

## **Champions for Learning**

Future Ready Collier (FRC) is a network of more than 60 organizations, businesses, schools and community members working to ensure every child in Collier County, Florida, is ready for Kindergarten, and every young person enters adulthood with viable career pathway options. Since 2005, this Collier County based network, led by Champions for Learning, has intentionally facilitated collective impact strategies and examined how to best support families with young children to improve early childhood outcomes (Future Ready Collier, 2017). Because there is no “system” that connects resources for all Collier children ages 0-4 years old, existing supports for school readiness are generally fragmented. To remedy this, Future Ready Collier will build an integrated learning framework that supports school readiness, which is the foundation for all future success.

Building on this extensive and innovative work from Future Ready Collier, the Lastinger Center seeks a continuation of the partnership it has had with the Collier County community. A partnership between Future ready Collier and the Lastinger Center creates an unprecedented opportunity to strategically improve the quality of early learning programs through investigation, systems-wide analysis, and the creation of integrated early learning systems for success. The purpose of this partnership is to create shared ownership around a clear framework for ongoing Early Learning efforts that will support improved Kindergarten Readiness.

Goals for this consulting partnership include:

1. Engaging and listening to stakeholders to ascertain needs for Collier’s most vulnerable populations and programs.
2. Considering and analyzing national norms data, and learning from best practices of highlighted programs around the nation.
3. Developing a framework that builds this community’s capacity for leadership and connecting resources and results for children ages 0-4 years.