansas Sustainability Network (ASN)

Little Rock, AR

Website: www.arnetwork.org/

The Arkansas Sustainability Network (ASN) is a new non-profit membership-based educational organization with the mission of empowering Arkansans to develop sustainable communities. It promotes understanding of sustainability and awareness of local, national, and international resources that assist in achieving the goals of sustainable development. ASN promotes web-based communication to provide synergy and coordination between all the organizations, businesses, and groups who have sustainability as a part of their mission.

Arkansas Young Professionals Network

Little Rock, AR

Website: <http://www.aypn.org/>

The Arkansas Young Professionals Network, a nonprofit networking and development group, contracted with Aristotle Inc. of Little Rock to deploy wireless access points throughout the River Market district, including most of President Clinton Avenue and Riverfront Park.

American Association of Retired Persons (AARP)

Little Rock, AR

Website: www.aarp.org/

AARP is a membership organization that leads positive social change and delivering value to people age 50 and over through information, advocacy, and service. The organization also maintains a web community where its members can share their experiences and learn more about areas of interest.

Easter Seals Arkansas' Outreach Program

Little Rock, AR

Website: <http://ar.easterseals.com/>

Easter Seals Arkansas' Outreach Program travels across the state providing evaluations, consultations, equipment loans and in-service training to meet the needs of students with disabilities ages 3-21. After receiving a referral, the Outreach Team will go to any school in Arkansas to provide these services. Through their array of programs, the organization meets the varying needs of children with disabilities and their families to help the disabled gain greater independence through vocational and independent living programs.

Heifer Project International

Little Rock, AR

Website: <http://www.heifer.org>

Heifer supports the vital work of disaster relief organizations. Ever since founder, Dan West, came up with the phrase "not a cup, but a cow," Heifer's approach to providing global assistance to struggling countries has been characterized by long-term development, rather than short-term relief. After immediate needs for food, shelter, fresh water, clothing and other necessities have been met, Heifer works within communities to empower disaster survivors with the economic means - such as livestock, training and other resources - to rebuild their families, their neighborhoods and their hope for sustainable futures.

New Futures for Youth

Little Rock, AR

Website: www.newfuturesforyouth.org

New Futures for Youth was established in 1988 as a collaborative of public and private, community and institutional representatives committed to improved outcomes for youth.

Our House

Little Rock, AR

Website: <http://www.ourhouseshelter.org/programs/learning-center.html>

The Learning Center at Our House offers over 20 different courses that provide students with the resources to be successful in the workplace, the community, and their own families. Courses include: Microsoft Word 2003, Microsoft Excel 2003, Microsoft Outlook, Introduction to Internet and Email, Basic Literacy, Communication for the Workplace, Financial Literacy, Parenting, and Success Strategies for Life.

The STAND Foundation (since 2006)

North Little Rock, AR

Website: <http://www.thestandfoundation.com>

The STAND Foundation, Inc., a 501(c)(3) nonprofit corporation, was created to provide leadership training for individuals and organizations that promotes economic opportunities, social progress and community development. Continual training will occur between training classes through online dissemination of information and assignments. An online mentoring program, STAND-Net, and a one-year follow up are included as part of the Leadership Institute's training process.

Women's Foundation of Arkansas

Little Rock, AR

Website: <http://www.womensfoundationarkansas.org/index.html>

The Women's Foundation of Arkansas (WFA) is a not-for-profit organization that was founded by 100 Arkansas women with a common goal: The expansion and strengthening of women's roles in society through the creation of opportunities designed to make significant change in the lives of Arkansas women and girls.

Adult & Career Centers

Area Vo-Tech Center

Russellville, AR

Website: <http://rsdweb.k12.ar.us/schools/avtc/welcome.htm>

The Area Career and Technical Center was established in 1972 to provide Professional and Technical Course offerings to high school students. Believing applied technology will be of increasing importance in our world, the Area Career and Technical Center is committed to providing quality instruction in technical and professional courses for all students.

Arkansas Adult Learning Resource Center

Little Rock, Arkansas

Website: <http://www.aalrc.org/resources/tech/index.aspx>

The AALRC strives to provide the latest information and resources in hardware and software for use in adult education and literacy. The Arkansas Adult Learning Resource Center (AALRC) will provide Technology training this winter by offering Computer Tune-Up & Security, Microsoft Office 2007, PowerPoint, and Excel. The goal of the AALRC web site is to provide comprehensive electronic resources at a single point of access for adult education and literacy providers in the Natural State

Arkansas Extended Learning Centers

Little Rock, AR

Website: <http://www.extendedlearning.org>

The Arkansas Extended Learning Center offers hundreds of classes each year in the areas of leisure learning, languages, exam preparation, and computer instruction.

Arkansas Workforce Center of Eastern Arkansas

Website: http://www.onestop.org/training_services.html

Self-paced training is available at the center or any computer to enhance basic, employability and other skills.

Conway Adult Education Center (New)

Conway, AR

Website: <http://www.caec.org/>

The Conway Adult Education Center provides self-paced computer training available to enhance basic, employability and other skills.

Conway Area Career Center

Conway, AR

Website: www.conwaycareercenter.org

The goal of CACC is to better serve student training needs in several job specific programs by pooling students from around the county. The Conway Career Center serves St. Joseph Catholic School, Vilonia, Greenbrier, Mayflower, Bigelow East End, Guy-Perkins, Quitman, Rosebud, Heber Springs, South Side and Conway High School. Also, the Conway Center has two satellite schools in Vilonia and Quitman serving Mt. Vernon, Heber Springs, West Side, Greers Ferry and Rose Bud. The goal of CACC is to better serve student training needs in

several job specific programs by pooling students from around the county. The cost for many schools would far outweigh the number of students served without consolidating students and resources. Job training available to students includes banking & finance, auto body repair, technical drawing, construction trades, metal trades, cosmetology, medical professions, microcomputer systems technology and advanced computer application classes.

Southeast Arkansas Community Based Education Center

Warren, AR

Website: <http://www.seacbec.com/index.html>

The Southeast Arkansas Community Based Education Center provides vocational training skills classes, industry training, adult based education, child care, college classes and testing services.

Center for Business and Professional Development (CBPD)

Fort Smith, AR

Website: <http://www.uafortsmith.edu/BPI/Index>

(CBPD) offers customized training, consulting, and open enrollment professional development opportunities to companies to increase their effectiveness and competitive stance by developing the skills and performance of their employees. We provide training when and where needed for employees at all levels in an organization and are committed to providing employee development that is cost-effective, relevant and applicable to current work-related issues.

WAGE (Workforce Alliance for Growth in the Economy)

Little Rock, AR

Website: <http://dwe.arkansas.gov/AdultEd/WAGE.html>, <http://www.work-basedlearning.org/public.cfm>

WAGE is a community-based workforce development program that addresses the need to improve the basic skills of the unemployed and the underemployed in Arkansas. It is a partnership between local employers, city government, employment agencies, industrial development organizations, and educators. WAGE places the employer at the center of an effort to redefine basic skills required by today's high-performance workplaces. The Program is available to anyone over the age of 18 who wishes to improve basic skills as well as employability skills. WAGE offers computer skills and keyboarding. Work ethics and manners are taught through the Workplace Essential Skills Video Series. Resume' development and interview skills are promoted through various methods. In essence,

WAGE is a certificate program conducted by Arkansas Adult Education that includes the 112 basic skills competencies determined as essential by the nation's and Arkansas' employers. WAGE offers three certificates: industrial, clerical, and employability. The industrial and clerical certificates include all the competencies noted above, with additional requirements for the respective certificates. The local WAGE Alliance Advisory Committees, consisting of at least 50 percent of committee members from business, choose the competencies and grade-level equivalency goals for the employability certificate.

