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Building the National Model in Early Childhood Studies



90%
of brain development occurs in the first 5 years



28%
of 4-year-old children attend state-funded prekindergarten or Head Start programs



4.7 million
teachers and caregivers working with children birth to 5 years-of-age have a median wage of \$10.60/hr

Our Foundation

2004

- David Lawrence Jr. Endowed Chair established

Building on Our Foundation

2007-2009

- Interdisciplinary collaborations created throughout campus (Education, Medicine, Law, Liberal Arts & Sciences, Public Health, Nursing, Baby Gator)
- W.K. Kellogg Foundation \$6M READY SCHOOLS FLORIDA Grant
- 5 doctoral students focused on early childhood studies

2011

- Anita Zucker Professorship established

2013

- Partnerships and collaborations continue to grow statewide, nationwide, and internationally
- 150+ post-doctoral, doctoral, master's and undergraduate students

Emerging to National Model

2014

- \$14,750,000 in federal research funding (2007 – 2015)
- 3 new interdisciplinary Preeminence faculty hired: Drs. Brian Reichow, Mary McLean, Cynthia Johnson
- Anita Zucker Center for Excellence in Early Childhood Studies named



Anita Zucker Center for Excellence in Early Childhood Studies Now

5th ranked Special Education academic program nationwide and one of the few programs with an early childhood studies concentration

9 interdisciplinary faculty focused on optimizing Early Childhood Studies

230+ post-doctoral, doctoral, master's and undergraduate students enrolled

\$20+ MILLION awarded in external funding

Research grants from 2007-2015 directly impacted more than

1,000 teachers and practitioners

14,000+ children/families across the country

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TRANSFORMING COMMUNITIES THROUGH KNOWLEDGE-BASED SOLUTIONS

Creating and disseminating recommended practices and interventions for early learning programs and practitioners designed to transform the lives of children and families

SUPPORTING INTERDISCIPLINARY RESEARCH

Continuing to attract top faculty focused on early childhood studies, and expanding external funding by 50% to conduct innovative interdisciplinary research that directly impacts practice

CULTIVATING TOMORROW'S LEADERS

Training more than 55,000 leaders and practitioners in early childhood studies who work with children and families

EXPANDING INNOVATIVE PARTNERSHIPS

Engaging in collective impact activities with community, state, national, and international partners

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