

**Florida Embedded Intervention and Practices with Caregivers:
Early Steps Professional Development Project (FL-EPIC ESPD)**

The Center for Communication and Early Childhood Research and Practice Center (CEC-RAP) at Florida State University (FSU) will engage with the Anita Zucker Center at the University of Florida (UF) to support the Florida Early Steps Program as they install a caregiver-implemented model of early intervention (EI) for infants and toddlers with disabilities in the state. As part of the main contract, the UF team will coordinate and implement the professional development program with cohorts of EI providers at two sites in Florida, while continuing to support the ongoing implementation and scale up for three sites who have been trained on a prior award.

The CEC-RAP team will support the implementation trainings for EI providers, and we will assist in the training of lead implementation coaches (LICs) who coach the EI providers in the field. To do this, the CEC-RAP team will review provider and LIC coaching sessions, offer feedback, and give input and technical assistance into the development of training materials for both the providers and LICs. The CEC-RAP team will also participate in project meetings and webinars to offer technical assistance to the state and institute of higher education team about the content and structure of the professional development offered to EI providers. The CEC-RAP team will also support observational data coding of provider and LIC implementation sessions. While the UF team maintains the databases and reports to the state, the FSU site will contribute as needed.