A community listening session was conducted at the Cairo High School on October 6, 2011, in an attempt to identify issues confronting Grady County. Facilitators from across UGA led small group discussions around three key questions:

1. What are the trends, forces and factors that will impact the community, your organization, agency, etc.?
2. Based on the trends, forces and factors that you identified, what are the specific things that need to be done in order to adapt to the change?
3. What are the opportunities, assets, etc. that we need to be aware of that would assist Archway’s work in Grady County?

Over 180 Grady County community leaders and interested residents were present for the 2-hour session, moderated by Dr. Steve Dempsey, Associate Vice President for Public Service and Outreach. Also participating in the event were Dean Cully Clark from the Grady College of Journalism and Mass Communications and former Grady County resident as well as representatives from Cooperative Extension, and the Carl Vinson Institute of Government. Results from the listening session were collected and compiled by Jan Coyne of the Fanning Institute and have been shared with the Grady County Archway Partnership Executive Committee. These results will be used to create a work plan that will guide the Archway Partnership in Grady County.