

A Proven Literacy Model Ready to Scale

PEAK Literacy • Alachua County



WHY WE EXIST

Because the literacy gap in Alachua County is persistent —and it tracks race and income.

Reading Proficiency Grades 3-10

70%

White students at grade-level

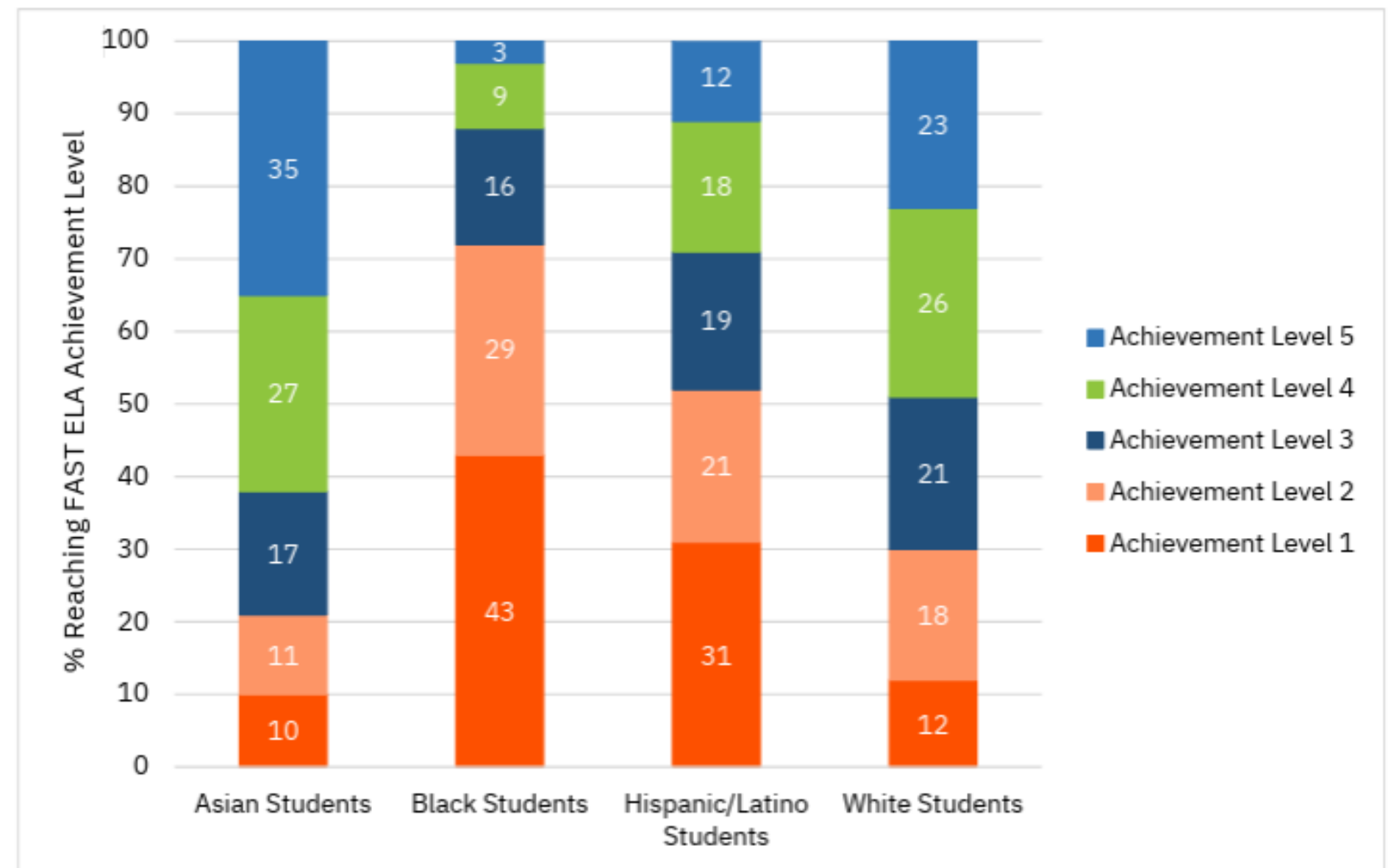
49%

Hispanic/Latino students at grade-level

28%

Black students at grade-level

Gap: 42 percentage points



Source: Data provided on request by Alachua County Public Schools.

