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# NEWS

## **Project CHILD 3.0 creates new vision for 21<sup>st</sup> century schools! ISI applies for \$30M Invest in Innovation Grant.**

The Institute for School Innovation (ISI) in Tallahassee, Florida has formed a partnership with leaders in education and business to enhance and expand Project CHILD<sup>1</sup>. ISI has applied for an *i3 Validation Grant*, a federal initiative designed to scale up successful innovations that have not been previously implemented on a wide scale. Project CHILD 3.0 will create a regional network of high-tech/high-touch demonstration schools as replicable models for turning around low performing schools in high poverty neighborhoods.

One of the CHILD 3.0 enhancements will be to create a Project CHILD Virtual Community (PCVC) for online professional learning and collaboration, connecting all CHILD schools with the demonstration schools. CHILD 3.0 classrooms will be equipped with state-of-the-art technology along with the Project CHILD strategies to incorporate the technology into daily classroom instruction. The goal is to have all students performing at or above grade level after completing the three-year CHILD instructional cycle.

The demonstration schools have been selected based upon meeting the demographics required for the grant, and having evidence of success with Project CHILD in selected classrooms. They also had to show the strong commitment from the principal and district leaders to fully implement Project CHILD 3.0 school-wide.

The CHILD 3.0 demonstration schools are:

- Bob Sikes Elementary, Crestview, FL
- Cedar Hall Elementary School, Evansville, IN
- Chamberlain Primary School, New Britain, CT
- Dishman-McGinnis Elementary School, Bowling Green, KY
- Highlands Elementary School, Vero Beach, FL
- Imagine Charter School, Marietta, GA
- South Heights Elementary School, Henderson, KY
- Western Academy Charter School, Royal Palm Beach, FL

The CHILD 3.0 educational consulting partners are: Anthropolpogi Educational Research & Development; Evaluation Systems Design, Inc.; International Alliance for Invitational Education; Loving Guidance, Inc. The business partners are: Dell; ePals Inc.; Lakeshore Learning; Leapfrog; Mariner Education Group; Logical Choice Technologies (Promethean); Pearson Digital.

Together this dynamic partnership will provide a validated instructional model filled with innovation, technology, and collaboration with a focus on high student engagement. The school of tomorrow is here today!

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<sup>1</sup> See attached for a brief description of Project CHILD and the Institute for School Innovation

## **About Project CHILD®**

Project CHILD which stands for “Changing How Instruction for Learning is Delivered” is a unique three-dimensional learning system that incorporates technology and active hands-on learning into daily instruction. Classrooms are organized into cross-grade triad “clusters” using a team-teaching approach. Teachers receive special training to become subject-focused specialists in one of the core academic areas: reading, writing, or mathematics. Classrooms utilize six different learning stations to incorporate computers, textbooks, and hands-on activities. Teachers work with students for three years to build basic competencies throughout the primary grades (K-2) and intermediate grades (3-5).

The CHILD system was originally developed in 1988 at Florida State University by Dr. Sarah Butzin. Numerous research studies over the years have shown that CHILD students have higher test scores, better behavior, and are more involved in learning than are comparable students in traditional classrooms. More information and evaluation data are available on the ISI web site at [www.ifs.org](http://www.ifs.org). Project CHILD is currently being implemented in schools in Florida, Georgia, Indiana, Kentucky, Connecticut, and New York. Nearly 16,000 students are involved.

## **About ISI**

The Institute for School Innovation (ISI) is a private, non-profit educational organization located in Tallahassee, Florida that was established in 1995 as a vehicle to continue the CHILD research and development, and to promote its growth to reach more students and teachers. The mission of the Institute is to redefine classroom instruction through technology and active learning. ISI engages in research and development, along with professional development, to transform teaching and learning to better meet the educational needs for the 21<sup>st</sup> century. ISI is the sole source provider of the CHILD instructional system.