

# UF Lastinger Center and Children's Trust of Alachua County Comprehensive Literacy Needs Assessment



May 6, 2024



Lastinger Center for Learning  
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# Broad Project Goals

1. Assist with **organizing existing information** and **gathering new information** about what is currently being done to support literacy achievement in Alachua County.
2. Develop a literacy plan that promotes **literacy outcomes across all ages** in Alachua County.



# Project Timeline and Components



Overall Project Timeline: April 15, 2024 – August 12, 2024	
Initial Launch	April 2024
Phase 1: Pre-Assessment	April/May 2024
Phase 2: Assessment	June 2024
Phase 3: Post-Assessment	July/August 2024
Final Report Presentation	August 12, 2024

# Initial Launch

Project Component	Details
Target Audience	Organization and District Leaders and Comprehensive Literacy Planning Committee (CLPC)
Activities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Initial Meeting with Children's Trust (4/2/24)</li><li>Meeting with CLPC (4/15/24)</li></ul>
Goals	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Understand efforts to date</li><li>Gather existing data</li></ul>
Timeline	April 2024

# Phase 1: Pre-Assessment (Collect Existing Data)

Project Component	Details
Target Audience	Organization and District Leaders and Comprehensive Literacy Planning Committee (CLPC)
Activities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 1:1 meetings with Committee members and other literacy-oriented organizations</li><li>• Monthly meetings with Committee members</li></ul>
Goals	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Collect available data from organizations, community members, publicly available data</li><li>• Review data</li><li>• Plan comprehensive assessment activities</li></ul>
Timeline	April/May 2024

## Phase 2: Assessment (Collect New Data)

Project Component	Details
Target Audience	Organization and District Leaders, Comprehensive Literacy Planning Committee (CLPC), Educators, Community Partners, Early Learning Providers, Families
Activities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Monthly meetings with Committee members</li><li>• School visits</li><li>• Surveys</li><li>• Focus groups/interviews</li></ul>
Goals	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Survey and talk with Alachua County community members, organizations</li><li>• Analyze, review data</li></ul>
Timeline	May/June 2024

## Phase 3: Post-Assessment (Determine Needs)



Project Component	Details
Target Audience	Organization and District Leaders, Comprehensive Literacy Planning Committee (CLPC), Educators, Community Partners, Early Learning Providers, Families
Activities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Monthly meetings with Committee members</li><li>• Final data collection</li><li>• Data analysis of existing data sources, site visit observations, surveys, focus groups/interviews</li><li>• Finalize report</li></ul>
Goals	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Present findings with Committee members for feedback and interpretation</li><li>• Create final plan</li></ul>
Timeline	July/August 2024

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# Our Desired Contribution with the Comprehensive Literacy Plan



- Identify needs that are not yet met
- Show how existing resources and opportunities could become even more effectively interconnected
- Highlight how shared communication among different organizations can be continued and enhanced
- Recommend specific actionable next steps