

INNOVATION FUND IMPLEMENTATION & SCALING GRANTEES NOVEMBER 2017

Grantee	Clarke County School District
Priority Area	Birth to Age Eight Language and Literacy
Type of Grant	Implementation
Award Amount	\$669,000.00
Project Name	Pathway of Support: Trauma-Informed Care
Program Description	The Clarke County School District (CCSD) will boost the reading achievement of over 100 three-and four-year-old children who have experienced trauma by disrupting traditional approaches to literacy instruction. In partnership with a multidisciplinary team of early learning experts from the University of Georgia and mental health professionals from Clarke County social service and community agencies, private providers, and nonprofit organizations, CCSD will train its Early Learning Center teachers and caregivers on trauma-informed classroom and home practices and provide intensive support to children at the Early Learning Center. Ultimately, the program strives to create safe and nurturing school and home environments where children can learn, develop, and use language and literacy skills to cope with trauma and successfully navigate academic and social situations.

Grantee	Crisp County School System
Priority Area	Birth to Age Eight Language and Literacy
Type of Grant	Implementation
Award Amount	\$671,895.00
Project Name	Early SUCCESS: Strategies for Underserved Children, Community Engagement, and Social-emotional Support
Program Description	The Crisp County School System (CCSS) – a rural and high-poverty community with 98% of students qualifying for free and reduced-price lunch – will disrupt traditional approaches to early literacy and social emotional development through Early SUCCESS. The program aims to transform the traditional public-private silo approach to a cohesive, community-wide effort impacting every segment of the community: home daycare providers, private childcare centers, Head Start, public school classrooms, and families. Early SUCCESS will accomplish this goal by training both CCSS pre-kindergarten and kindergarten teachers as well as other community childcare providers on evidence-based literacy and social-emotional development strategies. In addition, Early SUCCESS will design a Mobile Family Literacy Center that brings literacy and social emotional development resources directly to families in their own communities.

Grantee	Westside High School
School District	Bibb County School District
Priority Area	Blended and Personalized Learning
Type of Grant	Scaling
Award Amount	\$700,000.00
Project Name	Westside STEAM Magnet High School RTI-Based Personalized Learning Program
Program Description	Westside High School (WHS), in partnership with Bibb County School District, local colleges and universities, and other business and community organizations will scale its existing Noles Nation Flexible Learning High School to provide all students with personalized supports to ensure they are college and career ready. Specifically, WHS will implement four academies – the Twilight program, the Blended Learning Academy, the Challenge Academy, and the College & Career Academy – each designed to cater to the unique needs of all students, regardless of if they are struggling, on-grade level, advanced, or facing a variety of academic or personal challenges.