Senior Citizens

Dana Alliance for Brain Initiatives and NRTA: AARP's Educator Community

Washington DC

Website: http://www.aarp.org/about_aarp/nrta/

NRTA is the new home for a range of multi-generational activities available to all AARP members. Individuals can learn basic computer skills from youth or provide classroom assistance at local schools.

SeniorNet

Little Rock, AR

Website: <http://www.seniornet.org>,
<http://www.seniornet.org/usa/littlerock/default.php>

SeniorNet Learning Centers offer computer classes specifically designed for adults 50 and older. Since 1986 SeniorNet has educated over a million older adults about computers and the Internet to enrich their lives and enable them to share their wisdom. SeniorNet of Little Rock was incorporated as a non-profit, all volunteer organization, in 1999 for the purpose of providing computer training to Seniors aged 50 and over, to enhance their lives and broaden their horizons through computer skills and use of the Internet and World Wide Web. It is sponsored by and made possible through generous contributions from the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences, SBC Communications, Microsoft Corporation and IBM.

Arkansas Aging Initiative: Education Program

Little Rock, AR

Website: http://centeronaging.uams.edu/outreach/educ_program.asp

Programs in geriatrics for the general public include innovative educational experiences for older adults and their families and web-based education. (2005 UAMS)

Youth

Arkansas Sheriffs' Youth Ranches Inc. (since 1976)

Batesville, AR

Website: <http://www.youthranches.com/>

The Ranch's program is centered on the belief that abused, neglected or abandoned children – all children for that matter – must establish a nurturing relationship with at least one caring adult to become a healthy productive adult themselves.

A unique aspect of the Ranch is that there is no "up and out" philosophy. In most programs, children "age out" at 18. Children admitted to our residential program may remain through post-secondary education – until they are socially and financially prepared for independence and have stable employment. With input from community leaders, architects, the board and staff, a five-year plan was created and implemented, including construction of a new corporate "hub," which included a tutorial/administration/counseling center, an emergency shelter/receiving home and a

Little Rock FBI's Youth Outreach Initiatives

Little Rock, AR

Website: <http://littlerock.fbi.gov/cmoutreh.htm>

The Little Rock FBI provides presentations on a variety of relevant topics to elementary, middle, and high school students throughout Arkansas. Some of the topics presented include Internet safety, saying no to drugs, the importance of being responsible citizens and making good choices, and career opportunities in the FBI.

Positive Atmosphere Reaches Kids (P.A.R.K)

Little Rock, AR

Website: <http://www.positivekids.org/>

P. A. R. K. strives to enrich the lives of Central Arkansas' at-risk youth. Specifically, P.A.R.K. exists to build the confidence, self-esteem and spiritual awareness in its members, to ensure academic achievement, to expand their horizons, and to instill in them the importance of helping others. P.A.R.K. uses summer as the time to aggressively attack academic deficiencies. All students entering P.A.R.K.'s after-school program must first complete this six-week Summer Enrichment Program. This helps students prepare for the new school year, orient themselves to the P.A.R.K. culture and form relationships with hundreds of current students and staff. The Summer Enrichment Program is dedicated to education and academic skill building through workshops and computer lab programs. These programs focus on math, science, English, reading comprehension, foreign languages, social studies and language arts.

R. O. C. A. N.

North Little Rock, AR

Website: <http://www.rocan.org>

R.O.C.A.N. (formerly Our Club) provides meals, tutoring, shelter and mentoring to 150 at-risk youth ages 6-18 enrolled at 3 sites in the city of North Little Rock. The organization operates on the principle that in order to heal the child, one must include parental support and involvement. R.O.C.A.N. (formerly The Our Club) program is not only helping the children, but actually is helping our city long term. says; North Little Rock Mayor Hays, "This program is helping at risk children gain the skills and vision they need to be contributing members of the community." Pulaski County Judge Villines offers, "This gang-intervention program has been successful because of Jackson's leadership and the Sherman Park neighborhood's commitment to the program's goals and the numerous volunteers who contribute their time and resources."

Education:

The listed educational organizations below are categorized by the target group for which the program was developed.

K-12

Arkansas Department of Education

Four Capitol Mall
Little Rock, AR 72201
Phone: 501-682-4475

Arkansas Education Service Cooperatives

Little Rock, AR

Website: http://arkansased.org/schools/schools_coops.html

There are 15 education service cooperatives throughout Arkansas. The cooperatives serve to provide support to the school districts in their region, as well as provide professional development opportunities and act as a consortium for purchasing certain services and supplies. The cooperatives also provide technical computer support services to the schools in their area.

Smart Start

Website: http://arkedu.state.ar.us/smart_start/index.html

The Smart Start initiative is based on the premise that "all children will meet or exceed grade-level requirements in reading and mathematics by Grade 4."

21st Century Community Learning Centers

Little Rock, AR

Website: <http://arkedu.state.ar.us/21stCCLC/Pages/overview.htm>

The purpose of the Arkansas 21ST Century Community Learning Centers Program is to establish or expand community learning centers that operate during out-of-school hours. It must provide students in high poverty schools with academic enrichment opportunities along with other activities designed to complement the students' regular academic program.

Arkansas Department of Higher Education

Little Rock, AR

Website: <http://www.arkansashighered.com/index.htm>

Arkansas State Colleges & Universities

Website: <http://www.arkansashighered.com/colleges.html>

Student: First Choice Arkansas

Website: www.arkansashighered.com/student_site/students.html

Arkansas IDEAS

Arkansas Educational Television Network (AETN)

Conway, AR

Website: <http://ideas.aetn.org/home>

Arkansas IDEAS is Internet Delivered Education for Arkansas Schools provided by the Arkansas On-line Professional Development Initiative through a committed partnership of the Arkansas Educational Television Network and the Arkansas Department of Education. A state-wide program that provides teachers with tool and classes to receive their 60 hours plus. ~9000 users and increasing (60,000). 4500 daily users. Teachers in the Delta Region are still using Dial-up and they Broadband to utilize the Program's potential.

Arkansas Virtual Academy

Little Rock, AR

Website: <http://www.arva.org/>

The Arkansas Virtual Academy (ARVA) is an open-enrollment charter school serving students statewide in grades K-8. ARVA uses the nationally acclaimed curriculum and learning programs from K¹² to help parents tap into the unlimited promise of Arkansas students in kindergarten through eighth grade. With thousands of students in 17 states and three major metropolitan areas, K¹² knows a thing or two about bringing the world of education to all children, without barriers.

The Aspronaut Initiative

A Pilot Educational Initiative to provide WiFi access to students who have a long bus commutes to and from school. This pilot is currently serving the Sheridan School District and promotes the Mathematics and Science Achievement of Rural Community K-12 Students.

EAST Initiative

Little Rock, AR

Website: <http://www.eastproject.org/>

EAST focuses on student-driven service projects through the use of the latest in technology. EAST schools are equipped with classrooms containing state-of-the-art workstations, servers, software, and accessories, including GPS/GIS mapping tools, architectural and CAD design software, 3D animation suites, and much more. Students find problems in their local communities, and then use these tools to solve them.

The EAST Rural Broadband Project

Website: <http://www2.eastproject.org/news/NewsDetails.aspx?ID=231>

The EAST Rural Broadband Project is a collaborative effort between the EAST Initiative and the Arkansas Science and Technology Authority (ASTA) that is engaging students in the Ark,La, Tex, and Delta regions of Arkansas to address issues related to entrepreneurial development of broadband, high speed internet availability in rural areas of the state. This project is made possible through a grant from the Winthrop Rockefeller Foundation.

eStem Public Charter Schools

Little Rock, AR

Website: <http://estemlr.net>

Unlike traditional public schools, eStem students will attend school nine hours each day and will benefit from an expanded school calendar of 200 days of school attendance.

