



Project CONNECT

Community Organizing, Navigating Service Delivery,
and Nurturing Early Childhood Teams

*Building Stronger Systems for Early Identification,
Inclusion and Family Support in Alachua County*

Every Child Deserves the Opportunity to Thrive

Too many young children in Alachua County with developmental delays are identified too late or struggle to access the supports they need to succeed in early learning settings.

Our Solution

Project CONNECT brings together families, early childhood educators, therapists, and community partners to **ensure children are identified early, receive coordinated services, and thrive in inclusive early learning environments.**

Identify

Connect

Support

Thrive

What CONNECT Will Do

- Identify children earlier through coordinated developmental screening and referral.
- Connect providers and families to work together as one team.
- Provide practice-based coaching to help educators meet each child's individual needs.
- Empower families with information, resources, and advocacy skills to help their child thrive.

Building for Long-Term Success

Over three years, Project CONNECT will:

- ⇒ Develop and refine implementation protocols.
- ⇒ Measure what works and improve it over time.
- ⇒ Create a plan to sustain and expand CONNECT.
- ⇒ Advance the Children's Trust of Alachua County Strategic Plan.

Expected CONNECT Impacts

- Identify developmental concerns earlier.
- Improve coordination among providers.
- Expand access to inclusive early learning opportunities.
- Increase access to individualized supports.
- Build stronger early childhood systems in Alachua County.

*Together, we
can ensure
every child
enters school
ready to learn,
engage, and
thrive!*