

Building a Statewide System for Inclusion

A team, led by Dr. Herman Knopf from the Anita Zucker Center for Excellence in Early Childhood Studies, will work with Dr. Googe to systematically review the South Carolina Child Care Coaching Process (SCCCP) being implemented by the South Carolina Inclusion Collaborative (SCIC) Inclusion Specialists to identify coaching practices and procedures that will be strengthened by an alignment with the Anita Zucker Center Practice-based Coaching Model (AZC-PBC).

As a result of ongoing evaluation, efforts we have determined that there are considerable similarities between the SCCC and the AZC-PBC. However, some critical coaching supports are not currently embedded within the SCCC. Namely, professional learning communities consisting of coaches throughout the country; fidelity measurement tools to evaluate the consistency of coach performance; lead implementation coaching to support facilitated reflection and feedback to enhance coaching effectiveness.

A partnership with the Anita Zucker Center includes the following benefits:

- Decade of research in implementation of Practice-Based coaching in a variety of early care and education settings.
- Access to measurement tools not available outside of a partnership with the researchers.
- Refined procedures and practices to support ongoing fidelity measurement and sustainability

Main Deliverables:

- Establish a menu of evidence-based teaching practices that are aligned with the ABC Intentional Teaching Tool; DEC recommended practices; and Pyramid Model Practices.
- Thorough review of the current SCCC and coaching practices, including an alignment with the AZC-PBC model to identify areas for enhancement.
- Jointly developed implementation checklists to guide coaching behavior and document performance consistency of coaches.
- Provide structure for facilitated coaching reflection and ongoing professional development through a multi-state PBC professional learning communities.
- Systematic onsite training conducted by AZC Lead Implementation Coach(es) for all SCIC Inclusion Specialists and the SCIC Program Coordinator on the enhanced SCCC.
- AZC Lead Implementation coach(es) will work directly with the SCIC Program Coordinator to increase capacity to sustain the implementation of the enhanced SCCC.