

ABSTRACT

Project Title: Supporting High-Needs Elementary Students with the CW-FIT Program: Building for Scale and Sustainability.

Type of Grant Requested: Mid-Phase

Absolute Priorities: 1 & 2

Total number of students to be served: 9,900

Grade levels to be served: 3-5

Definition of high-need student. Eligible for free or reduced-price lunch

Project Description, including Project Activities:

The proposed project will develop, implement, and evaluate scalable practices for an evidence-based, elementary school intervention: Class-Wide Function-related Intervention Teams (CW-FIT). CW-FIT uses a positively focused group contingency to increase academic engagement and academic competencies for high-needs students. Data collected from implementing partners will assist in identifying school-level assets and barriers to inform future expansion.

Summary of Project Objectives and Expected Outcomes

- The University of Kansas with school district partners, will scale the CW-FIT intervention using District Coaching Model and Implementation Supports.
- This project seeks to improve student outcomes related to engagement and academic achievement along with teacher classroom management.
- A randomized trial conducted by SRI (an independent evaluator) will compare outcomes for students in CW-FIT classes to students in classrooms implementing usual supports.
- The evaluation team will evaluate the fidelity of implementation and the impact of CW-FIT on: student academic engagement and achievement; teacher classroom management; program implementation and cost effectiveness across sites to support two main goals:

- 1. Increase the scalability and sustainability of CW-FIT** by utilizing the District Coaching Model and building Implementation Supports.
- 2. Contribute to the CW-FIT evidence-base** for improving student academic engagement and achievement competencies along with teacher classroom management for high-needs students in elementary schools.

Special Project Features: Online Coaching and Implementation Supports.

Organizations partnering with this project: University of Kansas, University of St Mary, SRI, & four LEA school districts

- Kansas City Kansas School District, KS
- North Kansas City School District, MO
- Vallejo Unified School District, CA
- Mt Diablo Unified School District, CA