

Item:

Comprehensive Literacy Plan and Assessment January 2025 Update

Requested Action:

The Board is asked to receive the update

Background:

In May 2023 the Children's Trust board had a joint meeting with the Alachua County Board of County Commissioners. During that meeting the Children's Trust staff were tasked with creating a Comprehensive Literacy Plan.

It was determined that a comprehensive needs assessment was needed to help inform the development of a comprehensive literacy plan aimed at improving literacy achievement for all students. In October 2023, Executive Director Kiner reached out to the UF Lastinger Center to begin a discussion about the plan development and a coordinator for the project.

Project Phases Update:

As of January, The UF Lastinger Center (UFLC) have completed all organizational interviews, focus groups, and surveys. They are reviewing the Alachua County Public School Data and finalizing the draft of the comprehensive literacy assessment report. At the last committee meeting held on January 27, 2025, the committee was tasked with reviewing and providing feedback for the:

- Draft Assessment Report
- Recommendations
- Alachua County Public School Data.

This project will wrap up at the end of March and Lastinger Center will be sharing the report to the Children's Trust Board in April. We are in Phase 3 of the project plan.

Three Phases of the Comprehensive Needs Assessment

Phase 1: Pre-Assessment (Collecting Existing Data) Phase 2: Assessment (Collecting New Data) Phase 3: Post-Assessment (Determining Needs)

Figure 1: Three Phase of the Comprehensive Needs Assessment adapted from Witkin & Altschuld (1995).

Programmatic Impact:

Goal 2: Children & Youth Can Learn What They Need To Be Successful

Fiscal Impact:

\$175,000.00

Recommendation:

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