

Florida Inclusion Network (Part B) 2011-2012

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The purpose of the Florida Inclusion Network (FIN) is to maintain a district and regional network of facilitators, consultants, and practitioners to assist schools and school districts in the implementation of effective and inclusive educational practices. The FIN/FGCU Facilitation Project serves six school districts. These are Charlotte, Collier, Glades, Hendry, Lee, and Monroe. This region of Florida has 202 schools serving 158,140 students in Pre-K through grade 12. There are 10,661 teachers in the region. Of those, 1,504 are assigned to exceptional student education and provide instruction to 22,913 students with individual educational plans.



*Volunteers at the completion of the Corkscrew
Community Boundless Playground at Corkscrew
Elementary School in Naples.
Stan Weser is on the right.*

This project continues to conduct training and consultation using alternative delivery methods. This project maintains virtual office hours and conducts meetings and collaborative activities electronically as appropriate. When schedules and technology permit and there is a good match in their needs/desired outcomes, this project will offer access to workshops/presentations delivered to staff from one school site to staff from other school sites. Decisions regarding formats are made considering the objectives and intended outcomes of each activity as well as the technology capacities of individual schools/districts. Alternate formats are used in combination with traditional formats for professional learning opportunities and/or technical assistance activities.

During 2011-12, FIN/FGCU will continue participating in and sponsoring participants for webinars, online courses, webcasts, and virtual office hours. FIN/FGCU will also offer online modules on the topics of Collaborative Teaching, Differentiated Instruction, the Foundations of Inclusion, and From Label to Able.