



Monthly Town Hall Meeting

9/12/2023



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Agenda

- *Welcome-How's the first few weeks going?*
- A Quick Word from Dr. Melanie
- Emergent Literacy Microcredential
- Kid's Minds Matter
- Grants
- Questions
- Spotlight Topic 10/10/23- Grants



Early Learning Micro Credential

- Flamingo Learning
- Jamie Harmon
- [Micro Credential Website](#)
- [Enrollment Form](#)
- Video explanation:
 - [Micro Credential Video](#)



Micro Credential FAQs

- Will there be a Spanish version?
 - Component 1 is available in Spanish but Component 2 and 3 is not. There are no assignments in Component 2 and we do try and pair Spanish speakers with a Spanish Instructor in Component 3 so they can still submit assignments in Spanish.
- Is it still open only to SR providers and VPK staff or open to all staff even if not a SR provider?
 - As of July 1, the Micro-Credential is open to all early childhood personnel.
- Do Teachers receive compensation for completing these courses?
 - The training is free to all and everyone who completes is eligible for a \$2,000 stipend
- Is enrollment ongoing at anytime?
 - You can enroll at anytime. Our next Component 1 starts October 9
- How long does it take to get through each component?
 - Component 1 is 9 weeks. Component 2 is a self-paced course and you can take it while you take Component 1 or after, whatever works best for you (typically it takes 4-8 weeks) and then Component 3 is 4 weeks. It can take 3-5 months to complete.
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Emergent Literacy Micro-Credential Birth through Prekindergarten

The Emergent Literacy Micro-Credential prepares early learning educators and child care providers to:

- Support student outcomes for school readiness
- Identify literacy difficulties accurately
- Apply evidence-based practices
- Engage in effective progress monitoring and intervention

WHO SHOULD PARTICIPATE?

Birth through PreK instructional personnel (public or private), including but not limited to:

- Teachers
- Program Directors
- Interventionists
- Instructional Coaches
- Head Start Personnel

WHEN?

- Enrollment is live!
- Can be completed in less than four months

HOW?

A hybrid model of online modules, instructor-supported online courses, and job-embedded practicum:

- Component 1: Flamingo Early Learning Course: 20 hours
- Component 2: Emergent Literacy Modules: 20 hours
- Component 3: Practicum: 20 hours

WHY?

- \$2,000 completion stipend for *School Readiness (SR) child care personnel and VPK instructors
- Build emergent literacy knowledge and skills with high-quality content
- Supports language and literacy requirements for the CDA professional portfolio

*SR child care personnel is defined in ss. 1002.88(1)(e) and 402.302(3), F.S.; and VPK instructors is defined in ss. 1002.55, 1002.61, and 1002.63, F.S.

ENROLL NOW



bit.ly/EmergentMicrocredential



The Emergent Literacy Micro-Credential is part of the UF Lastinger Center for Learning's Flamingo Learning system. This comprehensive suite of professional development products offers courses, coaching, communities of practice, and instructional leadership development for early learning, K-12 and literacy professionals.





Literacy Micro-Credentials Birth through Twelfth Grade

Competency-Based Micro-Credential

Created in partnership with the Florida Department of Education and the Division of Early Learning, the UF Lastinger Center for Learning's Flamingo Literacy Micro-Credentials provide educators with evidence-based, high-quality online courses to build their literacy knowledge and skills. Through a job-embedded practicum, participants will implement their new instructional strategies in real-time while receiving one-on-one feedback from assessors to refine, enhance, and improve their literacy practice.

IMPACTING EVERY LEVEL OF THE EDUCATION SYSTEM

EMERGENT

- Birth through PreK instructional personnel (public or private)
- \$2,000 completion stipend for SR child care personnel and VPK instructors
- Supports language and literacy requirements for the CDA professional portfolio



ELEMENTARY

- PreK (public or private) and kindergarten through fifth grade (public) instructional personnel
- \$2,000 completion stipend for SR child care personnel and VPK instructors
- Allows instructional personnel to teach intensive reading intervention, if supervised by an individual who is certified or endorsed in reading
- Satisfies Competency 1 of the Reading Endorsement and the 40-hour reading requirement for renewal

SECONDARY

- Sixth through twelfth grade (public) instructional personnel
- Allows instructional personnel to teach intensive reading intervention, if supervised by an individual who is certified or endorsed in reading
- Satisfies Competency 1 of the Reading Endorsement and the 40-hour reading requirement for renewal

LEARN MORE:



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**Kids' Minds
Matter**

Advocates for Mental Health

What is the Mental Health Navigator program?

We assist parents & caregivers with their children in Lee & Collier County Schools who are struggling with attendance, behavior & grades as a result of a mental health or behavioral challenge.



The navigator program helps “close the gap” between what the student needs and what the school and family are able to provide by helping parents implement plans and create tasks that are:

- Family centered
- Child focused
- Working with the entire family
- Connection to community resources

We do this in child & family team meetings with the family.

The Mental Health Navigator Program is funded by the Kids’ Minds Matter Foundation.

Child and Family Focused

The Mental Health Navigation program brings parents, school, and community supports together in a Child and Family Team Meeting during which we help the family identify barriers, and in accessing mental health services and needs the family may have. The ultimate goal of the meeting process is to work toward sustainable solutions to challenges and to establish a support network for the child and family.

Parents emerge from the meetings feeling empowered, knowing that their voices are clearly heard.

What are “Wrap-around Services”?

Wrap-around services are an important component of the Navigator program. According to SAMHSA (Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration), wrap-around services are services offered through partnering with youth and their family to convene a team of cross-sector service providers, community members, friends, and other support to develop a comprehensive, individualized, and creative plan of care. Wrap-around funds are used when other resources are not available.

Who are Mental Health Navigators?

Each navigator has had lived experience in navigating mental health issues in a family member and had to interact with the mental health system. We understand the frustrations of finding needed help for a loved one. We partner with families and empower them to help their child receive needed care.

Mental Health Navigators are not health care providers. They do not provide professional counseling and/or therapy.

How to refer to the program?

We receive referrals from the School District of Lee County and Collier County Public Schools and the Health Care Network in Collier County.

If you believe that your child and family would benefit from the navigator program, contact your child's school administration, counselor, or social worker. They can make the necessary referral for you.

OUR CLASSES AND GROUPS

MENTAL HEALTH FIRST AID FOR ADULTS

Discover how to recognize signs of mental health or substance use challenges in adults ages 18 and older.

PARENTING THE EXCEPTIONAL CHILD

Connect other parents of children with developmental disabilities, mental health issues or special health care needs for this evidence-based parenting course.

TO FIND OUT MORE
ABOUT KIDS' MINDS
MATTER SCAN HERE





YOUTH INITIATIVE

Florida Southwestern College



A youth driven group
empowering their peers to be the
voice of mental health
experiences

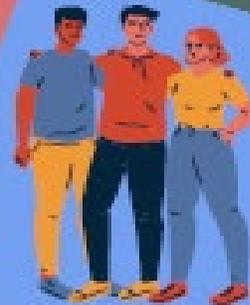


We support positive
growth and
development and
amplify the youth voice
to end mental health
stigma



Grades 6 - 12
are welcome
to join!

Find us at FSW on
alternating
Wednesday's!



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Grants

ARPA Grants

Look for upcoming meetings with more information



Questions?

- Provider Questions from the Chat Box
- What would you like to learn about?
- Send us some fun updates from the first few weeks of school.





Next Meeting
Tuesday, October 10th at 1:30 pm

Spotlight Topic:
GRANT UPDATES

**Thank you for your continuing
support of children and families!**

