



**Item:**

Comprehensive Literacy Plan and Assessment Update

**Requested Action:**

The Board is asked to approve the project extension until the end of March 2025.

**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:**

The Comprehensive Literacy Needs Assessment is off to a great start, with surveys being gathered across the community and numerous organization interviews being conducted. The UF Lastinger Center (UFLC) is scheduling targeted focus groups with the community and families, and hopes to start conducting surveys, interviews, and focus groups with Alachua County Public Schools in the Fall.

The UFLC will continue to gather data through November, analyze both quantitative and qualitative data, and compile the data into a comprehensive report to be presented to all funders. Due to the holidays in November and December, UFLC is asking for a no-cost extension to February 28, 2025, to make sure they have enough time to adequately analyze the data, share it with the Comprehensive Literacy Needs Assessment Committee, prepare the report, and present the report to all funders.

We are in Phase 2 of the project plan and moving towards Phase 3.

**Three Phases of the Comprehensive Needs Assessment**

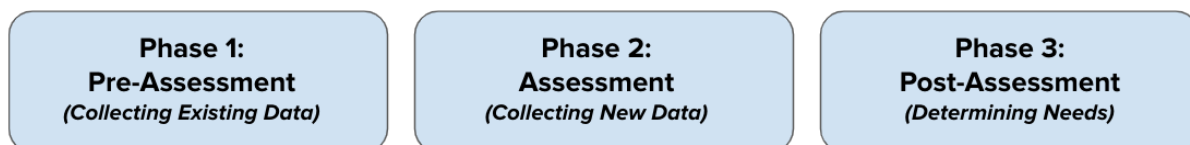


Figure 1: Three Phase of the Comprehensive Needs Assessment adapted from Witkin & Altschuld (1995).

**Programmatic Impact:**

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

**Fiscal Impact:**

\$175,000.00

**Recommendation:**

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