

OVERVIEW

The University of Florida Lastinger Center is an education innovation hub that blends cutting-edge academic research and practice to transform education. We create equitable educational systems where every child and educator, regardless of circumstances, experiences high-quality learning every day to support children's achievement of critical milestones that are predictive of success in school and life.

As part of our partnership with the Riverside Region 9 hub, the University of Florida Lastinger Center engaged in a professional development opportunity in March 2021 focused on Communities of Practice. Participants enhanced their knowledge and skills associated with facilitating communities of practice (CoP) online and learned how to apply this knowledge and skills to enhance, sustain, and expand collaboration in online CoPs in their respective work contexts. Riverside county has approached the University of Florida Lastinger center to provide 6 hours of virtual follow up to the trained participants.

COMMUNITY OF PRACTICE PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

To meet the outcome and goals shared by Riverside County leadership, the Lastinger Center proposes the following scope of work:

Deliver twelve hours of virtual CoP work sessions as a follow up to the March 2021 Facilitating CoP Tools and Processes Online for up to 40 trained members of leaders, coaches, and/or trainers of Region 9 Hub. The 40 trained members will be divided into 2 cohorts. Each cohort will receive 6 hours of virtual follow ups

The **Facilitating CoP Tools and Processes Online Refresher**, will provide a series of targeted online learning sessions focused on following up on the designing and facilitating of online CoPs to improve practice and increase quality in early childhood programs currently served by Region 9 leaders, facilitators, and coaches. Up to forty, trained participants will be divided into two cohorts and engage in a series of facilitated online learning experiences focused on the following goals:

- Identify core values that inform what we do and why we do it;
- Determine successes and discuss challenges in implementing CoP tools;
- Re-examine the CoP framework and how it can be used to build community and engage adult learners;
- Design a learning event using CoP tools and processes

Delivery and Duration: This virtual work is anticipated to begin January 2022 and culminate no later than May 2022.

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