

Established as a statewide research center in 1982 by the Florida Board of Regents in conjunction with the Florida Legislature, the Florida Institute of Education (FIE) provides statewide leadership to improve education at all levels by working collaboratively with Florida's universities, state and community colleges, public schools, school readiness agencies, and communities to:

- < Foster collaborative programs that address critical educational needs by supporting innovation and engaging in problem-focused research;
- < Increase access to and use of the knowledge and skills needed to improve practice and inform decision-making; and
- < Enhance achievement for all students, especially those at-risk.

FIE's vision for education excellence is embodied in the following statement:

In 2010, FIE continued its efforts to improve the quality of educational opportunities available to at-risk children and youth. From family child care homes to the college campus, FIE researchers and staff worked to improve student learning and success.

Our partnerships with the school readiness sector, the public schools, community organizations and local and state agencies provided a strong foundation for our work. The annual report highlights results from these collaborative efforts.

We are proud of these accomplishments. But we know that today more than ever before, we need to ensure all children and youth have access to the learning opportunities both inside and outside the classroom that will prepare them to succeed in the realities of tomorrow. FIE is committed to continue working with our partners to make this a reality in Jacksonville and across our state.

Sincerely,

Cheryl A. Fountain, Ed.D.

Executive Director

There are over 400 family child care homes (FCCH) in Duval County. Partnering with licensed FCCH providers represents a promising avenue to engage the community in improving the learning opportunities available to young children.

Working in partnership with FCCH providers and the Early Learning Coalition of Duval, FIE researchers developed and piloted six literacy-focused instructional units that take into consideration the unique circumstances of providing early care and learning services in FCCH settings. The results were promising, and further development and piloting of additional instructional units will continue next year.

< Is a collaborative effort between FIE

Curriculum Development and Implementation

Early Literacy and Learning Model/Plus (ELLM/Plus)

ELLM/Plus is

- x A research-based comprehensive curriculum for 3-, 4-, and

Black Stallion Collaboration

FIE, working in collaboration with the DCPS Title I Early School Readiness and Parent Involvement staff, forged a strong partnership with the City of Jacksonville, Recreation and Community Services(RCS) Department.

Collaborative efforts focused on strengthening the literacy hour embedded in the summer camp offered by the City of Jacksonville.

Working with RCS staff, FIE researchers enhanced the learning experiences linked to target books, Black Stallion (grades 3) and Little Black, A4 (eat 792 re W* n BT /C2_0 0* n BT /C2_0 0* n BT /C2_0 0* n

Professional Learning

UNF College Students

The UNF/FIE PreCollegiate Connections: College Readiness Program conducted weekly training sessions with embedded Transformational Learning Opportunities (TLO) for undergraduate college students (UNF Learning Guides). At the weekly sessions, focus was given to the program components: Learning Round Tables, College Conversations, Excursion Prep, and exploring subjects to improve urban education.

and opportunities for urban middle school students. Together, program staff and learning guides use what has been learned for program enhancement and improvement.

PreK-Grade 3 Teachers Success by Design

The Success by Design: PreK-Grade 3 initiative, a collaboration between Duval County Public Schools Academic Services and FIE, provided research-informed professional learning opportunities for participating prekindergarten and kindergarten teachers.

Professional Learning sessions focused on:

- x Implementing the adopted early literacy

Other Professional Training

FIE also offered a variety of other customized professional learning opportunities for preschool teachers and administrators designed to support the literacy and language development of young children.

Topics for teachers

Family Engagement

Families Learning Together Workshop Series Training Module

- x The FIE Family Engagement Team developed a set of five train-the-trainer sessions to prepare facilitators to implement the Family Learning Together Workshop Series.
- x This workshop series is designed to help families learn ways to further foster school readiness for school.
- x The scripts, PowerPoint presentations, slides, and handouts are available to download and use without cost from the FIE website.

Family Art and Literacy Workshops

The FIE Family Engagement team, in collaboration with educators from the Cummer Museum of Art and Gardens and staff from the DCPS Title I College Gardens Neighborhood Learning Network, designed and implemented a family component for the Weaver Academy of Art in the public schools program.

The interactive family workshop series, coupled with excursions to the museum and its gardens, were offered during 2010. Families of prekindergarten through second grade children at S. P. Livingston, the elementary school within the College Gardens Neighborhood Learning Network, were invited to

FI Strategic Partnerships

- x State Partnerships
- x Agency for Workforce Innovation/Office of Early Learning
- x Florida Department of Education
- x Florida ENLACE
- x Florida Head Start State Collaboration Office

Advisory Boards

- x Agency for Workforce Innovation/Office of Early Learning
- x Early Learning Coalition of Duval, Inc.
- x FLDOE/PK Standards
- x Florida ENLACE
- x Florida Head Start Research Committee
- x Greenwood School
- x Jacksonville Urban League
- x UNF Environmental Center

