



Item:

Comprehensive Literacy Plan and Assessment February 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, discussions were held with UF Lastinger Center about project coordination and developing the assessment.

Project Phases Update:

As of February, The UF Lastinger Center (UFLC) have completed all organizational interviews, focus groups, and surveys. They have reviewed the Alachua County Public School Data and finalized the draft of the comprehensive literacy assessment report. At the last committee meeting held on February 17, 2025, the committee was tasked with reviewing and providing final feedback for the:

- Draft Assessment Report

In March, the Children's Trust staff will be reviewing with Lastinger the recommendations and internally determining direction for the next phase of this project.

On April 7, 2025, the Lastinger Center will share the final report with the Children's Trust Board at the April board meeting. On April 21, 2025, Lastinger Center will share the final report with the Alachua County Board of County Commissioners at the joint meeting with the Children's Trust. A meeting to share with the Alachua County School District is pending at this time. We have completed all phases of the project plan. Attached to this staff report is a copy of the Executive Summary draft.

Three Phases of the Comprehensive Needs Assessment

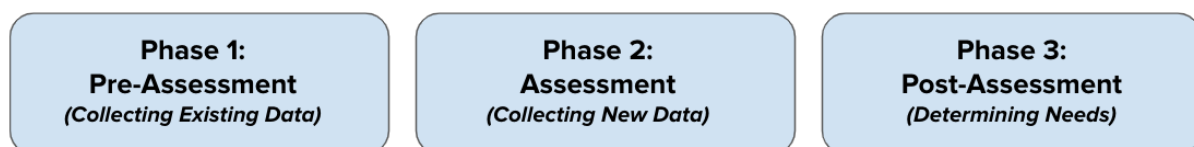


Figure 1: Three Phase of the Comprehensive Needs Assessment adapted from Witkin & Altschuld (1995).

Programmatic Impact:

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

Fiscal Impact:

\$175,000.00

Recommendation:

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