

## **Summary of ARCC Initiatives: Tennessee, 2012-13**

### **TN-01: Virtual Education Plan**

The ARCC will assist the Tennessee Department of Education (TDE) to plan for effective use of distance-based technologies to support teaching and learning. Partnering with the Center on Innovations and other virtual education experts, ARCC staff will work with TDE to identify virtual education models and applications that have demonstrated their capacity to improve student outcomes. TDE and ARCC staff will then collaborate to determine which identified models best support TDE goals. In addition, the ARCC will assist TDE in the analysis of current Tennessee legislation and education policy to identify any barriers to the implementation of distance-based technologies. Finally, the ARCC will facilitate a debriefing meeting with TDE staff to crosswalk the findings of the collaborative team, determine needs and next steps, and create a draft action plan for virtual education that is aligned with the state's strategic plan.