Jonesboro Area Technical Center

Jonesboro, AR

Website: <http://www.csm.astate.edu/~avt/>

The purpose of the Area Technical Center is to broaden and enrich the secondary school curriculum of the area high schools. The programs are designed to provide education and training in specific occupational areas and to prepare students for entry into jobs. The primary purpose of the school is to make the student more employable. Successful completion of a training program should prepare the student for enrollment in post secondary training programs and for gainful employment with entry level skills.

Montrose Development Center

Montrose, AR

Website: <http://www.montroseedc.org/>

The Montrose After/Out of School Time Program (for ages 4-14) provides a safe place, for youth and adults by providing constructive educational, recreational activities/programs, marketable skills, and opportunities to serve. The program also provides its youth participants with basic Computer skills, homework help, literacy program, internet skills, snacks, school supplies. Senior citizens (55 and up) are also provided with a hot meal, computer classes, games & prizes, sewing classes, arts & crafts, safety classes, and health screenings

Translate Now!

Fayetteville, AR

Website: <http://coehp.uark.edu/5652.htm>

IBM awarded a grant valued at nearly \$1.4 million to the University of Arkansas College of Education and Health Professions for IBM's ¡TradúceloAhora! (Translate Now!) program, software that translates e-mail messages and Web pages bi-directionally (English-to-Spanish and Spanish-to-English) automatically. The U of A's Charter School Resource Center will make the technology available to at least 72 schools across the state. The schools chosen include all the charter schools in the state, all the small, rural districts to which the Arkansas School for Math and Science already provides technological and curriculum support, and the Springdale School District because it has the largest Hispanic student population in the state.

Special Education

Arkansas Technology and Curriculum Access Center

Little Rock, AR

Website: http://ar.easterseals.com/site/PageServer?pagename=ARDR_TCC

Through the Arkansas Technology & Curriculum Access Center (TCC), a collaborative effort between the Arkansas Department of Education, Special

Education Unit and Easter Seals of Arkansas, the Center provides evaluation, consultation, equipment loan and in-service training to meet the needs of children and young adults with disabilities. The services are provided at the Outpatient Services Center as well as onsite through individual contracts with individuals, school districts and agencies.

PEPNet

Website: <http://www.pepnet.org/south/>

PEPNet provides resources and expertise that enhance educational opportunities for people who are deaf or hard of hearing--including those with co-occurring disabilities. The organization serves institutions, agencies, and individuals in the Southern Region of the United States, comprised of thirteen states. The main project goal is to expand and enhance transition services and access to postsecondary education opportunities for persons who are deaf. PEPNet-South promotes quality service access and educational equity through personnel development activities, technical assistance and dissemination activities, and technology use activities to secondary and postsecondary education institutions, vocational rehabilitation agencies, community services organizations, centers for independent living, and One Stop Centers funded under the Workforce Investment Act, and their stakeholders.

Community Colleges

Arkansas has twenty-two Community Colleges, all of which have several innovative programs dedicated to information technology and related fields. The specialized training needs of business and industry can also be accommodated from the rich resources of local two-year college. The growth of two-year colleges in Arkansas is phenomenal and will continue throughout the 21st century, as technology demands change for business and industry.

Arkansas Association of Two-Year Colleges (AATYC)

Little Rock, AR

Website: <http://www.aatyc.org/>

AATYC's member institutions provide numerous educational programs, opportunities for career training or retraining, and continuing education. The specialized training needs of business and industry can also be accommodated from the rich resources of your local two-year college. The growth of our two-year colleges in Arkansas is phenomenal and will continue throughout the 21st century, as technology demands change for business and industry.

Arkansas Northeastern College

Website: http://www.anc.edu/adult_ed.htm

Adult Education provides instruction in basic skills and prepares students for the official GED test by the State of Arkansas for certification of high school equivalency. This program is free. Arkansas Northeastern College's Adult Education Centers are committed to empowering adult learners through improving their basic literacy skills so that they can achieve their personal goals and can become more productive members of society. Goals of Adult Education include: Assisting adults to become literate and obtain the knowledge and skills necessary for employment and self-sufficiency, and assisting adults in the completion of a secondary school education.

Arkansas State University - Beebe

Website:

<http://www.asub.edu/search/searchwindow.asp?k=computer&s=asub.edu>

Arkansas State University teaches the computer fundamentals, Microsoft Word, Powerpoint, and learning the Internet.

Arkansas State University (ASU) - Mountain Home

Website: http://www.asumh.edu/continuing_education.htm

The Business, Industry and Workforce Development Center has two more departments, Adult Education and Continuing Education. Adult Education offers reading and math tutoring, GED testing, English as a Second Language, and Literacy Task Analysis for businesses; Continuing Education offers non-credit classes on topics such as art, exercise, computer skills, motorcycle safety, fly tying, concealed handgun license course, etc.

Arkansas State University – Newport

Website: <http://www.asun.edu/AdultEducation/>

The Arkansas State University-Newport campus offers on- and off- campus classes in Adult Basic Education (ABE), General Adult Education (GAE), and English as a Second Language (ESL). There are no charges for tuition and books for these courses. Classes are also open to adults who have already earned a high school diploma but wish to improve basic skills in reading, English, and math in preparation for the ACT or COMPASS test and college courses.

Black River Technical College

Website:

http://www.blackrivertech.org/courses_programs/index_display.php?selector=40

Basic computer instruction is available for individuals with little or no previous computer training. Lesson topics include Windows, word processing, hardware and software, the Internet and other needed skills, as well as consumer information.

East Arkansas Community College

Website: <http://www.eacc.edu/learningcenter/learning.htm>

The mission statement is to support the College's mission by providing academic assistance and learning enrichment for all students, and to extend its services and programs to faculty, staff, administration, and the surrounding communities.

Mid-South Community College

Website: http://www.midsouthcc.edu/extra_pgs/comp_direct.html

Computer and networking resources are provided by Mid-South Community College to enhance teaching, learning, service, and the activities which support them. MSCC is committed to a computing system which effectively meets the needs of users.

National Park Community College

Website: http://www.npcc.edu/Community/AdultEd/adult_ed.htm The Adult Education assists adults to prepare for postsecondary education, successful

careers, and productive lives. Instruction is conducted in an informal learning environment, with an emphasis on individual or small group instruction.

North Arkansas College

Website: <http://www.ed2go.com/northark/>

Offers a wide range of highly interactive courses that can be taken entirely over the Internet.

NorthWest Arkansas Community College

Website: <http://www.nwacc.edu/corporatelearning/adulteducation/>

With hands-on experience and “user friendly” instructors, students learn the basics of personal computers. NWACC Adult Education also offers these classes for adult learners free of charge at the workplace in business and industry. Most classes are held at the NWACC Adult Education Center, located at 2800 North Second Street, Rogers, AR. Depending on demand, classes may be offered at other sites in Benton County, including Bella Vista, Gravette and Siloam Springs, and in various businesses and industries.

Ouachita Technical College

Website: http://www.otcweb.edu/community/adult_ed.asp

The administration, faculty, and staff of the Ouachita Area Adult Education Center are experienced, ready, and able to offer more than just GED preparation and testing at our facility at 1735 East Sullenberger in Malvern, AR. If you are preparing to enter the workforce you can come by and complete our Workforce Alliance for Growth in the Economy (WAGE™) Program.

Ozarka College

Website: www.ozarka.edu/

The Adult Education Program serves Fulton, Izard, Sharp and Stone Counties by offering small group or individualized instruction in various locations to work with students. The program offers GED preparation, communications and other job-specific skill enhancement courses.

Phillips Community College

Website: <http://www.pccua.edu/adulteducation/>

The Division of Adult and Developmental Education has the responsibility of making possible educational opportunities for students; assisting students in developing the skills necessary for attainment of academic, career, and life goals; maintaining academic standards by enabling learners to acquire competencies needed for success in mainstream college courses; and enhancing the retention of students in post-secondary education.

