

Project Abstract

Project Title: Effective Instructional Coaching At-Scale for Middle Schools Using Jim Knight’s Coaching with Impact (CWI)

Type of Grant Request: Mid-phase

Absolute Priorities: 1 and 3

Total Number of Students to Be Served in the Project: 42,750

Grade Level(s) to Be Served by the Project: Grades 6, 7, and 8

Definition of High-Need Students: Students in schools eligible for Schoolwide Title I Programs

Brief Project Description Including Project Activities: The project will refine, test, and scale the CWI program, an instructional coaching system that helps teachers use evidence-based practices successfully. The project will target middle schools with instructional coaches who support English language arts (ELA) teachers.

Summary of Project Objectives and Expected Outcomes:

- The 1-year field test of CWI (2021–22) will provide iterative, actionable feedback to refine the materials and processes used to scale CWI with fidelity.
- The 3-year, at-scale implementation (2022-25) will reach all ELA teachers in 40 treatment schools in an 80-school randomized controlled trial to assess the impact of CWI at scale.
- The dissemination effort will support replication of CWI and its key features and share lessons.

Any Special Project Features: The project tests a version of the CWI program focused on student proficiency in writing, a major contributor to disparities in academic and life outcomes.

List All Organizations Partnering With This Project: AIR, Instructional Coaching Group, Learning Forward, Broward County Public Schools, Northside Independent School District, Garland Independent School District, Hillsborough County Public Schools, School District of Osceola County.