Source: 2025 Alachua County Literacy Needs Assessment (ACLNA).Report

The challenges

We build around the reality faced by families, schools, and afterschool programs.

1

Time & Capacity

Families, teachers, and afterschool staff have limited time and bandwidth

2

Student Engagement & Readiness

Attendance and attention vary – tutoring must work even when schedules don't

3

Resource Limitations

Programs need solutions that are practical, affordable, and easy to sustain.

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Design Challenge

Lean delivery models supported by strong evaluation metrics

In response, we designed a tutoring model that is both research-grounded and practical.

Our model

High-impact tutoring that fits into real schedules.

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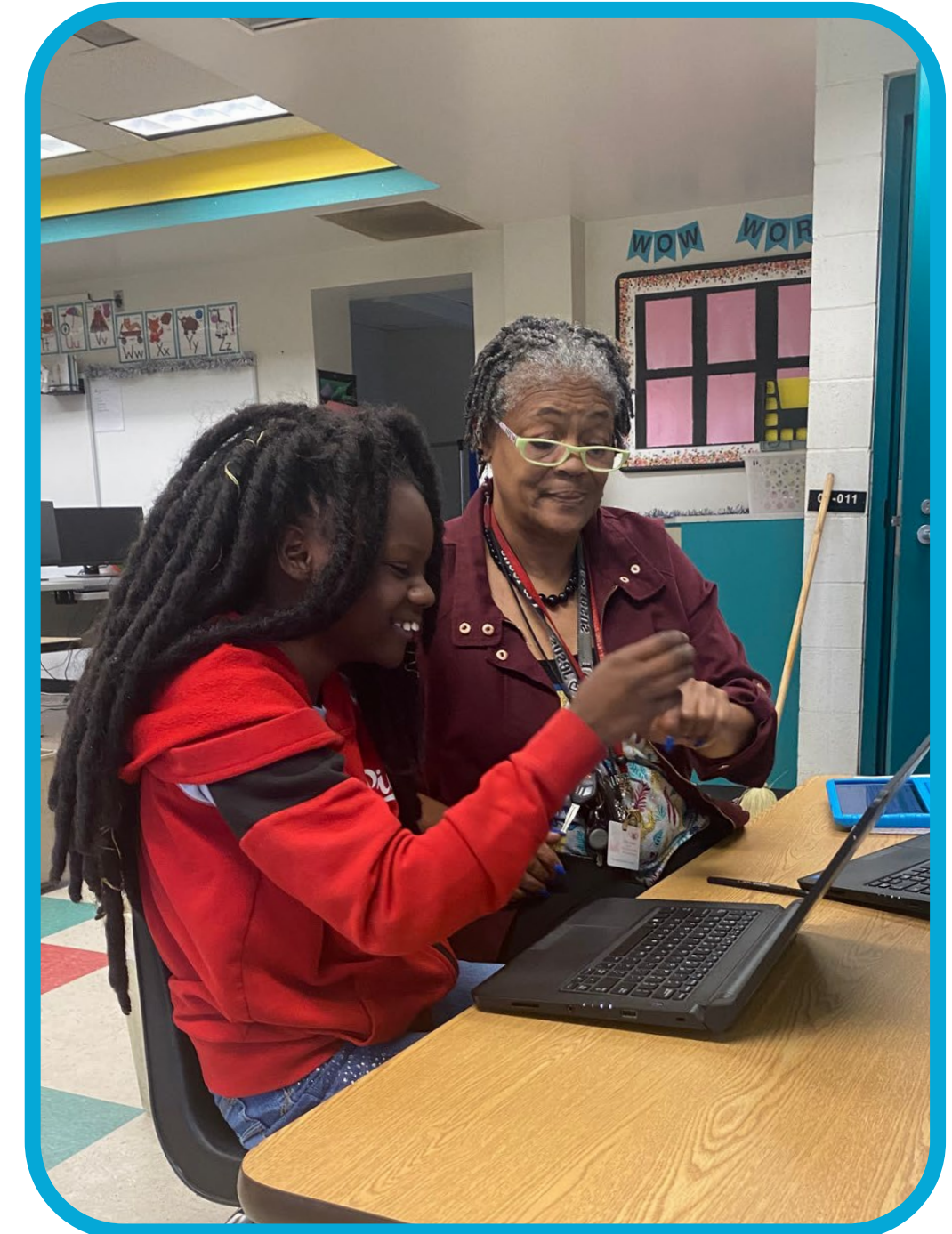
minutes per session