Pulaski Technical College

Website: http://www.pulaskitech.edu/continuing_education/

The Pulaski Technical College Division of Continuing Education and Business Outreach offers customized business and industry training programs, computer applications workshops, management development and supervisory training seminars, and adult education services.

Rich Mountain Community College

Website: <http://www.rmcc.edu/>

The Rich Mountain Community College site of the DeQueen-Mena Educational Cooperative Technical Education Center provides participating high school students with alternative programs of study that help provide training to enable the students to enter the workforce with marketable skills. The RMCC Career Center classes are an extension of the area high schools' curriculum and are an option for all eligible students. Courses taken at the RMCC Career Center count for credit at the student's local participating high school. An Associate of Applied Science in General Technology is also available.

South Arkansas Community College

Website: <http://www.southark.edu>

Computer Literacy is offered in the Adult Education Program. This course is basic computer literacy that takes about 12 to 20 hours. This class is designed to increase knowledge of the computer, create a sense of awareness of concepts of basic usage techniques and provide hands-on activities which will allow the basic user to interact with the computer.

Southern Arkansas University Tech

Website: <http://www.sautech.edu/>

The SAU Tech Adult Education Center provides services for all the residents of Ouachita County. All classes are FREE. The Adult Education Center offers classes for the General Education Diploma (GED), computer literacy, family literacy, employability skills and workplace essential skills.

Southeast Arkansas College

The mission statement is to provide, in collaboration with other agencies, educational opportunities for adults who lack the basic skills for effective citizenship and productive employment.

<http://www.seark.edu/aewdc/abe-ged.php#classes>

University of Arkansas Community College at Batesville

Website: <http://www.uaccb.edu/programs.htm>

The Center for Workforce and Community Education program provides short-term, non-credit courses, which are designed to improve basic skills.

University of Arkansas Community College at Morrilton

Website: http://www.uaccm.edu/Community/Community_Education.htm

The Community Education program provides short-term, non-credit courses, which are designed to improve basic skills.

University of Arkansas Community College at Hope

Website: <http://www.uacch.edu/>

University of Arkansas Community College at Hope cares about our community. From working with business and industry to partnering with area school districts to collaborating with community organizations, UACCH faculty, students and staff turn their caring into action. Each year, UACCH faculty, staff and students volunteer countless hours of community service.

Colleges & Universities

Arkansas has twenty-one four year Colleges and Universities, all of which have several innovative programs and degrees programs dedicated to information technology and related fields. Since the focus of Arkansas is technology literacy at the community level, information with regards to Arkansas's Colleges and Universities will not be included in this list.

Arkansas Rural Sourcing

Jonesboro, AR

Website: <http://www.arruralsource.org/default.htm>

Arkansas Rural Sourcing is a non-profit entity governed by a board of directors representing universities and technology programs in the State. It was formed to promote state-wide information technology training and employment. Leadership and funding for the initiatives have come from the Horizon Institute of Technology, Arkansas State University, Southern Arkansas University, and the University of Arkansas system.

Arkansas Small Business Development Center

Little Rock, AR

Website: <http://asbdc.uar.edu/media/about-Arkansas-SBDC.asp>

The Arkansas Small Business Development Center (ASBDC) is a University-based economic development program which provides assistance to entrepreneurs and small businesses throughout Arkansas via a statewide network of seven offices. As the state's premier business assistance program, the ASBDC is dedicated to helping small businesses achieve success and to promoting economic development throughout the state.

Government (Education is excluded from this section)

Arkansas Department of Information Systems

Little Rock, AR

Website: <http://www.dis.arkansas.gov>,
http://www.gis.state.ar.us/AGIO_index.htm

The D.I.S. Mission is to assist customers in accomplishing their goals by providing IT solutions in a reliable, cost effective, and customer oriented manner. D.I.S. is the information technology solutions provider for the State of Arkansas. The organization provides services from telephony and data networking to technical consulting to the public entities that serve our citizens. The Arkansas Geographic Information Office (AGIO), which operates under D.I.S., was created to educate the public and to provide information regarding land and mapping data resources to various entities statewide. The AGIO coordinates state and federal geospatial data projects across Arkansas and also manages the development of [GeoStor](#), the state's geographic information systems clearinghouse.

Arkansas Department of Rural Services

Little Rock, AR

Website: <http://www.arkansas.gov/drs/>

The Department of Rural Services (DRS) (formerly Office of Rural Advocacy) and the Arkansas Rural Development Commission (ARDC) were created by the Arkansas General Assembly through Act 302 of 1991, the "Arkansas Rural Development Program Act" and began operations in 1992. The director and staff serve as a single point of contact for any person or group interested in issues affecting rural Arkansas.

Arkansas Department of Workforce Education

Little Rock, AR

Website: <http://dwe.arkansas.gov/cte.htm>

The mission of the Arkansas Department of Workforce Education is to provide the leadership and contribute resources to serve the diverse and changing workforce training needs of the youth and adults of Arkansas.

Arkansas Rehabilitation Services

Arkansas Rehabilitation Services (ARS) has been charged with providing opportunities for Arkansans with disabilities to lead productive and independent lives.

Arkansas Department of Workforce Services

Little Rock, AR

Website: <http://www.arkansas.gov/esd/>

The mission of the Arkansas Department of Workforce Services is to enable the Arkansas workforce to compete in the global economy by linking a comprehensive array of services for employers and job seekers.

Arkansas Economic Development Commission

Little Rock, AR

Website:

http://arkansasedc.com/business_development/community_development/

Arkansas communities can receive numerous types of assistance from the Arkansas Economic Development Commission Staff. Together with leaders and concerned citizens in communities, staff members can assist in establishing goals and objectives, energy code adoption, preparing for a film project and applying for grants that would benefit the entire community. The Community Development Division emphasizes global trends and how Arkansas communities can be prepared to compete globally. Our focus on technology in the energy field addresses alternative sources of power and fuels. Communities are encouraged to get connected to the Internet and with each other through local technology planning. The film industry provides opportunities for Arkansans to utilize their technological skills through animation and other computer-based activities.

Arkansas.gov

Little Rock, AR

Website: <http://www.arkansas.gov/>

Arkansas.gov currently offers more than 300 interactive government services for businesses and citizens, including a suite of Secretary of State Services, a

comprehensive payment center, criminal background checks, child support payments, and a transportation industry portal.

Arkansas Highway and Transportation Department

Website: <http://www.arkansashighways.com>

The Highway and Transportation Department provides basic computer training to county and local government officials.

Arkansas's Planning and Development Districts

Website: http://www.arkansas.gov/drs/pdf/ar_planning_dev_districts.pdf

Arkansas's 8 Planning and Development Districts are responsive to members' needs and interests by providing guidance and assistance in problem solving, information sharing and partnership building, advocating members' interests and needs with local, state and federal entities, and providing quality services to out membership that are relevant, effective and efficient. Each District is an organization of county and municipal governments covering several counties who individually and collectively believe that working together on a regional basis provides benefits that could not be achieved without the District.

Arkansas Science and Technology Authority

Little Rock, AR

Website: <http://www.asta.arkansas.gov>

The Arkansas Science & Technology Authority (the Authority) was created by statute in 1983 with the mission to bring the benefits of science and advanced technology to the people and state of Arkansas. This mission is addressed by strategies to promote scientific research, technology development, business innovation, and math, science and engineering education.

Association of Arkansas Counties

Little Rock, Arkansas

Website: <http://www.arcounties.org/>

The Association of Arkansas Counties works for the improvement of county government in the state of Arkansas. It provides a single source of cooperative support and information for all counties and county and district officials through the provisions of general research, public education programs, and conducting seminars for county governments in Arkansas.

