

## **Annual Sunshine State Early Childhood Information Portal Project Plan**

The purpose of this contract is to engage a Contractor to upgrade and enhance data and reports developed for the Early Care and Education Needs Assessment (ECENA) Information portal that is aligned with the aims of the Preschool Development Grant Birth through Five (PDG-B5), resulting in a new information portal, the Sunshine State Early Childhood Information Portal (Sunshine Portal). This Sunshine Portal provides Florida's early childhood system stakeholders access to the Florida needs assessment data and allows users to create customized maps and data visualizations describing early childhood system supports by selecting from a variety of data points and a variety of geographic levels (ranging from elementary school zone, county, early learning coalition, and statewide).

The Sunshine Portal is an upgrade of the previous online product known as the ECENA web portal. While the ECENA visualized aggregate-level estimates of the data, these data were not linked across services or agencies, and were drawn from census estimates resulting in a siloed and estimated view of Florida early childhood systems. The Sunshine Portal upgrade will provide a comprehensive and up-to-date view of the early childhood mixed delivery system, wherein information is linked at the child-level and reported as state and local summaries of the risk factors, protective factors, service access, service quality, and outcome indicators in user-friendly data visualizations (e.g., maps, tables, and graphs). These reports will be updated twice a year, as data sharing agreements permit. Data will be sourced, from the Early Childhood Integrated Data Repository, which is the secure data storage infrastructure of linked, individual-level Florida administrative data across early childhood and family services, which was previously developed. This Contract will also serve to maintain the infrastructure, software, data sharing, and data security compliance controls to maintain and update the Early Childhood Integrated Data Repository.