



FDLRS HILLSBOROUGH PROUDLY SERVES EDUCATORS, ADMINISTRATORS, AGENCIES, SUPPORT PERSONNEL AND FAMILIES OF STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES IN THE **SCHOOL DISTRICT OF HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY.**

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, 2020 – June 30, 2021



PROFESSIONAL LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES

Provided **8,792** professionals (ESE and Non-ESE) with **593** 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	84	1,043
Curriculum and Instructional Practices	172	2,199
Education Policies, Procedures and Practices	137	2,470
Family, Caregiver, and Community Support	29	292
Screening, Evaluation, and Assessment	25	317
Technology	52	458
Professional Learning delivered by FIN	94	2,013
TOTAL	593	8,792

Source: BEESS Project Tracking System 2021



FDLRS PARENT SERVICES

1,599 Contacts

Direct support to families of Students with Disabilities: offering information, resources, and technical assistance

461 News / Information Sharing

FDLRS eNews: electronic newsletter emailed to over **34,000** individuals representing parents, community & district.

FDLRS Twitter, FaceBook, and community calendar

80 Events / Training ~ 557 Participants

Parent Information Sessions, Resource Fairs, Community and District Events

FDLRS CHILD FIND DATA:

July 1, 2020 - June 30, 2021

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1,978

REFERRALS

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

1,761

DEVELOPMENTAL SCREENINGS CONDUCTED

1,279

EVALUATIONS

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

1,308

ELIGIBLE FOR PRE-K ESE Programs

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

BESE Portal

to 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 HILLSBOROUGH OFFERED 207 PDA COURSES TO 1,620 PARTICIPANTS IN 2020 - 2021.

Source: FDLRS Student Outcome Database 2021



During 2020-2021, the **Florida Inclusion Network (FIN)** continued its vision and mission to support teachers, administrators, and district personnel in understanding and implementing inclusive practices with more than **96** professional development opportunities, impacting over **2,000** educators. FIN continued to build capacity with the district through the development and dissemination of over **100** resources and products, support of school-based sites, and engagement with over **50** families to attain our goal of supporting district wide inclusive practices. This school year, FIN focused on fostering the support of students with disabilities in the Least Restrictive Environment through enhanced awareness of inclusive practices across all levels of the Hillsborough County School District.



FDLRS TECHNOLOGY SUPPORTS

FDLRS provides assistance and support in the appropriate use of a variety of both assistive and instructional technologies and strategies for students, teachers, professional staff, and parents. Support services are available in the areas of Universal Design for Learning (UDL), Accessible Educational Materials (AEM), assistive and instructional technology and strategies and virtual/online instruction.

EDUCATORS REPORTED THAT **FDLRS PROFESSIONAL LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES IMPACTED OVER 212,792 STUDENTS DURING THE 2020-2021 SCHOOL YEAR.**

Source: FDLRS Student Outcome Database 2021

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