Delta Regional Authority

Little Rock, AR

Website: <http://dra.gov/>

In May 2007, the DRA released its information technology plan for the region. The plan, which was presented to the president and Congress, was developed in conjunction with Southern Growth Policies Board. The comprehensive plan to build information technology access and utilization in the region is titled "iDelta: Information Technology in the Delta." Goals of the plan are to improve education, enhance entrepreneurship and improve health care through the use of information technology. The plan provides research and data on the capacity and utilization of information technology in the region. There are recommendations for expanding the availability, usage and awareness of information technology.

Arkansas Department of Human Services

Website: <http://www.arkansas.gov/dhs>

The Arkansas Department of Human Services (DHS) provides a range of services and programs that provide citizens with basic services, such as food, transportation, child care, housing, or other human services. Several programs administered under DHS include:

Office of Community Services - Community Services Block Grant Program

Website: <http://www.arkansas.gov/dhs/dco/ocs/#esgp>

The Office of Community Services (OCS), a part of the Division of County Operations, has maintained the unique role of helping to alleviate poverty in the State of Arkansas since its inception in 1965. OCS provides financial resources, training, and technical assistance to community action agencies and other subgrantees through the administration of several grants including the Community Services Block Grant Program, which provides funds to support services and activities that are designed to assist low-income families to become self-sufficient. Services are provided through the 16 Community Action Agencies in the state.

Area Agency On Aging

Little Rock AR

Website: <http://www.arkansas.gov/dhs/aging/aaamap.html>

Area Agency on Aging, a non-profit, has been a leader in providing 24-hour, in-home care to people of all ages. The mission is to assist older individuals in maintaining desired lifestyles through accessible and affordable alternatives. It is a home-based and dedicated to helping you and loved ones realize a better quality of life through individually-tailored care. The organization serves 8 Arkansas Regions, covering 75 counties. Employment Services provide an organized program of counseling, assessment, training and placement in employment, either subsidized or unsubsidized for individuals over 55 with limited incomes.

InnerChange Freedom Initiative (IFI) (Public-Private Program)

Website: http://www.ifiprison.org/site_hmpg.asp

The InnerChange Freedom Initiative (IFI), a 501(c) (3), is a proven, voluntary and holistic values-based Reentry Program. It seeks the development of the whole person – spiritually, intellectually, emotionally, and physically. IFI operates in prisons in cooperation with the state. The state continues to provide food, clothing, shelter and security to the inmates while IFI staff provides the intensive program. Under the program, inmates live in a separate unit and attend classes on subjects including computer skills and anger management. They also participate in religious devotionals. After being released from prison, participants receive guidance from a mentor and a local religious group for at least six months.

Magnolia Economic Development Corporation (Public-Private Organization)

Magnolia, AR

Website: <http://www.medc.cc/>

Magnolia Economic Development Corporation actively support the growth and development of existing business and industry and the aggressive recruitment and development of compatible new employers for Magnolia and Columbia County, Arkansas.

USDA Rural Development

Little Rock, AR

Website: <http://www.usda.gov>

Rural Development is committed to helping improve the economy and quality of life in all of rural America by providing financial programs to support essential public facilities and services as water and sewer systems, housing, health clinics, emergency service facilities and electric and telephone service. Rural Development promotes economic development by providing loans to businesses through banks and community-managed lending pools, while also assisting communities to participate in community empowerment programs.

Healthcare

ACH's Care Hub

Little Rock, AR

Arkansas Children's Hospital (ACH) uses several technologies to create a kind of "command-central" for doctors and nurses who want to access a patient's medical records while they are with patient in his or her room. Through a 32-inch LCD screen mounted on the wall across from the patient bed, patients are also provided access to games, educational videos, internet access, e-mail, messaging, and etc. throughout their stay.

ANGELS

Little Rock, AR

Website: <http://www.uams.edu/angels/>

The Antenatal and Neonatal Guidelines, Education and Learning System (ANGELS) is an innovative consultative service for a wide range of physicians including family practitioners, obstetricians, neonatologists, and pediatricians in Arkansas. ANGELS uses broadband to reach rural hospitals and clinics to provide specialist care for pregnant women and newborns.

Live ultrasound and other screening can be transmitted over broadband, while infants can be observed over webcam. In 2006, ANGELS conducted 900 telehealth consultations throughout Arkansas.

ARHealthLINK (Web portal)

Little Rock, AR

Website:

<http://apps.nlm.nih.gov/medlineplus/local/arkansas/homepage.cfm?areaid=35>

Consumer health website. Includes evaluated national resources on health topics related to Arkansas. Also lists non-profit groups and health-related organizations.

Created and maintained by the UAMS Library and Arkansas Consumer Health Information Network (ARCHIN).

Arkansas Area Health Education Centers

Little Rock, AR

Website: <http://rpweb.uams.edu/AHEC/>

(AHEC) Program was founded in 1973 as the primary educational outreach effort of UAMS and the principal means of decentralizing medical and other health professions education throughout the state. Each AHEC extends its programs into a multiple county service area making programs and services accessible to more potential students and rural providers. Seven teaching centers in El Dorado, Fayetteville, Fort Smith, Helena, Jonesboro, Pine Bluff, and Texarkana serve as training sites for students in the fields of medicine, nursing, pharmacy, and various allied health professions, as well as for residents specializing in family medicine. An eighth center is under development in Batesville and Mountain Home.

Arkansas Hospital Association (*IT Network*)

Little Rock, Arkansas

Website: <http://www.arkhospitals.org/index.htm>

The Arkansas Hospital Association (AHA) is a membership organization, which for 70 years has assisted its members through collective initiatives which facilitate the integration and improvement of the delivery of healthcare services throughout Arkansas.

HIMSS: The Healthcare Information and Management Systems Society (*IT*)

Chicago, IL

Website: <http://www.himss.org/ASP/index.asp>

The Healthcare Information and Management Systems Society (HIMSS) is the healthcare industry's membership organization exclusively focused on providing leadership for the optimal use of healthcare information technology (IT) and management systems for the betterment of healthcare.

Rural Hospital Program (*Technology Resource Sharing Network*)

Little Rock, AR

Website: <http://rhp.uams.edu/>

The purpose of the program is to strengthen rural hospitals in Arkansas by sharing the resources of UAMS and University Hospital. Through this unique program, residents of Arkansas can receive and participate in technology based education. Through the Interactive Television system, residents, practitioners, students and community members across the state can access information and programming from the state's leading health experts in their own community hospitals and clinics. The Rural Hospital Program provides rural hospitals with resources from the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences as well as University Hospital.

UAMS Center for Distance Health – College of Medicine

Little Rock, AR

Website: <http://www.uams.edu/cdh/>

Founded in July 2006, the Center for Distance Health (CDH) is a new, innovative Center within the College of Medicine that will allow the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences (UAMS) to respond to the demands for dynamic, contemporary health care. CDH is not only the logical integration of clinical and educational telehealth services at UAMS, but also an organized research and outreach network. The Center will promote the University's mission by supporting utilization of UAMS' expertise to effectively reduce disparities in health care in Arkansas, while supporting ground-breaking research and cutting-edge programs.

UAMS Clinical Programs Education

Little Rock, AR

Website: <http://www.uams.edu/cctc/default.asp>

The Clinical Computer Training Center provides staff-centered, cost-effective training through the use of technologically advanced tools enriched by trainers committed to education and continued staff development. UAMS provides training in basic computer skills, SAP, Microsoft Office programs and hospital specific computer programs.

UAMS Office of Community-Based Public Health

Little Rock, AR

Website: <http://www.uams.edu/coph/community/>

The Office of Community-Based Public Health was established to provide a resource for the College in its efforts to promote community-based public health among its faculty, staff and students. The Office provides resources for COPH faculty, students and staff on community-based public health theories and methods, and assists in the development of new community-based educational, service and research programs.