3 – 5

times per week (high dosage)

1:1

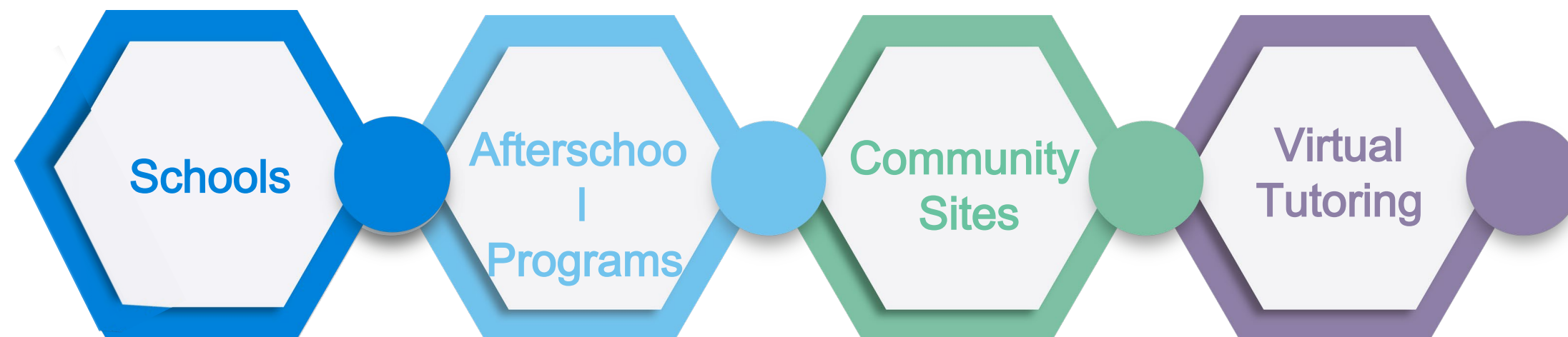
coach + student (on-site or virtual)





