

The College Service

Archimedes Systems, Inc. provides parents and their children locally and nationwide with clear, comprehensive information about the college selection process and financial aid. This is a data information service that does not include counseling. The process starts with the completion of surveys by both parent and student to assess the student's personal preferences and academic profile, as well as the family's "estimated family contribution." Once they have received these surveys, Archimedes generates two customized reports, providing families with valuable resource materials, which will assist them in applying for and selecting a college that best suits their needs.

- *The College Choice Planner* is a report listing and comparing 10 college profiles that match the criteria, as indicated by the parent and student.
- *The Financial Aid Report* offers a preliminary walk-through of the financial aid application process. It calculates the family's "estimated family contribution," and shows how financial aid plays out differently at different schools or when there are two or more family members in college.

THE COLLEGE SEARCH IN SUMMARY

- Step 1** An employee calls the Child Care Resource Center and speaks with an intake specialist. The intake specialist will send the two surveys to the employee.
- Step 2** The parent and child fill out the surveys and return them in the provided envelope to Archimedes.
- Step 3** Within five to ten days of receiving the surveys, the specialist sends out two reports, customized to fit the student's needs. Included will be referrals to ten schools that may be a likely match for the student and information on the financial aid process.
- Step 4** Employee is sent a follow-up survey to evaluate the service received from Archimedes.