

Bureau of Exceptional Education and Student Services Discretionary Projects

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Accommodations and Modifications for Students with Disabilities

Training activities focus on initiatives to assist school and district administrators in incorporating access points in the revised Sunshine State Standards and the revision of Course Descriptions for Exceptional Student Education, Grades 6-12.

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Centers for Autism and Related Disabilities (CARD)

The Centers for Autism & Related Disabilities are located at seven state universities and provide community-based information and consultation to individuals with autism spectrum disorders and related disabilities, their families, and school districts.

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<http://www.coe.fau.edu/card/>

<http://www.umcard.org/>

<http://www.ucf-card.org/>

<http://autism.fsu.edu/>

<http://www.hscj.ufl.edu/peds/aut/>

<http://www.card.ufl.edu/>

Children's Registry and Information System (CHRIS)

The CHRIS project is responsible for the development and maintenance of the official State of Florida database for tracking preschool children with disabilities served under Part B of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA).

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Critical Initiatives in Visual Impairment Project (CIVI)

This project provides teacher training that addresses the critical shortage of highly qualified personnel; effective practices in braille instruction; and the effective use of residual vision for learning by using low vision devices.

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Curriculum, Learning, and Assessment Support Project (CLASP)

CLASP is a project focused on students with significant cognitive disabilities. CLASP is designed to support access to the general curriculum for students with significant cognitive disabilities who participate in the Florida Alternate Assessment through appropriate instruction aligned with the Sunshine State Standards Access Points. CLASP will develop and disseminate the training and technical assistance necessary for school districts to develop self-sustaining programming, professional development, and effective instructional practices for students with significant cognitive disabilities with an emphasis on the core content areas of Reading, Writing, Mathematics, and Science.

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Educational Interpreters Project

Florida's Educational Interpreters Project is a state-funded initiative to improve the skills of K-12 interpreters and transliterators working with students who are deaf or hard of hearing.

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Exceptional Student Education Parent Survey Project

The purpose of this project is to provide support to the Florida Department of Education in meeting the requirements of Indicator 8 of the State Performance Plan.

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Family Café (Cooperation, Advocacy, Friendship, and Empowerment)

The Family Café exists to provide individuals with disabilities and their families with an opportunity for collaboration, advocacy, friendship and empowerment by serving as a facilitator of communication, a space for dialogue and a source of information.

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Florida Diagnostic and Learning Resources System Associate Centers (FDLRS)

The FDLRS Associate Centers provide diagnostic and instructional support services to district exceptional student education programs and families of students with exceptionalities statewide.

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FDLRS Multidisciplinary Educational Service Centers

This network of five regional Multidisciplinary Educational Services Centers provide a range of services for pre-school and school-aged children, including diagnostic and evaluation services, related medical management, consultation services, pre-service and in-service training.

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FDLRS FSU – <http://www.mdc.csw.fsu.edu>

FDLRS UofM *coming soon*

FDLRS UF – <http://www.peds.ufl.edu/mdtp/>

FDLRS UF @ Jacksonville – <http://www.hscj.ufl.edu/pediatrics/diagnostic-and-learning-resources/>

FDLRS USF *coming soon*

FDLRS Technology Coordinating Unit (FDLRS/TECH)

The FDLRS Technology Coordinating Unit (FDLRS/TECH) provides FDLRS network technology resources through statewide coordination and delivery of information; support, coordination, and training services; identifying current technologies; and through the support of technology labs at major conferences.

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FDLRS Technology State Loan Library (FDLRS TSLL)

Florida Diagnostic and Learning System provides support services to exceptional student education programs and families of students with exceptionalities statewide.

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Florida Inclusion Network (FIN)

FIN provides learning opportunities, consultation, information, and support to educators, families, and community members resulting in the inclusion of all students.

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Florida Instructional Materials Center for the Visually Impaired (FIMC-VI)

FIMC-VI is a statewide resource center designed to assist schools in obtaining specialized materials for students with visual impairments as well as providing professional development to teachers and other professionals who provide services to students who are visually impaired. In addition to housing a professional resource library, they are also the state's Authorized User for the National Instructional Materials Accessibility Standard (NIMAS).

