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Abstract

**Target Population:** The U-ACSN SF will impact 6,260 Black, Hispanic, Multi-racial and immigrant students; 1,000 parents and 200+ teachers in nine (9) Title I public schools, grades K-12, that are in three

(3) racially and ethnically diverse, immigrant and high-poverty communities in Miami's Urban Core. The nine targeted schools' combined student demographics are 99.01% minority and 93.6% eligible for a free or reduced lunch. Students are considered to be low achieving and "at-risk" due to high poverty, lack of school readiness, low parent involvement, trauma/adversity in the home and/or community, foster care, homelessness, transiency, English Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL), low attendance, low scores on the Florida Standard Assessment, behavioral infractions, not meeting academic requirements, grade retention, and school disengagement that leads to school withdrawal and not graduating.

**Comprehensive Project Plan:** FIU - The Education Effect and Communities in Schools of Miami (CIS of Miami) propose to increase impact and expand child and family services through the implementation of the University-Assisted Community School Network of South Florida (UACSN SF), a holistic support system that will identify and track multi-pronged interventions across educational, developmental, social-emotional, and health domains for students and families. A Network of key partners will provide a continuum of coordinated support services and educational opportunities through Integrated Student Supports, Expanded Learning Time and Opportunities, Family Involvement and Community Engagement through Coordinated Services, and Collaborative Leadership and Practice.

**The Goals for U-ACSN SF are:** 1. All students will attend school daily ready to learn in a safe and supportive environment that promotes achievement and pathways to higher education; 2. All students will have the opportunity to participate in programs to improve academic and social emotional development, health and wellness; 3. Families will be actively involved in bettering their own lives and helping their children to do the same by creating an environment conducive for student success; and 4. Students, families, teachers and administrators will be provided opportunities to improve practices, and professional development to ensure that children are prepared for kindergarten, are achieving academically, are safe, healthy and supported by engaged parents/guardians.

**U-ACSN SF Key Partners (8):** FIU - The Education Effect (Lead Agency and Applicant), Miami Dade County Public Schools (Lead Education Agency), Communities in Schools of Miami (Lead Partner), Educate Tomorrow, FIU After-School All-Stars, Affirming Youth, Miami-Dade Family Learning Partnership, Inc. and Platinum Medical Centers, Inc. The key partners have a strong history of working to improve the targeted schools and communities.