



FLORIDA ANNUAL REPORT 2019 - 2020



FDLRS ALPHA CENTER PROUDLY SERVES EDUCATORS, ADMINISTRATORS, AGENCIES, SUPPORT PERSONNEL AND FAMILIES OF STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES IN **PALM BEACH COUNTY** SCHOOL DISTRICTS.

The **Florida Diagnostic & Learning Resources System (FDLRS)** provides diagnostic, instructional and technology support services to district exceptional education programs and families of students with disabilities. Service centers include 19 centers that directly serve school districts in the areas of Child Find, Parent Services, Human Resource Development (HRD) and Technology.

4 FDLRS FUNCTIONS:

CHILD FIND: FDLRS Child Find, in coordination with school districts, locates children who are potentially eligible for services under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) and links them with needed services. Child Find services help to promote general public awareness of programs and services available for young children who have, or who are at risk of developing disabilities. Service coordination for diagnostic screening, placement, training and support is also provided.

PARENT SERVICES: FDLRS Parent Services provides information, parent workshops and support to districts and families in order to promote effective parent participation in the education of children who are exceptional and/or have special needs. Parent services include assistance in the development of family-friendly programs, training and support for services for children with disabilities and the

support of partnerships between schools and parents to enhance student achievement.

HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT: FDLRS Human Resource Development (HRD) personnel provide professional learning opportunities for educators focused on refining teacher practice and increasing student achievement. Professional learning events are aligned to Florida's Professional Development System Evaluation Protocol. FDLRS HRD Specialists support educators in their study of effective learning and teaching practices by providing needs assessments, multi-faceted workshops, facilitation of local learning



communities, implementation and coaching sessions and follow-up support. The professional learning activities are offered in face-to-face and virtual settings. They feature a variety of training levels including awareness, in-depth, skill development and implementation.

TECHNOLOGY: FDLRS Technology Function provides assistance and support in the appropriate use of a variety of technologies for students, teachers, professional staff and parents. Support services are available in the areas of assistive technology, instructional technology, Universal Design for Learning (UDL), Accessible Instructional Materials (AIM)/National Instructional Materials Accessibility Standard (NIMAS) Florida services, and virtual/online instruction. The Technology Specialists at the 19 local FDLRS Associate Centers also collaborate with the Technology & Learning Connections (TLC) Team, Regional Technology Coordinators and district-based Local Assistive Technology Specialists (LATS).

FDLRS ASSOCIATE CENTER RESULTS

July 1, 2019 – June 30, 2020



PROFESSIONAL LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES

Provided **319** professional learning opportunities (ESE and Non-ESE) with **quality**, research-based professional learning opportunities utilizing a variety of delivery models including workshops, summer institutes, consultation/mentoring and virtual learning.

TOPIC	TOTAL OFFERINGS	TOTAL PARTICIPANTS
Behavior Support	9	191
Curriculum and Instructional Practices	118	2165
Education Policies, Procedures and Practices	27	1407
Family, Caregiver, and Community Support	36	275
Screening, Evaluation, and Assessment	47	283
Technology	35	1052
Professional Learning delivered by FIN	47	1358
TOTAL	319	6731

Source: BEESS Project Tracking System 2020

FDLRS responds during CoVid 19

FDLRS/Alpha was proud to offer the following "extra efforts" during months of remote instruction.

- Google Classrooms for Teachers
- Virtual Office Hours
- Recorded, on-demand training
- Personalized Parent Supports
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FDLRS PARENT SERVICES

36

• PARENT TRAININGS

20

• PARENT UNIVERSITY TRAININGS

144

• IEP and 504 MEETINGS ATTENDED BY Pals

1485

• TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE TO FAMILIES

BEES Portal

Professional Development Alternatives

AN ONLINE PROFESSIONAL LEARNING PROGRAM

www.fl-pda.org

The Professional Development Alternatives (PDA) online facilitated and independent courses provide comprehensive, high quality and accessible professional learning for Florida educators wanting to improve their skills in responding to the needs of all students. Coordinated through the FDLRS Network, the PDA Program is available free of charge to all Florida educators. Many of these courses **support the new recertification requirements** when appropriately coded under Exceptional Student Education in local Master In-Service Plans (MIP).

FDLRS ALPHA OFFERED 59 PDA COURSES TO 1,702 PARTICIPANTS IN 2019 - 2020.

Source: FDLRS Student Outcome Database 2020

FIN works to improve outcomes for students with disabilities by supporting inclusive practices through PD opportunities, materials/resources, direct support to teachers/parents and analysis of data through the Best Practices for Inclusive Education (BPIE).



✓ Policies and Procedures 184 Participants, 25 Events

✓ Instructional trainings 1,174 participants, 22 Events

✓ 20 New Products Developed by FIN Alpha

FDLRS CHILD FIND DATA:

July 1, 2019-June 30, 2020

Child Find services help to promote general public awareness of programs and services available for young children who have or are at risk of developing disabilities.



2,243

REFERRALS

For children birth-5 yrs with established conditions or those suspected of having delays that may require ESE services.

1,510

DEVELOPMENTAL SCREENINGS CONDUCTED

960

EVALUATIONS

Children referred to ESE to determine eligibility for IDEA Part B Services

1,563

ELIGIBLE FOR PRE-K ESE Programs

Source: Children's Registry and Information System (CHRIS) 2020

FDLRS TECHNOLOGY



Our Technology Specialists provide trainings on UDL, Assistive Technology in the Classroom, Unique Learning Systems, Digital Technology, and Classroom Suites as well as follow up support with teachers and parents.

35

TRAININGS

Teachers & Staff

TEACHERS TRAINED

1052

1730

TECH ASSISTS &

Follow-up

EDUCATORS REPORTED THAT **FDLRS PROFESSIONAL LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES IMPACTED OVER 311 STUDENTS DURING THE 2019-2020 SCHOOL YEAR.**

Source: FDLRS Student Outcome Database 2020

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