The Florida Diagnostic & Learning Resources System provides diagnostic, instructional, and technology support services to district exceptional education programs and families of students with disabilities.
FDLRS Regions and Associate Centers

Region 1
- Westgate
- PAEC
- Miccosukee

Region 2
- Gateway
- NEFEC
- Crown
- Springs

Region 3
- Action
- East
- Galaxy

Region 4
- Gulfcoast
- Hillsborough
- Sunrise
- Suncoast
- Heartland

Region 5
- Island Coast
- Alpha
- Reach
- South
FDLRS Four Functions

HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

• Utilize collaborative, data-based, needs assessment process to identify and align professional development activities in support of the State Performance Plan, Areas of Focus, Evaluation Protocol, K-12 Reform Efforts, Highly Qualified, Just Read, Florida! and statewide efforts in support of math/science initiatives.

• Coordinate and provide multi-level, research-based professional development activities that are aligned with BEESS State Performance Plan (SPP) indicators.

• Provide support to districts re: relevant information, materials and other resources related to professional development, exemplary practices and FDLRS services that support the attainment of state/district goals related to ESE programs and services.

• Support development and implementation of statewide effective distance learning professional development activities including Professional Development Alternatives for Exceptional Student Educators (PDA-ESE), Middle Grades Integrated Curriculum (IC), and Elementary K-6 Online Content Review Modules, and delivery of local, professional development using virtual technologies.
• Provide technical assistance and support services to local assistive technology specialists (LATS) and regional local assistive technology specialists (RLATS).

• Using the *Exploring New Territories* booklet as initial content, provide professional development, technical assistance, and support in the areas of:
  – Assistive Technology (AT)
  – Instructional Technology (IT)
  – Universal Design for Learning (UDL)
  – Accessible Instructional Materials (AIM): AIM and Florida NIMAS information as well as related accommodations, services, tools, and technologies
  – Virtual Instruction (VI), continuity of learning, online tools, Web 2.0, virtual meetings, 3D virtual worlds, 3D games.

• As available, support and participate in hands-on technology labs and exhibits; including (if scheduled) Florida Council for Exceptional Children (FLCEC), Florida Educational Technology Conference (FETC), Assistive Technology Industry Association (ATIA), and Just Read, Florida!
CHILD FIND

• Provide developmental screenings to identify children birth to five years of age who are at risk or may qualify for services related to exceptional student education using the Children’s Registry and Information System (CHRIS) to document screenings, referrals for evaluations, evaluation outcomes, placement decisions, and transition from the Early Steps program to prekindergarten programs for children with disabilities at age three.

• Support awareness of materials and provide/facilitate training opportunities related to child development and developmentally appropriate practices.

• Locate children attending nonpublic schools needing exceptional student education.

• Support transition at age three and implementation of the statewide system to measure child outcomes through facilitating collaboration among school districts, the Early Steps program, the Technical Assistance and Training System (TATS) for Programs serving Prekindergarten Children with Disabilities, and other early education and care programs in the community.
PARENT SERVICES

• Support, coordinate, or provide information and technical assistance to schools and/or districts on best practices and strategies which assist schools in developing and implementing strategies to reach out to families and facilitate effective parent involvement in their child’s education.

• Support, coordinate or provide information and technical assistance to parents on best practices and strategies which assist families to be effectively involved in their child’s education.

• Provide support to and/or facilitation of parent liaison meetings to promote exchange of ideas/resources and accuracy of information.
FDLRS Statewide Websites

http://fdlrshrd.nefec.org

www.fdlrs.org

www.pda-ese.org

http://fdlrshrd.nefec.org/elemK6

http://fdlrshrd.nefec.org/IC
Region 5 FDLRS Associate Centers
Serving Region 5

- **FDLRS-South**: Miami-Dade and Monroe
- **FDLRS/REACH**: Broward
- **FDLRS/ALPHA**: Palm Beach
- **FDLRS Island Coast**: Collier and Lee
- **FDLRS Heartland**: Glades, and Hendry
  - (Also serves DeSoto and Highlands counties which are in Region 4)
- **FDLRS Suncoast**: Charlotte
  - (Also serves Manatee and Sarasota counties which are in Region 4)
• **FDLRS Associate Centers** collaborate with local ESE departments to share information and provide trainings

• **FDLRS Associate Centers** collaborate with other FDOE discretionary projects

• The **FDLRS/ALPHA** Manager is involved with the Palm Beach County Graduation Task Force

• **FDLRS-South** participates on the Superintendent’s Advisory Panel for Students with Disabilities

• Some districts collaborate with the Redland Christian Migrant Association (RCMA)
Interagency Collaboration

