

EIA Program Report for Fiscal Year 2015-16

Coversheet			
EIA-Funded Program Name	Center of Excellence to Prepare Teachers of Children of Poverty	Address	Francis Marion University P. O. Box 100547 Florence, SC 29502

2015-16 EIA Appropriation	\$350,000	2014-15 EIA Appropriation (if program funded last year)	\$350,000
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Description of Program:

The mission of the **Francis Marion University Center of Excellence to Prepare Teachers of Children of Poverty** is to solve problems inherent in education of children of poverty by developing expertise in those who work with these children on a daily basis. The project strives to improve the quality of undergraduate teacher preparation, graduate teacher preparation, and the professional development of in-service teachers.

Teachers of children of poverty historically have received little, if any, special training to prepare them for their work with under-resourced children. They have graduated from the same teacher preparation programs as those who teach in schools that enroll primarily middle and upper class students. Conversely, the basic belief underlying this project is that teachers who possess the knowledge and skills needed to teach children of poverty, and teach them well, have the greatest potential for breaking this generations-old cycle.

To that end, a research-based model has been developed and implemented that focuses on the specific needs of under-resourced children. Implemented with pre-service teacher candidates, graduate education students, and in-service teachers and school leaders, the Center offers a menu of opportunities for professional growth focused on success in high poverty schools. Through their engagement in intensive study, field work, and action research, participants are encouraged to operate from a growth mindset, assuming responsibility for raising and leveling the bar for children of poverty.

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Funding Sources	2014-15 Actual	2015-16 Estimated
EIA Appropriation	350,000	350,000
General Funds	0	0
Lottery Revenues	0	0
Fees	0	0
Other		
Mid-Year Reduction	0	0
Transfer to the Program from Another Source		
Matching Funds	0	0
Other – Partner Districts	27,430	37,000
Other - FMU	25,000	25,000
Carry Forward from Prior Year	94,018	107,774
TOTAL:	496,448	519,774

*\$25,000 of 2014-15 Partner District Dues received in 2013-14 fiscal year.

Expenditures	2014-15 Actual	2015-16 Estimated
Personal Service	177,087	185,000
Contractual Services	30,974	35,000
Supplies & Materials	9,545	15,000
Fixed Charges	0	0
Travel	25,960	35,000
Equipment	0	0
Employer Contributions	47,819	55,000
Allocations to Districts/Schools/Agencies/Entities	72,289	134,774
Other: Transfers		
Dues/Other Administrative Indirect Support	0	60,000
Balance Remaining	132,774	0
TOTAL:	496,448	519,774
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