Libraries & Related Organizations

Advocates for Arkansas Public Libraries

The Advocates for Arkansas Public Libraries is an organization, with its roots going back 20 years when library directors first began meeting to discuss matter of common interest. In 2002 the group, formerly known as the Arkansas Association of Public Librarians, amended its by-laws to become more inclusive

Arkansas Library Association

Benton, AR

Website: <http://www.arlib.org/index.php>

The Arkansas Library Association was created to further the professional development of all library staff members; to foster communication and cooperation among librarians, trustees and friends of libraries; to increase the visibility of libraries among the general public and funding agencies; to serve as an advocate for librarians and libraries.

Arkansas State Library

Little Rock, AR

Website: <http://www.asl.lib.ar.us/traveler/>

The Arkansas State Library was created to serve as the information resource center for state agencies, legislators and legislative staffs, to provide the resources, services, and leadership necessary to meet the educational, informational and cultural needs of the citizens of Arkansas, and to provide guidance and support for the development of local public libraries and library services. The Arkansas State Library also advises and makes recommendations to the State Librarian and agency staff regarding cooperative technology development in Arkansas libraries, which may include the establishment, development and operation of library networks and resource sharing activities for which the State Library has a major responsibility. Traveler databases offer magazines, books, encyclopedias, and other resources to all Arkansas residents.

Literacy Council of Lonoke County

Website: <http://www.heartaruw.org/projects/>

The Literacy Council is a nonprofit organization that teaches students and adults how to read and write, and basic computer skills. The council was recently awarded the Excellence in Education Award by Arkansas Literacy Councils, Inc.

Appendices

Agriculture

Delta Center for Economic Development

Arkansas State University
4110 Lindberg Jonesboro, Arkansas 72401
Phone: (870) 910-8180
Website: <http://deltaced.astate.edu>

Financing Ozark Rural Growth & Economy (FORGE)

PO Box 1138
Huntsville, AR 72740
Phone: (479) 738-1585, (800) 394-5057
Website: <http://www.forgeonline.com>

National Center for Appropriate Technology (NCAT)

Fayetteville office, Appropriate Technology Transfer for Rural Areas (ATTRA)
PO Box 3657
Fayetteville, AR 72702
Phone: (479) 442-9824, (800) 346-9140
Website: <http://www.attra.ncat.org>

Ozark Organic Growers Association (OOGA)

HC32, Box 15
Mt. Judea, AR 72655
Contact: Richard & Zutie Carey
Phone: 870-434-5454

Southern Sustainable Agriculture Working Group (SSAWG)

PO Box 324
Fayetteville, AR 72701
Phone: 501-587-0888
Website: <http://www.ssaug.org/>

University of Arkansas Cooperative Extension

University of Arkansas | Division of Agriculture
2301 South University Avenue
Little Rock, Arkansas 72204
Phone: (501) 671-2000
Website: <http://www.uaex.edu/>
Website: <http://www.vworks.org/>

Winrock International Institute for Agricultural Development

2101 Riverfront Drive
Little Rock, Arkansas 72202
Phone: (501) 280-3000
Website: <http://www.winrock.org/>

Business & Industry

A complete list of Arkansas's Broadband Providers is available online at: http://www.connect-arkansas.org/for_communities/information.

Arkansas Broadband Advisory Council

Website: <http://www.broadbandadvisorycouncil.arkansas.gov>

Arkansas Cable Telecommunications Association

411 South Victory – Suite 201A
Little Rock, Arkansas 72201
Phone: (501) 907.6440
Website: <http://www.arcta.org/>

Arkansas State Chamber of Commerce & Associated Industries of Arkansas

1200 West Capitol Ave
P.O. Box 3645
Little Rock, Arkansas 72203-3645
Phone: (501) 372-2222
Website: <http://ascc.weknowarkansas.org/>

Arkansas Telecommunications Association

1220 West Sixth Street
Little Rock, AR 72201
Phone: (501) 375-0086
Website: <http://www.ataweb.org/>

Arkansas River Valley Economic Development Compact

AUTIS- Association for Users of Telecommunications and Information System

Phone: (501) 450-3305
Website: <http://www.autis.org/>

Buffalo Island Partnership

Website: <http://arkansasedc.com/>

Crossroads Coalition

University of Arkansas Economic Development Institute
226 Engineering Hall
Fayetteville, AR, 72701
Website: http://uaedi.cast.uark.edu/five_core/Regional_Partnerships/Crossroads/Crossroads_Coalition.htm

Golden Triangle Economic Development Council

Website: <http://www.gtdec.org/>

Greater Fort Smith Regional Initiative

P.O. Box 1668
Fort Smith, AR 72902
Phone: (479) 783-6118
Website: www.fortsmithchamber.org/PageDisplay.asp?p1=2166

Memphis Regional Economic Development Council

22 N. Front Street
Memphis, TN 38103
Phone: (901) 543-3500
Website: <http://www.memphissuperregion.com/index.html>

Metro Little Rock Alliance

One Chamber Plaza
Little Rock, AR 72201
Phone: (800)905-6577
Website: <http://www.metrolittlerockalliance.com/>

Missouri/Arkansas Partnership

215 East Central Avenue
Bentonville, AR 72712
Website: <http://www.co.benton.ar.us/MAPartnership/>

North Central Arkansas Regional Economic Development

P.O. Box 1378
Mountain Home, AR 72654-1378
Phone: (870) 425-4210
Website: <http://www.ncared.com/>

Southeast Arkansas Cornerstone Coalition, Inc.

P.O. Box 3084
Monticello, AR 71656
Phone: (870) 460-1224
Website: <http://www.searcornerstone.org/index.html>

Texarkana Regional Initiative

Website: <http://www.texarkanaregionalinitiative.com/home>

Community & Culture

Arkansas Advocates for Children & Families

Union Station, Suite 306
1400 West Markham
Little Rock, AR 72201
Phone: (501) 371-9678
Website: <http://www.aradvocates.org/>

Arkansas Community Action Agencies Association (ACAAA)

300 So. Spring, Suite 1020
Little Rock, AR 72201
Phone: (501) 372-0807
Website: <http://www.acaaa.org/ex/>

Arkansas Community Foundation (since 1976)

1400 West Markham, Suite 206
Little Rock, Arkansas 72201
Phone: (501) 372-1116
Website: <http://www.arcf.org/>

Arkansas Sustainability Network (ASN)

209 South Victory, Little Rock, AR 72201
Natural State Expo, 2915 West Markham Street, Little Rock, AR 72205
Phone: (501) 372-6996, (501) 837-7959
Website: www.arnetwork.org/

Arkansas Young Professionals Network

PO Box 1565
Little Rock, AR 72203
Phone: (501) 859-6246
Website: <http://www.aypn.org/>

American Association of Retired Persons (AARP)

1701 Centerview Dr. #205
Little Rock, AR 72201
Phone: (800) 424-3410
Website: www.aarp.org/

Easter Seals Arkansas' Outreach Program

3920 Woodland Heights Road
Little Rock, Arkansas 72212-2495
Phone: 501-227-3600
Website: <http://ar.easterseals.com/>

Heifer Project International

PO Box 8058
Little Rock, AR 72203
Phone: (800) 422-0474
Website: <http://www.heifer.org>

New Futures for Youth

323 Center Street, Suite 1275
Little Rock, AR 72201
Phone: 501-374-1011
Website: www.newfuturesforyouth.org

Our House

302 East Roosevelt
Little Rock, AR 72206
Phone: (501) 374-7383
Website:
<http://www.ourhouseshelter.org/programs/learning-center.html>

The STAND Foundation (since 2006)

601 Main St.
North Little Rock, AR 72114
Phone: (501) 374-8788
Website: <http://www.thestandfoundation.com>

Women's Foundation of Arkansas

1206 South Main Street
Little Rock, AR 72202
Phone: 501-244-9740
Website:
<http://www.womensfoundationarkansas.org/index.html>

