

UF Lastinger Center and Children's Trust of Alachua County Comprehensive Literacy Needs Assessment



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Broad Project Goals

1. Assist with **organizing existing information** and **gathering new information** about what is currently being done to support children's literacy achievement in Alachua County.
2. Develop a literacy plan that promotes **PK-G3 literacy outcomes** in Alachua County.



Project Timeline and Components



Overall Project Timeline: April 15, 2024 – August 12, 2024	
Initial Launch	April 2024
Phase 1: Pre-Assessment	April/May 2024
Phase 2: Assessment	June 2024
Phase 3: Post-Assessment	July/August 2024
Final Report Presentation	August 12, 2024

Phase 1: Pre-Assessment (Collect Existing Data)

Project Component	Details
Target Audience	Organization and District Leaders and Comprehensive Literacy Planning Committee (CLPC)
Activities	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 1:1 meetings with Committee members• Monthly meetings with Committee members
Goals	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Collect available data from organizations, community members, publicly available data• Review data• Plan comprehensive assessment activities
Timeline	April/May 2024

Phase 2: Assessment (Collect New Data)

Project Component	Details
Target Audience	Organization and District Leaders, Comprehensive Literacy Planning Committee (CLPC), Educators, Community Partners, Early Learning Providers, Families
Activities	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Monthly meetings with Committee members• School visits• Surveys• Focus groups/interviews
Goals	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Survey and talk with Alachua County community members, organizations• Analyze, review data
Timeline	May/June 2024

Phase 3: Post-Assessment (Determine Needs)



Project Component	Details
Target Audience	Organization and District Leaders, Comprehensive Literacy Planning Committee (CLPC), Educators, Community Partners, Early Learning Providers, Families
Activities	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Monthly meetings with Committee members• Final data collection• Data analysis of existing data sources, site visit observations, surveys, focus groups/interviews• Finalize report
Goals	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Present findings with Committee members for feedback and interpretation• Create final plan
Timeline	July/August 2024

Our Desired Contribution with the PK-G3 Literacy Plan



- Identify needs that are not yet met
- Show how existing resources and opportunities could become even more effectively interconnected
- Highlight how shared communication among different organizations can be continued and enhanced
- Recommend specific actionable next steps