University Partnerships

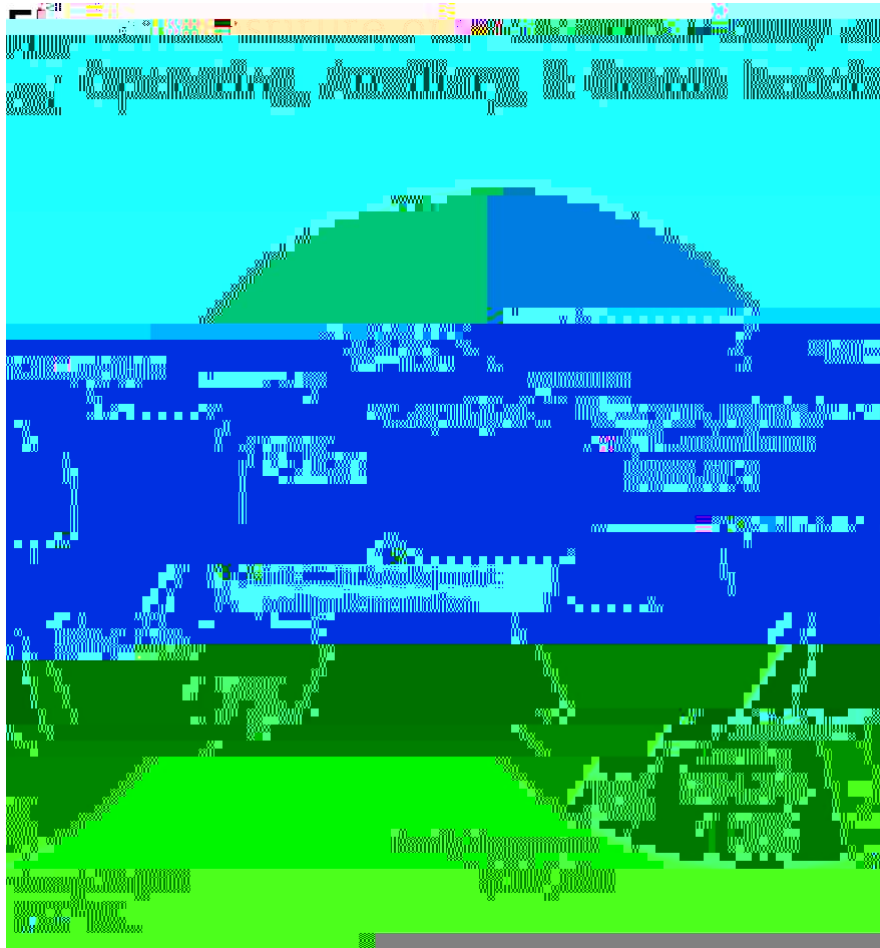
- x FSU Co-Operative Partnership with FSU CFSU Co-Operative Partnership with Jacksonville State University (0 TP) > o150EMCg (k)-2 (s)-4 (o)6 (n)4 (v)-5 ((0 TP)

- x Jacksonville Urban League Head Start Program
- x Nemours BrightStart Program
- x Quality Early Education for Successful Tomorrow (QuEST), All About Kids Early and Learning Center
- x Take Stock in Children
- x United Way of Northeast Florida

Budget Report

The Florida Institute of Education leverages resources to advance knowledge, address educational challenges, and improve learning outcomes. The state's operating budget for the year was \$1,187,012.

Proceeds generated from FIE developed curriculum materials and the provision of training and evaluation services was valued at \$627,037. Grants awarded for 2009 totaled \$1,645,852.



Presentations and Publications

Refereed Presentations, Posters and Conference Proceedings

Cosgrove, M., & Fountain, C. (2010, April). Teacher talk: More or less? Paper presented at the Florida Head Start Association Research Conference. Daytona Beach, FL.

England, R., Hunter, J., & McLemore, B. (2010). Concept mapping professional learning: Making a difference in prekindergarten classrooms. Paper presented at the 4th International Conference on Concept Mapping, Viña del Mar, Chile, and published in the Proceedings of the Fourth International Conference on Concept Mapping, Vol. 1, 153.

Hunter, J., Monroe-Ossi, H., Goudy, L., & Wehry, S. (2010). Concept mapping in the preschool setting: Curriculum development, instruction, and assessment. Paper presented at the National Research Conference, Washington DC.

Hunter, J., Wehry, S., & McLemore, B. (2010). Concept mapping for planning and instruction in a childcare setting. Paper presented at the 4th International Conference on Concept Mapping, Viña del Mar, Chile, and published in the Proceedings of the Fourth International Conference on Concept Mapping, Vol. 1, 146-154.

Kasten, K., Wehry, S. (2010, April). School readiness as an indicator of child development: A longitudinal case study. Paper presented at the American Educational Research Association 2010 Annual Meeting, Denver, CO.

McLemore, B. (2010, July). Helping children make connections as they learn. Paper presented at the One Goal Conference, Tampa, FL.

McLemore, B. (2010, October). Z] o CE v [•

CreativeWorks:InstructionalMaterials

England, R., Hunter, J., & McLemore, B. (2010). Professional learning modules for PreK and Kindergarten teachers. Jacksonville: University of North Florida, Florida Institute of Education.

Hunter, J., & England, R. (2010). The Black Stallion Chapter Summaries, Vocabulary Words, Questions, and Lesson Suggestions Manuals for the City of Jacksonville (Florida Recreation and Community Services).

Hunter, J., & England, R. (2010). Little Black, A Pony Summary, Vocabulary, Questions, and Lesson Ideas for Summer Camps.

McLemore, B. (2010). Focused Phonological Awareness Instruction Small Group Intervention (Curriculum materials available from the Florida Institute of Education, 12000 Alumni Drive, Jacksonville, FL 32224).

Other Publications

Hunter, J., & Wehry, S. (2010). FIE/DCPS Site I Success by Design PreK-3 Initiative, annual report 2009-10. Jacksonville: University of North Florida, Florida Institute of Education.

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