

**Proposed Scope of Services:
Miami-Dade Early Learning Coaching Certification Program**

OVERVIEW AND OUTCOMES

The University of Florida Certified Early Learning Coaching program offers an intense, job-embedded coaching program to develop the skills of early learning coaches and TAs that will improve instruction in early learning centers and family child care homes. The University of Florida Coaching Certification is unique because certified coaches that emerge can assist early childhood professionals in creating a culture of learning and experimentation and promote collaborative work and discourse about effective care and instructional strategies.

The UF Certified Early Learning Coaching program will develop a cadre of skilled coaches working in Head Start Programs who have new skills to work effectively with practitioners to improve their care and instructional practice. The UF Certified Early Learning Coaching program content draws on the latest research and evidence-based practice from adult learning theory, effective coaching and quality improvement, the CLASS program evaluation tool, early learning research, and the work of noted scholars in early childhood education.

The UF Certified Early Learning Coaching program will provide Miami-Dade County Public Schools Department of Early Childhood Programs, Head Start/Early Head Start:

- A cohort of skilled coaches with the tools to effectively model for and coach practitioners to improve program quality.
- Practical application of adult learning principles within a coaching structure that supports and enhances the work of practitioners and child outcomes.
- A common language of quality improvement that supports the development of coaches and practitioners across Head Start Programs.