Childcare Resources of Indian River
High-Quality Early Learning Program Model Frameworks and Evaluation Support
Scope of Work

The Lastinger Center for Learning, housed within the University of Florida's College of Education, works to create equitable educational systems where every child and educator experiences high-quality learning that supports achievement of the critical milestones predictive of success in school and life. In the past two decades, the Center has made significant strides by collaborating for real, scalable change in collaboration with educators in Florida and around the country. The Center's portfolio of products focuses on reaching these goals through the advancement of effective, research-based professional learning experiences.

Project Plan and Objectives

The Lastinger Center Research and Evaluation team will work with Childcare Resources leaders, educators, and board of directors over the course of three years to meet the following goals:

1. Support the development of a logic model that articulates a defined set of innovations (also called "minimum core components") that, when operationalized, reflect the high-quality early learning program currently implemented within Indian River County.

2. Support the development of fidelity tools to codify a key implementation tenet: *Did we do what we said we would do?* Measuring fidelity aligns the program with an implementation science framework and operationalizes its innovations to be used by educators as intended.

3. Support the development of a year-long evaluation plan designed to collect data at multiple levels (program, educator, student, family), from multiple stakeholders (community members, leaders, educators, resource staff, families), and using various methodologies (quantitative, qualitative).

As a result of this fundamental model development work, leaders at Childcare Resources will gain a deeper understanding of the required components that are likely underlying the success of their program and articulate quantifiable outcomes achieved as a result of implementation of the model with fidelity.