- Participation at multi-agency events
- Members of interagency transition teams (in some cases, Chairperson)
- Members of interagency subcommittees:
  - Lee County Project Transition Self-Determination (and Healthcare Transition)
  - Palm Beach S.T.A.R.S. (Start Transition and Realize Success) Transition Conference
  - Miami-Dade S.T.E.P.S. (Students Transitioning to Educational/Employment Pathways) for Success Conference
Interagency Collaboration

- Partnership with Workforce Development Boards
- Business Leadership Network Liaison
- Obtained TPCA for county within the FDLRS Suncoast region, and provided training for employment specialists
- **FDLRS Suncoast** is a member of the Manatee County Chamber of Commerce Education and Workforce Committee; training is provided in 3 chamber activities during the year
Conferences and Events

• **FDLRS Heartland** hosts an Annual Conference *(parents from all four districts are invited, and transportation is provided)*—the topics presented by FDLRS staff vary each year

• Presenting, exhibiting, and volunteering, at the S.T.A.R.S. Transition Conference in Palm Beach County
Conferences and Events

FDLRS-South is a co-sponsor the following annual conferences:

• Festival Educativo (conference conducted entirely in Spanish)
• Anbyans Kreyol (conference conducted entirely in Haitian-Creole)
• S.T.E.P.S for Success
Conferences and Events

• Collaboration between Southwest Florida Works, Goodwill Industries of Southwest Florida, Inc., and Lee County Project Transition to host a Disability Mentoring Day Event, and a Project Transition Open House

• Florida Division on Career Development and Transition (FL-DCDT) VISIONS Conferences
Parent Services

- FDLRS/Reach provides parent workshops/trainings as part of the "Weekend with the Expert " series
- P.A.L.S. (Parents as Liaisons) participate in Agency Fairs organized for Palm Beach County School District staff
- Lee County Footsteps
- FDLRS-South Parent Services staff collaborate with FIN to coordinate a traveling road show titled “Walk a Mile in My Shoes”.
Parent Services

- FDLRS-South Parent Services provides annual training to the Charlee Program foster parents
- Attend TIEP conferences assist and inform parents regarding post transition issues
- Attend Parent Advisory meetings in Region 4 district
• Sharing information at meetings:
  – Principals
  – Department Heads
  – ESE Contacts
  – ESE Advisory Committee
• Training for teachers on a 1:1 basis
• Training and support for parents and families
FDLRS Heartland provides training at least once per year to the Department of Juvenile Justice (DJJ) centers.

FDLRS/ALPHA provides updates and shares information at ESE capacity building sessions—participants include Area Resource Teachers and Team Leaders.

FDLRS/ALPHA and FDLRS/REACH work in collaboration with the school district to provide IEP and LEA workshops.
Training, Technical Assistance, and Support

- **FDLRS-South** collaborates with the district office in conducting Instructional Reviews at Differentiated Accountability Schools to develop, monitor, and review action plans.

- **FDLRS Suncoast** provides and facilitates workshops for the Manatee/Sarasota Business Leadership Network, including:
  - hiring initiatives
  - accommodations in the workplace, and
  - mental health issues in the workplace
Local **FDLRS Associate Centers** offer a wide array of trainings, these are just a few:

- PDA Online Courses on Transition *(involves a face-to-face component)*
- Transition Assessment and Evaluation
- Self-Determination
  - Standing Up for Me
  - Strategic Instruction Models (self-advocacy, and Possible Selves)
- Measurable Postsecondary and Annual Measurable Goals
- **FDLRS/REACH** and **FDLRS-South** utilize the Active Parenting Series
- Graduation requirements
- Cyber bullying
Accomplishments

• Lee County Project Transition’s logo design winner was a high school student

• We are Southwest Florida Campaign—partially funded through Project 10
Accomplishments

• Broward County *Re-engagement Fair*—121 participants
• Broward County Family Resource Fair and Teen Transition to Life Summit-300 participants
• Broward County *Exploring Post Secondary Options for Young Adults* - 80 participants
• The Transition Times newsletter-hardcopy and web based (Region 4)
• Received an ABLE Trust Mentor/Mentee grant for paid internships
Upcoming Activities...

• Lee County
  – Quarterly Self-determination e-newsletter
  – “We Are Southwest Florida” video
  – Project Transition’s new 3-year PATH to be developed at the start of 2011-12 SY

• Broward
  – Piloting Active Parenting Teen Series online trainings
  – Continue Active Parenting face-to-face 6 session workshops
...Upcoming Activities...

• Miami-Dade
  – 2\textsuperscript{nd} Annual S.T.E.P.S. for Success Conference—October 1, 2011
  – Anbyans Kreyol – May 21, 2011
  – Children’s Mental Health Awareness Day Empowerment Summit— May 3, 2011
Upcoming Activities

- **FDLRS Suncoast**
  - Lunch and Learn workshops on transition
  - Children's Committee on Mental Health Issues annual workshop in Oct. 2011
  - In April *Health Care in Transition* advertised in all 3 districts