Adult & Career Centers**Area Vo-Tech Center**

2201 South Knoxville, Hwy 7T
Russellville, AR 7280
Phone Number: (479) 968-5422
Website:
<http://rsdweb.k12.ar.us/schools/avtc/welcome.htm>

Arkansas Adult Learning Resource Center

3905 Cooperative Way, Suite D
Little Rock, Arkansas 72209
Phone: (501) 907-2490
Website:
<http://www.aalrc.org/resources/tech/index.aspx>

Arkansas Extended Learning Centers

Arkansas Extended Learning Center
P.O. Box 7507
Little Rock, AR 72217-7507
Phone: (501) 666-075
Website: <http://www.extendedlearning.org>

Arkansas Workforce Center of Eastern Arkansas

2615 S. Washington, Forrest City, AR 72336 | 870-633-2900
1792 North Falls Blvd., Suite 5, Wynne, AR 72396 | 870-238-3117
56 West Main Street, Marianna, AR 72360 | 870-295-9529
604 Oakland, Helena, AR 72342 | 870-338-2710
260 Shoppingway, West Memphis, AR 72301 | 870-735-6730
Website:
http://www.onestop.org/training_services.html

Conway Adult Education Center

615 E. Robins St.
Conway, AR 72032
Phone: (501) 450-4810
Website: <http://www.caec.org/>

Southeast Arkansas Community Based Education Center

P.O. Box 968
800 North Walnut
Warren, AR 71671
Phone: (870) 226-6920
Website: <http://www.seabec.com/index.html>

Center for Business and Professional Development (CBPD)

5210 Grand Ave.
P.O. Box 3649
Fort Smith, Arkansas 72913-3649
Phone: (479) 788-7000
Website: <http://www.uafortsmith.edu/BPI/Index>

WAGE (Workforce Alliance for Growth in the Economy)

Arkansas Department of Workforce Education
Three Capitol Mall, Room 303
Little Rock, AR 72201-1083
Phone: 501-682-1815
Website:
<http://dwe.arkansas.gov/AdultEd/WAGE.html>,
<http://www.work-basedlearning.org/public.cfm>

Senior Citizens

**Dana Alliance for Brain Initiatives and NRTA:
AARP's Educator Community**

601 E Street NW
Washington, DC 20049
Phone: (888) OUR-AARP
Website: http://www.aarp.org/about_aarp/nrta/

SeniorNet

1171 Homestead Rd. Suite 280
Santa Clara, CA 95050
Phone: (408) 615-0699
Website: <http://www.seniornet.org>,
<http://www.seniornet.org/usa/littlerock/default.php>

Arkansas Aging Initiative: Education Program

University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences
4301 W. Markham Slot 748
Little Rock, AR 72205
Phone: (501) 296-1000
Website:
http://centeronaging.uams.edu/outreach/educ_program.asp

Youth

Arkansas Sheriffs' Youth Ranches Inc. (since 1976)

P.O. Box 3964
Batesville, AR 72503
Phone: (870) 793-6841
Website: <http://www.youthranches.com/>

Positive Atmosphere Reaches Kids (P.A.R.K)

6915 Geyer Springs Road
Little Rock, AR 72209
Phone: (501) 562-5223
Website: <http://www.positivekids.org/>

R. O. C. A. N.

201 East 4th
North Little Rock, AR 72214
Phone: (501) 372-4454
Website: <http://www.rocan.org>

Education

K-12

Arkansas Department of Education

Four Capitol Mall
Little Rock, AR 72201
Phone: 501-682-4475

Community Development Program/ Technical Education

Arkansas Education Service Cooperatives

Four Capitol Mall
Little Rock, AR 72201
Website:
http://arkansased.org/schools/schools_coops.html

Smart Start

Website:
http://arkedu.state.ar.us/smart_start/index.html

21st Century Community Learning Centers

Arkansas Department of Education
Grant Initiatives/Early Childhood
Four Capitol Mall, Room 402A
Little Rock, AR 72201
Phone: (501) 682-4379
Website:
<http://arkedu.state.ar.us/21stCCLC/Pages/overview.htm>

Arkansas Department of Higher Education

114 East Capitol Avenue
Little Rock, AR 72201
Phone: (501) 371-2000
Website: <http://www.arkansashighered.com/index.htm>

Arkansas State Colleges & Universities

Website:
<http://www.arkansashighered.com/colleges.html>

Student: First Choice Arkansas

Website:
www.arkansashighered.com/student_site/students.html

Arkansas IDEAS

Arkansas Educational Television Network (AETN)
350 S Donaghey Ave
Conway, AR 72034
Phone: (501) 683-4974
Website: <http://ideas.aetn.org/home>

Arkansas Virtual Academy

Arkansas Virtual Academy
10802 Executive Center Drive, Suite 205

Little Rock, AR 72211
Phone: (866) 339.4952
Website: <http://www.arva.org/>

Conway Area Career Center
2300 Prince Street
Conway, AR 72034
Phone: (501) 450-4888
Website: www.conwaycareercenter.org

EASTInitiative
8201 Ranch Blvd B-1
Little Rock, Arkansas 72223
Phone: (501) 371-5016
Website: <http://www.eastproject.org/>

The EAST Rural Broadband Project
Website:
<http://www2.eastproject.org/news/NewsDetails.aspx?ID=231>

eStem Public Charter Schools
200 S. Commerce, Suite 320
Little Rock, AR 72201
Phone: (501) 374-7836
Website: <http://estemlr.net>

Jonesboro Area Technical Center
1727 South Main Jonesboro, AR 72401
Phone: (870) 9335891
Website: <http://www.csm.astate.edu/~avt/>

Little Rock FBI's Youth Outreach Initiatives
FBI Little Rock Field Office
24 Shackelford West Boulevard,
Phone: (501) 221-9100
Website: <http://littlerock.fbi.gov/cmoutreh.htm>

Montrose Development Center
608 West 7th Street
P.O. Box 321
Montrose, AR 71658
Phone: (870) 737-2845
Website: <http://www.montroseedc.org/>

Translate Now! (New)
University of Arkansas
College of Education and Health Professions,
Graduate Education Building
Fayetteville, Arkansas 72701
Tel: (479) 575-3208, (479) 575-3126
Website: <http://coehp.uark.edu/5652.htm>

Special Education

Arkansas Technology and Curriculum Access Center
11801 Fairview Road
Little Rock, AR 72212
Phone: (501) 221-8400
Website:
http://ar.easterseals.com/site/PageServer?pagename=ARDR_TCC

PEPNet
Phone: 501-773-0734
Website: <http://www.pepnet.org/south/>

Community Colleges
Arkansas has twenty-two Community Colleges, all of which have several innovative programs dedicated to information technology and related fields. The specialized training needs of business and industry can also be accommodated from the rich resources of local two-year college. The growth of two-year colleges in Arkansas is phenomenal and will continue throughout the 21st century, as technology demands change for business and industry.