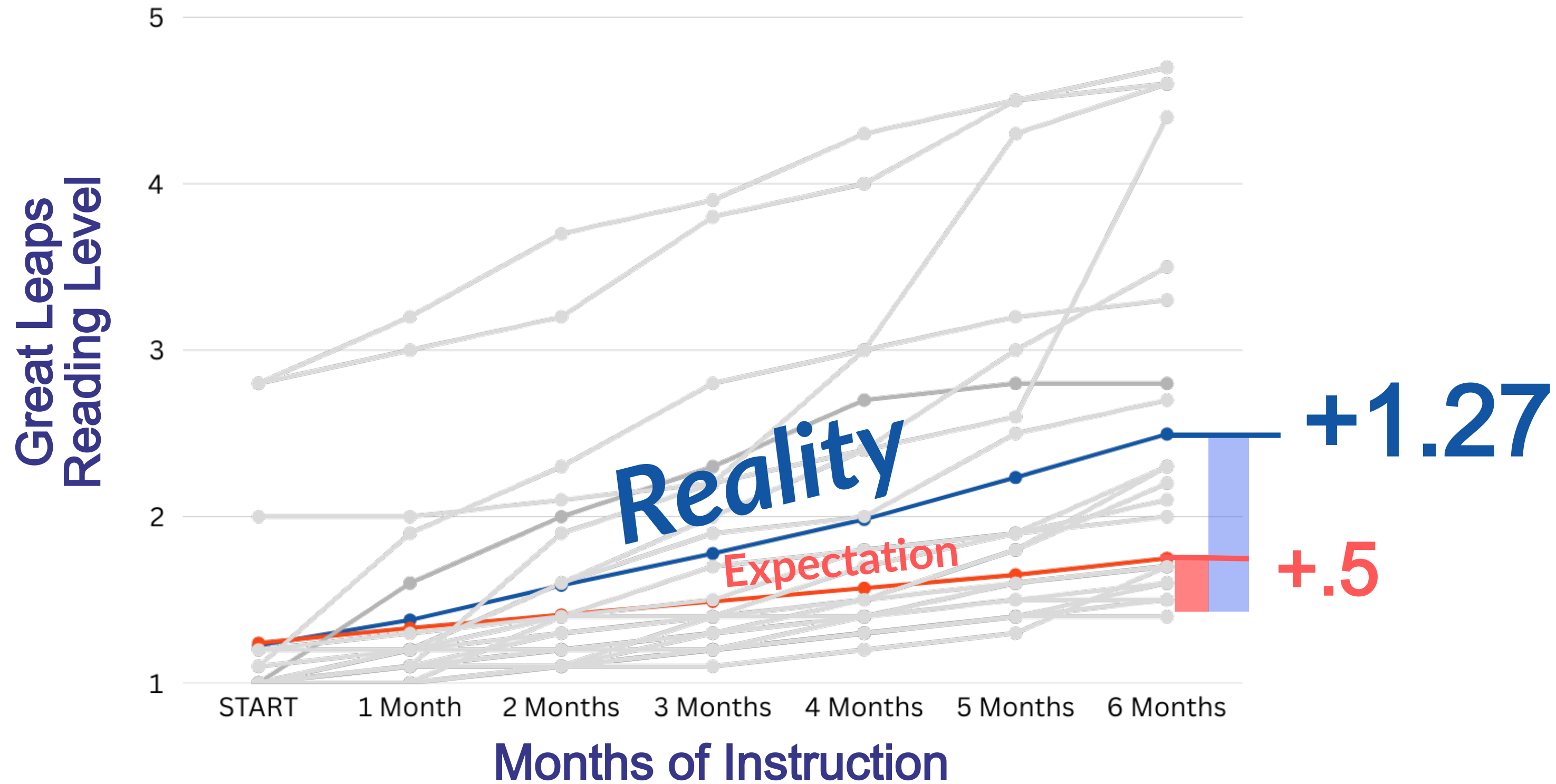
Doable • Sustainable • Scalable

We co-design implementation with partners so it works with the resources they have.



