



FLORIDA DIAGNOSTIC & LEARNING RESOURCES SYSTEM ANNUAL REPORT 2020 - 2021



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

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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, 2020 – June 30, 2021



PROFESSIONAL LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES

Provided **287** 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	7	178
Curriculum and Instructional Practices	110	3518
Education Policies, Procedures and Practices	18	1130
Family, Caregiver, and Community Support	34	5681
Screening, Evaluation, and Assessment	40	284
Technology	37	2367
Professional Learning delivered by FIN	46	965
TOTAL	287	13,843

Source: BESE Project Tracking System 2021

FDLRS responds during COVID 19

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

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



FDLRS PARENT SERVICES

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• PARENT TRAININGS

15

• PARENT UNIVERSITY TRAININGS

16

• TRAININGS OFFERED IN OTHER LANGUAGES

1597

• TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE TO FAMILIES

BESE 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 78 PDA COURSES TO 1,440 PARTICIPANTS IN 2020-2021.

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 351 Participants, 19 Events



Instructional trainings 614 participants, 27 Events

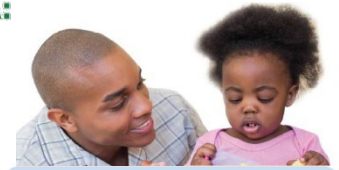


15 New Products Developed by FIN Alpha

FDLRS CHILD FIND DATA:

July 1, 2020-June 30, 2021

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2,137

REFERRALS

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

1,704

DEVELOPMENTAL SCREENINGS CONDUCTED

1,594

EVALUATIONS

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

1,447

ELIGIBLE FOR PRE-K ESE Programs

Source: Children's Registry and Information System (CHRIS) 2021

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.

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TRAININGS

Teachers & Staff

TEACHERS TRAINED

2,367

2,376

TECH ASSISTS &

Follow-up

EDUCATORS REPORTED THAT **FDLRS PROFESSIONAL LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES SHOWED AN OVER ALL GAIN OF .68 DURING THE 2020-2021 SCHOOL YEAR.**

Source: FDLRS Student Outcome Database 2021

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