Arkansas Association of Two-Year Colleges (AATYC)
1400 W. Markham, Suite 402
Little Rock, AR 72201
Phone: 501-371-0404
Website: <http://www.aatyc.org/>

Arkansas Northeastern College
Website: http://www.anc.edu/adult_ed.htm

Arkansas State University - Beebe
Website:
<http://www.asub.edu/search/searchwindow.asp?k=computer&s=asub.edu>

Arkansas State University (ASU) - Mountain Home
Website:
http://www.asumh.edu/continuing_education.htm

Arkansas State University – Newport
Website: <http://www.asun.edu/AdultEducation/>

Black River Technical College
Website:
http://www.blackrivertech.org/courses_programs/index_display.php?selector=40

East Arkansas Community College
Website:
<http://www.eacc.edu/learningcenter/learning.htm>

Mid-South Community College

Website: http://www.midsouthcc.edu/extra_pgs/comp_dir.ec.html

National Park Community College

Website: http://www.npcc.edu/Community/AdultEd/adult_ed.htm

North Arkansas College

Website: <http://www.ed2go.com/northark/>

NorthWest Arkansas Community College

Website: <http://www.nwacc.edu/corporatelearning/adulteducation/>

Ouachita Technical College

Website: http://www.otcweb.edu/community/adult_ed.asp

Ozarka College

Website: www.ozarka.edu/

Phillips Community College

Website: <http://www.pccua.edu/adulteducation/>

Pulaski Technical College

Website: http://www.pulaskitech.edu/continuing_education/

Rich Mountain Community College

Website: <http://www.rmcc.edu/>

South Arkansas Community College

Website: <http://www.southark.edu>

Southern Arkansas University Tech

Website: <http://www.sautech.edu/>

Southeast Arkansas College

<http://www.seark.edu/aewdc/abe-ged.php#classes>

University of Arkansas Community College at Batesville

Website: <http://www.uaccb.edu/programs.htm>

University of Arkansas Community College at Morrilton

Website: http://www.uaccm.edu/Community/Community_Education.htm

University of Arkansas Community College at Hope

Website: <http://www.uacch.edu/>

Colleges & Universities

Arkansas has twenty-one four year Colleges and Universities, all of which have several innovative programs and degrees programs dedicated to information technology and related fields. Since the focus of Arkansas is technology literacy at the community level, information with regards to Arkansas's Colleges and Universities will not be included in this list.

Arkansas Rural Sourcing

Arkansas Rural Sourcing
4110 Lindbergh Drive
Jonesboro, AR 72401
Website: <http://www.arruralsource.org/default.htm>

Arkansas Small Business Development Center

Little Rock
ASBDC Lead Center
University of Arkansas at Little Rock, College of Business
Donald W. Reynolds Center for Business and Economic Development
2801 S. University
Little Rock, Arkansas 72204
Phone: (501) 683-7700
Website: <http://asbdc.ualr.edu/media/about-Arkansas-SBDC.asp>

Government**Arkansas Department of Information Systems**

One Capitol Mall
Little Rock, AR 72201
Phone: (501) 682-4976
Website: <http://www.dis.arkansas.gov>,
http://www.gis.state.ar.us/AGIO_index.htm

Arkansas Department of Rural Services

101 East Capitol, Suite 202
Little Rock, Arkansas 72201
Phone: (501) 682-6011
Website: <http://www.arkansas.gov/drs/>

Arkansas Department of Workforce Education

Three Capitol Mall
Little Rock, AR 72201
Phone: (501) 682-1040
Website: <http://dwe.arkansas.gov/cte.htm>

Arkansas Department of Workforce Services

#2 Capitol Mall
Little Rock, AR 72201
Phone: (501)
Website: <http://www.arkansas.gov/esd/>

Arkansas Economic Development Commission

One Capitol Mall
Little Rock, AR 72201
Phone: (501) 682-7385

Website:
http://arkansasedc.com/business_development/community_development/

Arkansas.gov (e-government portal)

Information Network of Arkansas
425 W. Capitol Ave., Suite 1620
Little Rock, AR 72201

Website: <http://www.arkansas.gov/>

Arkansas Highway and Transportation Department

10324 Interstate 30
Little Rock, AR 72203

Website: <http://www.arkansashighways.com>

Arkansas's Planning and Development Districts

Website:
http://www.arkansas.gov/drs/pdf/ar_planning_dev_districts.pdf

Arkansas Science and Technology Authority

423 Main Street, Suite 200
Little Rock, AR 72201
Phone: (501) 683-4400

Website: <http://www.asta.arkansas.gov>

Association of Arkansas Counties

1415 West third Street
Little Rock, Arkansas 72201
Phone: (501) 372-7550

Website: <http://www.arcounties.org/>

Delta Regional Authority

1123 S. University, Suite 400
Little Rock, AR 72204
Phone: (501) 686-6195

Website: <http://dra.gov/>

Arkansas Department of Human Services

Phone: (800) 482-8988

Website: <http://www.arkansas.gov/dhs>

**Office of Community Services -
Community Services Block Grant
Program**

Phone: (501) 682-8719

Website:
<http://www.arkansas.gov/dhs/dco/ocs/#esgp>

Area Agency On Aging

Division of Aging and Adult Services
PO Box 1437, Slot S-530
Little Rock AR 72203-1437
(501) 682-2441

Website:

<http://www.arkansas.gov/dhs/aging/aaamap.html>

InnerChange Freedom Initiative (IFI) (Public-Private Program)

Phone: (703) 554-8413

Website: http://www.ifiprison.org/site_hmpg.asp

**Magnolia Economic Development Corporation
(Public-Private Organization)**

P.O. Box 866
621 East North Street
Magnolia, AR 71753

Phone: (870) 234-4352

(800) 206-0889

Website: <http://www.medc.cc/>

USDA Rural Development

USDA Service Center
700 West Capitol, Room 3416
Little Rock, AR 72201-3225

Phone: (501) 301-3280

Website: <http://www.usda.gov>

Healthcare**ACH's Care Hub**

Arkansas Children's Hospital
800 Marshall Street
Little Rock, Arkansas 72202

Phone: 501-364-2235

ANGELS

University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences
Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology
4301 W. Markham St. #518
Little Rock, AR 72205

Phone: (501) 526-7425

Website: <http://www.uams.edu/angels/>

ARHealthLINK (Web portal)

University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences Library
4301 W. Markham St. #586
Little Rock, AR 72205

Phone: (501) 686-6734

Website:
<http://apps.nlm.nih.gov/medlineplus/local/arkansas/homepage.cfm?areaid=35>

Arkansas Area Health Education Centers

University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences
4301 W. Markham St., slot 599
Little Rock, AR 72205

Phone: (501) 686-5260

Website: <http://rpweb.uams.edu/AHEC/>

Arkansas Hospital Association (IT Network)

419 Natural Resources Drive
Little Rock, Arkansas 72204
Phone: (501) 224-7878

Website: <http://www.arkhospitals.org/index.htm>

HIMSS: The Healthcare Information and Management Systems Society (IT)

230 East Ohio Street, Suite 500
Chicago, IL 60611-3269
Phone: (312) 664-4467
Website: <http://www.himss.org/ASP/index.asp>

Rural Hospital Program (*Technology Resource Sharing Network*)

University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences
1123 S. University Avenue, Ste 400
Little Rock, AR 72204
Phone: (501) 686-2590
Website: <http://rhp.uams.edu/>

UAMS Center for Distance Health – College of Medicine

4301 West Markham Street #518
Little Rock, AR 72205
Phone: (501) 526-7425
Website: <http://www.uams.edu/cdh/>

UAMS Clinical Programs Education

Clinical Computer Training Center
4301 West Markham Street - Slot 526 - Computer

Little Rock, AR 72205 - 7198

Phone: (501) 686-8966

Website: <http://www.uams.edu/cctc/default.asp>

UAMS Office of Community-Based Public Health

4301 West Markham, #820
Little Rock, Arkansas 72205
Phone: (501) 526-6700
Website: <http://www.uams.edu/coph/community/>

Libraries & Related Organizations

Arkansas Library Association

P.O. Box 958
Benton, AR 72018-0958
Phone: (501) 860-7585
Fax: (501) 776-9709
Website: <http://www.arlib.org/index.php>

Arkansas State Library

One Capitol Mall
Little Rock, AR 72201
Website: <http://www.asl.lib.ar.us/traveler/>

Literacy Council of Lonoke County

Phone: (501) 676-7478
Website: <http://www.heartaruw.org/projects/>



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