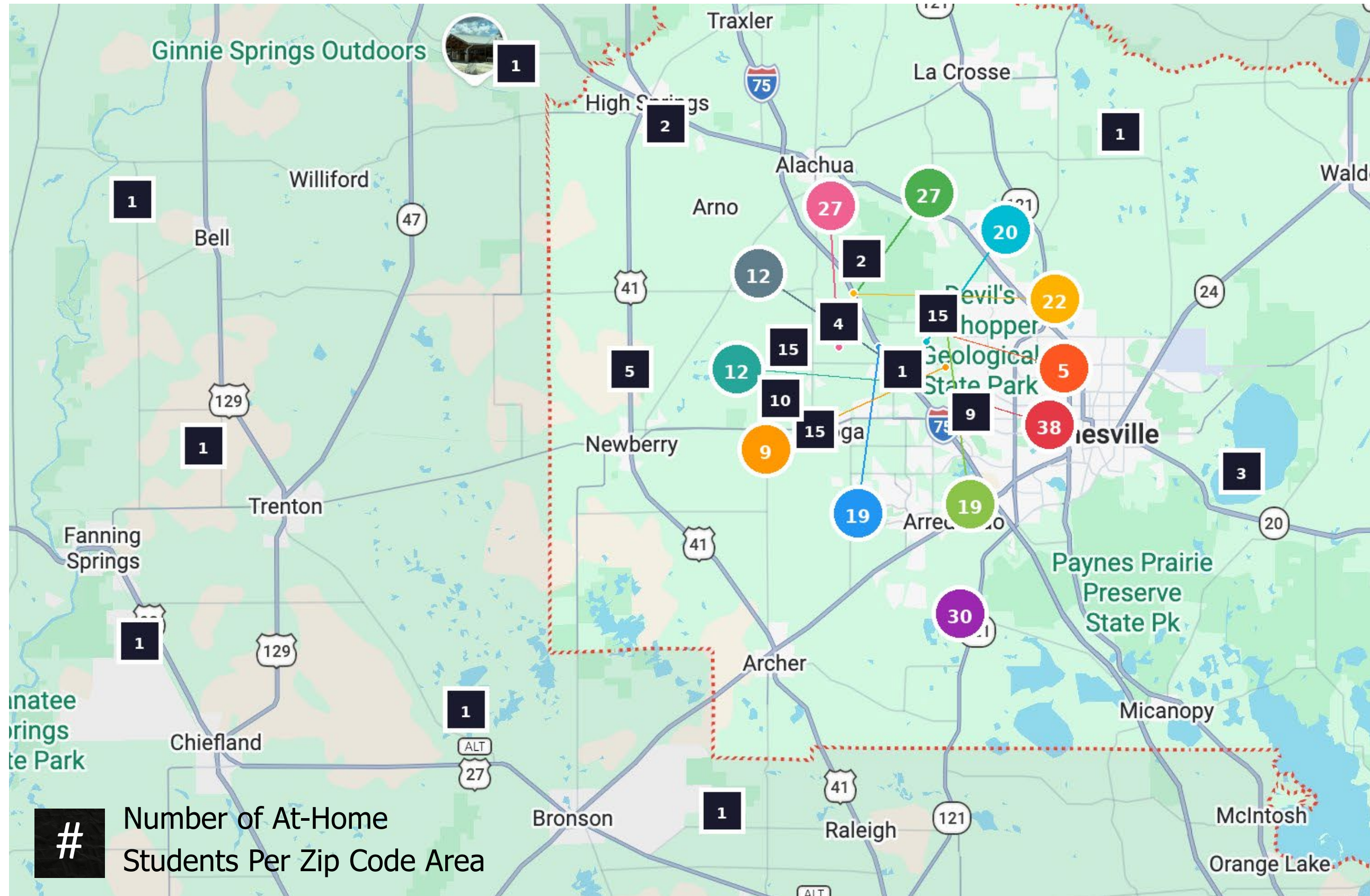
Results

This only matters if it moves reading outcomes. It does.



*Data reflects 24 students who received six months of the Great Leaps Reading intervention with fidelity from PEAK Literacy

PEAK Program Sites & Students



Program Sites

- 38** Aces in Motion
- 12** AMI Kids
- 12** Caring and Sharing
- 9** Elite Arts
- 5** Gainesville Empowerment Zone
- 27** Girls Place
- 20** Kids Count
- 19** Oakview
- 22** Pineridge Cool Kids
- 19** Sweetwater Neighborhood
- 27** Westwood Middle
- 30** Willie Mae Stokes

WHAT THE COUNTY'S INVESTMENT HAS MADE POSSIBLE

(in less than six months)

Early momentum and system-wide capacity building

Direct Services to Youth

- ✓ +187 students served
- ✓ +83 volunteers recruited
- ✓ Assessment protocols implemented
- ✓ Coaching + training model launched
- ✓ Daily instructional monitoring
- ✓ 57 mid-year assessments

Literacy Capacity Building

- ✓ Implementation at 11 sites
- ✓ Monthly literacy cohort launched (4 of 7 completed)
- ✓ Coaching and consultation supporting site implementation
- ✓ Site literacy action plans in development (Summer 2026)

