

**University of Florida**  
**Working with the Experts Project (Part B) 011-2625B-5C001**  
**Project Abstract**

The purpose of the Working with the Experts (WWE) project is to increase the state's capacity to prepare and retain highly qualified personnel to provide instructional and related services to students with disabilities. WWE professional development activities also help to support implementation of Senate Bill 1108. The initiatives for this project include the coordination of professional development activities for related service personnel (speech and language pathologists). The project will coordinate six regional WWE activities and provide access to ASHA online professional development opportunities for Speech/Language Pathologists (SLPs). In addition, this project will provide support for and facilitate the WWE-SLP leaders and WWE-SLP Advisory Group meetings. The project will coordinate ASHA CEU provision for SLP professional development activities coordinated by WWE and other discretionary projects and school districts. The project will also update and expand the content of speech language resources located on the WWE website. Finally, this project will provide professional development activities for faculty at institutions of higher education that support the preparation of teachers working with students with disabilities by coordinating the 2015 Institute of Higher Education (IHE) Summer Institute.