FIN Services and Supports

Our Mission:

FIN collaborates with all districts and schools to provide customized services and supports ensuring all students with disabilities have the same educational, social, and future opportunities as their peers.

District- and School-Based Planning, Implementation, Capacity Building and Supports

- Data analysis (e.g., educational environments, district data)
- Best BPIE Assessment: District and School
- District-wide planning and problem-solving
- Professional learning opportunities:
  - Collaborative Teaching Partnerships (meets requirements of section 1003.03, Florida Statutes, F.S.)
  - Specially Designed Instruction Using In-Class Supports
  - Supporting Students with the Most Significant Cognitive Disabilities Using In-Class Supports
  - Myths and Facts of Supporting Students with Disabilities in the Least Restrictive Environment
  - Strategies for Supporting Students with Disabilities Using In-Class Models of Support
  - Paraprofessional sessions
  - Peers as Partners in Learning
- Scheduling for Supporting Students with Disabilities
- Coaching and mentoring
- Technical assistance and consultation
- Leadership team planning and problem-solving
- Alignment with a framework for Multi-tiered Systems of Support
- Support for Best Practices for Including Students with Disabilities

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Family Support and Information

- Family FACT Folios
- Communication Tips
- Back to School Tips
- Making Friends
- Building Independence
- Organizational Skills
- Engagement Strategies
- Social Skills
- Tips to Build Executive Functioning
- Homework Habits
- Presentations for family events

Resources and Products

- Website and print resources
- Best Practices Cards for Educators
- Universal Design for Learning in the Pre-K Classroom
- Instructional and Teacher Leader FACT Folios
- Person First Language posters and bookmarks
- Peers as Partners in Learning
- ABC's of Supporting Students with Disabilities

Independent Courses

FIN supports multiple independent courses on the Bureau of Exceptional Education and Student Services Portal to Professional Learning Alternatives website: https://fl-pla.org/#/home. Supportive Environments for Students with Disabilities, Collaborative Teaching Partnerships, Leadership to Support Students with Disabilities, and Integrating Student Services for All Students can meet the needs of a variety of stakeholders and are available at no cost.