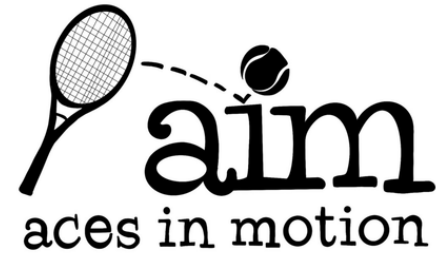
Parent Engagement

- ✓ 2 caregiver workshops delivered at cohort sites
- ✓ 1 caregiver workshop webinar hosted
- ✓ 40 new student intake sessions conducted to support family onboarding
- ✓ 20 caregiver strategy sessions provided
- ✓ Community literacy celebration

NEXT PHASE—ADULT EDUCATION (IN PROGRESS)

who we work with

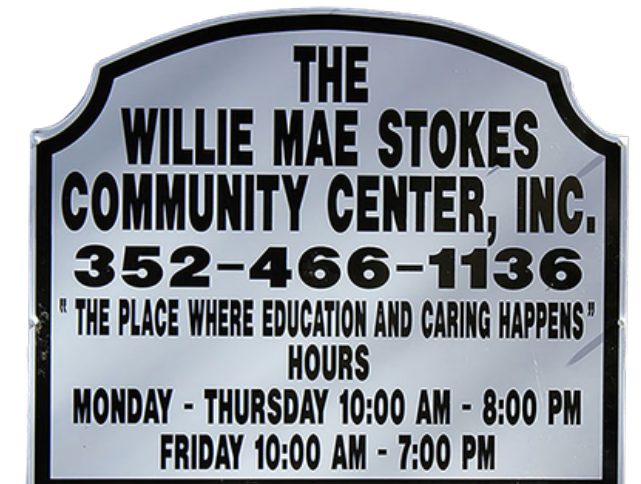
Community Partner Sites



GAINESVILLE
Housing Authority
Where Housing Matters



I Gotcha Back



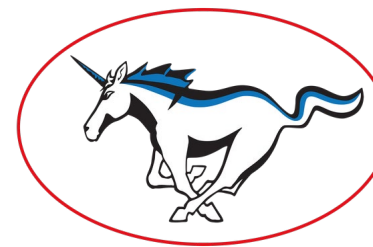
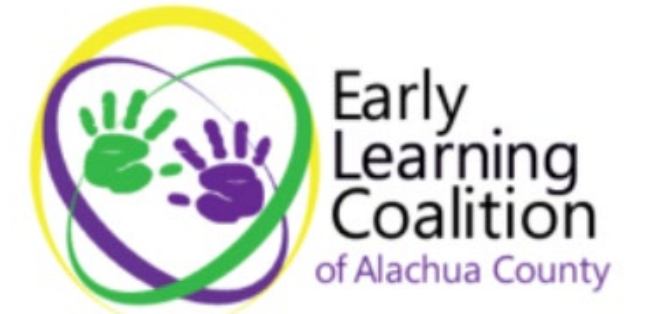
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Business Partners



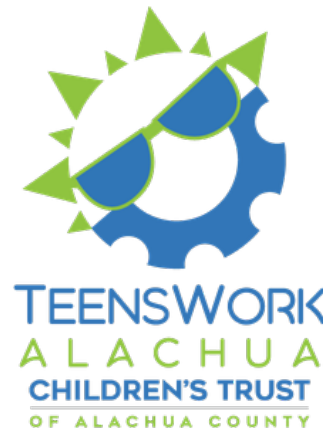
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Referral Partners



who we work with

Volunteer Partners







Two paths forward

Options for FY 2026 –2027

With Continued Support

Sustain and Strengthen Current Work

Total: 320 students





-  Sustain steady growth within existing partner sites including adult pilot program
-  Maintain program quality and implementation fidelity
-  Expand volunteer training and leadership development
-  Strengthen progress monitoring, data use, and reporting

*includes modest cost adjustments for necessary increases.

With Increased Support

Expand Reach and Impact

Total: 425 students

-  Expand to three additional partner sites, with a focus on rural locations
-  Scale school-based partnerships, including a pilot with DJJ
-  Improve disability screening processes and develop a plan for additional supports through business partnerships
-  Launch a second adult literacy program aligned with workforce development

Thank you

for investing in a community-powered solution that works.

With support from:

- Children's Trust of Alachua County
- Alachua County
- Community donors & partners

