

Who We Are

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Arkansas communities must closely examine their economic strategies to survive and thrive in our ever-changing economy. Today's best approaches address all aspects of community preparedness. Communities that understand and take a holistic approach to development will be better positioned to support business, attract new investment and create a quality place that longtime citizens and newcomers will be glad to call home.

The focus of the Community and Economic Development section of the Delta Center for Economic Development at Arkansas State University is on **building the capacity of communities to plan and implement effective self-help programs.**



New DCED building made possible by a grant from the U.S. Economic Development Administration

Our long-time record of successful projects derives from 1) an experienced staff and 2) the broad array of resources of Arkansas State University, particularly the College of Business .

A Look at What We Do

Strategic Planning

Our latest work in this area is a model program called **"Powering Rural Development"** that assists small cities through county-led economic development strategic planning and organizational development in partnership with the Electric Cooperatives of Arkansas.



Chamber of Commerce

From building a program of work to board and volunteer training, the Delta Center staff can tailor a program for your chamber of commerce and economic development boards.

Leadership Development

The Center operates a multi-county community leadership called the Regional Leaders Program that has graduated 466 persons; coordinates a tri-state community leadership program called Mid-South Delta Leaders; and assists communities in starting their own community leadership program.

Informational Seminars

We can create a one to two day event for your community, county, or region. Programs are developed based on needs of the area. Partners include Arkansas Electric Cooperative Corporation.



Recent Studies and Projects

Regional Analysis—Clay, Greene & Craighead Counties
 Economic Development Corp. of Northeast Arkansas

State Economic Impact Study
 Electric Cooperatives of Arkansas

Community Case Studies—ADAPT Project
 U.S. Economic Development Administration

Retail Gap Analysis
 City of Newport

OurPlan Arkansas
 Arkansas Economic Development Commission

Community Collaboration Training for Technology Grantees
 Winthrop Rockefeller Foundation

Mid-South Regional Alliance Consultation Services
 W.K. Kellogg Foundation

Industrial Analysis of Phillips County
 Delta Bridges—Southern Development Bancorporation