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Florida School for the Deaf and the Blind (FSDB) Outreach for Visually and Hearing Impaired Services

Outreach Services provides support services to school district personnel, parents and families of children who are deaf or hard of hearing, or blind or visually impaired. Available support services include training, information, referral services, and student assessments.

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Institute for Small and Rural Districts (ISRD)

The mission of ISRD is to improve outcomes for students with disabilities in the thirty-four small and rural school districts through staff development, information dissemination, technical assistance, product development, and support for district initiatives.

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Learning through Listening Project (LtL)

The purpose of this project is to provide digital audio textbooks and equipment to students who cannot read standard print due to visual, perceptual, physical, or learning disabilities. The project also facilitates support services and training to administrators, teachers, parents, and students on the use of this technology provided by Recording for the Blind and Dyslexic.

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Measuring Outcomes for Preschool Children with Disabilities

The purpose of this project is to provide support to the Florida Department of Education in meeting the requirements of Indicator 7 of the State Performance Plan under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act. Indicator 7 relates to outcomes of children ages birth through five who have participated in early intervention and/or preschool special education services.

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Multiagency Network for Students with Severe Emotional/Behavioral Disabilities (SEDNET)

SEDNET is devoted to facilitating the creation of a comprehensive "system of care" for high-risk students and students with emotional/behavioral disabilities and their families.

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Website: <http://www.fldoe.org/ese/sedhome.asp>

Parents Educating Parents in the Community (PEP)

PEP provides information, training, and support to parents of children with disabilities in select isolated, rural areas of Florida.

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Partnership for Effective Programs for Students with Autism

The Statewide Centers for Autism and Related Disabilities (CARD) staff join together in partnership with Florida educators to provide training and technical assistance in developing a plan for implementing innovative and effective practices in the school environment.

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Personnel Development Support Project

This project develops and provides technical support for multimedia products, including databases, websites, online courses, and other electronic and print materials that support the implementation of BEESS initiatives. Additionally, the project provides leadership to the State Personnel Development project through collaboration with state universities and colleges.

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Positive Behavior Support (PBS)

PBS provides a positive and effective alternative to the traditional methods of discipline. PBS methods are research-based and proven to significantly reduce the occurrence of problem behaviors in the school, resulting in a more positive school climate and increased academic performance.

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Problem Solving and Response to Intervention State Project (PS/RtI)

The focus of this project is two-fold: (1) To provide statewide professional development and technical assistance to districts engaged in or wishing to initiate PS/RtI projects, and (2) to provide direct support, training, and on-site coaching to pilot districts.

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Project 10: Transition Education Network

The mission of Project 10: Transition Education Network, hereinafter referred to as "Project 10," is to assist Florida school districts and relevant stakeholders in building capacity to provide secondary transition services to students with disabilities in order to improve their academic success and post-school outcomes.

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Resource Materials and Technology Center for the Deaf/Hard-of-Hearing (RMTC-D/HH)

The Resource Materials & Technology Center for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing is a specialized FDLRS center serving teachers of students who are deaf and hard of hearing throughout the state of Florida.

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State Personnel Development Project

This project supports initiatives that help to prepare and retain highly qualified personnel to provide instructional and related services to students with disabilities. This includes tuition support to paraprofessionals enrolled in special education pre-service training programs, to ESE teachers earning an endorsement program in autism or prekindergarten disabilities, and speech/language teachers earning a master's degree in speech/language pathology. Initiatives also include the development and provision of blended certification programs at state colleges. Through *Working with the Experts*, the project supports professional development activities for speech/language pathologists, teachers of students who are deaf or hard-of-hearing, and occupational therapists and physical therapists.

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Student Support Services Project

Student Support Services staff are charged with facilitating the development of critical support services programs so that observable and measurable indicators of success are achieved. This is accomplished through the provision of technical assistance, training, research, resource development, and policy development and interpretation to local and state educators and parents.

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Technical Assistance and Training System for Programs Serving Young Children with Disabilities (TATS)

TATS is a statewide system of technical assistance and training that promotes high quality programs which lead to and support positive outcomes for prekindergarten children with disabilities and their families.

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VSA Florida

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