Grant/Contract #  H325T090012
Program Name  Personnel Development to Improve Services and Results for Children with Disabilities
Competition  Special Education Preservice Program Improvement Grants
Title  USC Upstate Learning Disability Program: Preparing Highly Qualified Learning Disability Teachers to Close Student Achievement Gaps
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End Date  6/30/2014
Extension Date  

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Purpose: This project will improve the University of South Carolina Upstate School of Education's Bachelor of Science degree in Learning Disabilities (LD), the special education certification category representing the greatest teacher shortage in the tri-state region (Georgia and North and South Carolina).

Method: Work for this project includes: a) restructuring the LD program to include training in the content areas defined under Highly Qualified certification requirements (reading, mathematics, social studies, and science) as well as culturally responsive practices; b) providing a mentorship program for LD candidates and LD induction teachers (first three years teaching) to bridge pre- and initial teaching experiences; and c) creating and implementing an improved Teacher Work Samples (TWS) Response to Intervention (RTI) field-based assessment system in multiple settings.

Products: