

# ARCHS' Ferguson Commission Program Audit Worksheet



The Ferguson Commission has outlined **four “signature priorities”** that encompass 189 “calls to action”. What activities is your organization already undertaking that positively address these priorities?

Take a few moments to audit your work and check it against the calls to action in the Commission’s report. Under each call to action that matches up with your organization’s activities, bullet-list your programs. Then, be ready to leverage your resources and expertise as opportunities arise.

See example below: bullet-list items show the results of ARCHS’ audit of its programs.

## Ferguson Commission Signature Priority #1: Justice for All

- ✓ **Call to Action: Incarceration and Alternative Sentencing**
  - St. Louis Alliance for Reentry (STAR): ARCHS serves as the backbone to this collaboration between government and community/faith-based entities who provide services for persons with a legal history
  - ARCHS’ Community Mentoring Services Program: supports juveniles who are completing their alternative court sentence

## Ferguson Commission Signature Priority #2: Youth at the Center

- ✓ **Call to Action: Support Early Childhood Education**
  - ARCHS’ Educare: improves the quality of home-based childcare businesses
  - ARCHS’ Home Visiting: strengthens parenting of young children
- ✓ **Call to Action: Increasing Access to Care for Children**
  - ARCHS’ Educare: increases access to quality home-based childcare businesses
  - ARCHS’ Home Visiting: strengthens parenting of young children
  - Perinatal Home Visiting: strengthens parenting in the months pre/post birth
  - Capable Kids: strengthens parenting of special needs children
  - Foster and Adoptive Care Services: strengthens parenting and supports youth
- ✓ **Call to Action: Reform School Discipline Policies**
  - School-based Behavioral Services: reduces suspensions via training for educators/parents and behavioral health sessions for referred families
- ✓ **Call to Action: End Hunger for Children and Families**
  - ARCHS’ Summer Food Support: provides extra cash for selected families via Electronic Benefits Transfer cards to purchase food while school is out
  - After School for All Partnership: ARCHS serves as the backbone to this coordinated system that includes academic tutorial support, recreational activities, and hot meals

### Ferguson Commission Signature Priority #3: Opportunity to Thrive

- ✓ **Call to Action: Expand Medicaid Availability**
  - ARCHS' MO HealthNet Outreach Program: engages community/faith-based organizations to increase awareness of health insurance eligibility/enrollment
  - ARCHS' Marketplace Outreach Program: engages community/faith-based organizations to increase awareness of health insurance eligibility/enrollment
  - Kids Vision for Life – St. Louis: provides school-based comprehensive vision care to un/under-insured elementary students
  - Health Literacy Services: provides plain language training to state employees
- ✓ **Call to Action: Encourage Life-long Learning & Funding for Job Training Programs**
  - ARCHS' Reentry Culinary Institute: provides career training, life skills support, and job placement for adults transitioning out of prison
  - Customer Service Employment: provides career training, life skills support, and job placement for youth aging out of foster care
  - Parenting in Partnership: strengthens co-parenting, life skills, and job training opportunities for welfare-to-work families
  - After School for All Partnership: ARCHS serves as the backbone to this coordinated system of free, quality out-of-school time programs
  - Youth/Adult Development: provides community-based after school activities, healthy lifestyle skills, employment soft skills, and/or job search support
  - ARCHS' Professional Development Institutes and Training Workshops: offers evidence-based, state-of-the-art knowledge and skill building opportunities to education and social service staff members
- ✓ **Call to Action: Implement Individual Development and Family Development Accounts**
  - myRA: ARCHS collaborates with the U.S. Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis to engage ARCHS' service delivery provider network and the families they serve in increased awareness of individual retirement savings accounts

### Ferguson Commission Signature Priority #4: Racial Equity

- ✓ **Call to Action: Broadly Apply a Racial Equality Framework**
  - Missouri KIDS COUNT: ARCHS serves St. Louis via a highly collaborative state partnership for effective policymaking and sound investments using reliable data and research on behalf of children, such as the *Race for Results Index*
  - ARCHS intentionally designs, manages, and evaluates all of its programs to positively impact low income African Americans and other vulnerable residents

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