

# ARCH

# Sustainability Planning Learning Collaborative

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## History and Goals

# Sus.tain.a.bil.ity

*The quality of being able to continue over a period of time.*

Cambridge Dictionary


# History and Useful Products

- Sustainability is consistently ranked a top training Training/TA priority by ARCH Lifespan Grantees.
- Responding to this need, ARCH partnered with The Finance Project and instituted the Sustainability Planning Project .
- With technical assistance from ARCH and The Finance Project, eight Exemplar States worked to develop comprehensive state sustainability plans for lifespan respite care.
- Through in-depth interviews conducted in 2016 as part of an evaluation of The Finance Project 's technical assistance efforts, the Exemplar States shared the wisdom they gained from their actual experience in developing Sustainability Plans, contained in this **Lessons Learned and Sustainability Checklist**.

[https://archrespite.org/images/2016\\_Sustainability/Sustaining\\_Checklist\\_web.pdf](https://archrespite.org/images/2016_Sustainability/Sustaining_Checklist_web.pdf)



# More sustainability planning resources

- To support Lifespan Respite grantees and their State Respite Coalitions as they work to build diverse and meaningful partnerships for sustainability, ARCH offers this **info-graphic** presenting **lessons learned**.  
[https://archrespite.org/images/2016\\_Sustainability/Checklist\\_infographic\\_web.pdf](https://archrespite.org/images/2016_Sustainability/Checklist_infographic_web.pdf)
  - **Tools for Collaboration: Building and Sustaining Partnerships for Lifespan Respite Care Programs**  
[https://archrespite.org/images/docs/Sustainability/ARCH\\_Tools\\_Collaboration.pdf](https://archrespite.org/images/docs/Sustainability/ARCH_Tools_Collaboration.pdf)
  - **Tools for Sustainability: Financing Strategies for Lifespan Respite Programs and State Respite Coalitions**  
[https://archrespite.org/images/docs/Sustainability/Financing\\_Strategies\\_Matrix\\_print.pdf](https://archrespite.org/images/docs/Sustainability/Financing_Strategies_Matrix_print.pdf)
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# 2017 Sustainability Leadership Group

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- Sharon Johnson Groh, Nebraska; Amy Nazaire, Massachusetts; and Cheryl Smith, Alabama
- These leaders identified goals and key topics for a learning collaborative in order to share their experiences with the wider respite network.

# 2017 Survey to Prioritize Key Topics

- 14 Learning Collaborative Members responded to the survey
- In rank order, the topics members identified as most important to them were:
  - ① Starting a Coalition
  - ② Volunteers and Faith-based Organizations
  - ③ Grassroots Advocacy and Legislative Change
  - ④ Logic Modeling and Sustainability Planning

# 2019-2021

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## Key Topics

- Building collaborative communities
- Fostering commitment through meaningful activity
- Sharing leadership
- Succession planning
- Logic modeling and sustainability planning
- Consensus building
- Investing time, talent and treasure
- Using data to support sustainability

## Format

- Member-led rather than top-down TA
- Planning and sharing occur in real time
- Teams participate in the Collaborative when possible (rather than single membership)
- Members take deep dives into challenging issues and collaborative problem solving
- Members offer peer-to-peer advice and support
- We are collectively building a knowledge framework

# 2021 and going forward

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What about the format we are using works for you?


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How might ARCH better support you in sustainability planning (and related work) and better facilitate peer-to-peer support?

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How might we best share your collective knowledge and wisdom with the larger ARCH respite network members?





Our thanks to all  
Sustainability  
Planning Learning  
Collaborative  
members for your  
work and generosity.

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