

University of West Florida Community Outreach Research and Learning (CORAL) Center

Annual Report for 2007

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Four focus areas of service are presented relative to the UWF CORAL Center: (I) Community Outreach Research Projects; (II) Learning Activities; (III) Funding Opportunities; and (IV) Recruitment and Operational Activities. Goals for 2008-2009 are presented in section V.

I. Community Outreach Research Projects

Community Agency	Project Description	Status
Independent Living for the Blind	Profile analysis of client base and assessment of future needs of clients	2007-2008 Completed at no cost
Escambia Westgate School	Examining student choice in special populations	2007-2008 Completed at no cost
Escambia Westgate School	Effects of multisensory environments on students' sustained focus levels	2007-2008 Completed at no cost [2008- Beginning phase II of research]
Baldwin County Schools	Descriptive analysis of ninth grade academy students' characteristics	2006-2007 Completed at no cost
Baldwin County Schools	Descriptive analysis over time of high school achievement levels	2006-2007 Completed at no cost
Teacher Ready Program (UWF)	Evaluation study of UWF Teacher Ready Program for ICL	On-going at no cost
Alternative Certification Programs for Teachers (UWF)	Evaluation study of UWF ACP Program for ICL	On-going at no cost
UWF NCATE Visit for 2010	Data analysis and assessment interpretation for NCATE	On-going at no cost

Community Agency	Project Description	Status
Born Learning (United Way)	Survey instrument development and analysis	Initiated January 2008 – in-progress at no cost
Oceanography Education Study for the Navy (Biloxi, MS)	Evaluation study of online course delivery system.	2007 Completed at no cost
Santa Rosa County School District (Navarre Elementary)	Survey analysis of parent/teacher attitudes toward schools	2007 Completed at no cost
Professional Development Speakers Program with UWF ICL	Survey of participants for Harry Wong and Mae Jimmerson presentations	2007-2008 Completed at no cost
Catholic Diocese of Pensacola	Perform research and evaluation projects for assisting the agency	Initiated January 2008 ongoing and seeking external grant funding

II. Learning Activities

Type of Learning Activity	Description	Status
Doctoral Research and Rigor Seminars (R & R)	Monthly Saturday seminars devoted to specific topics for doctoral students to assist in their educational process.	On-going (Initiated in February 2007) 2007 – 383 students and 16 faculty participated in 9 seminars
SPSS S.O.S (Successfully Operating SPSS) Professional Development Workshops	Beginning, intermediate, and advanced SPSS training workshops for faculty, staff, and students.	On-going (Initiated fall 2006) 2007—184 students and 87 faculty and staff participated in 12 sessions
Graduate Research Group Meetings	Small groups of graduate students and	Conference room and laboratory used for 14

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		meetings in 2007
Individual and small group research, evaluation, and statistics mentoring assistance	Graduate assistants employed to service faculty and students in research, evaluation, and statistics as consultant/mentors	On-going (2007) Increased hours of service from 20 hours per week to 30 hours per week.
Webinar and software tutorial sessions	SPSS and related quantitative and qualitative software webinar and software tutorial sessions will be conducted for faculty and students	To be initiated in the fall of 2008

III. Funding Opportunities

Project/Source	Description	Status
Teacher Academy for Learning Educators in Industry Training (TALENT) grant proposal UWF Engineering & Computer Technology Dept	CORAL Center included in grant proposal for state grant with Dr. Karen Rasmussen as PI	Submitted spring 2008— pending \$20,000
Interventions in Autism Spectrum Disorders Autism Speaks	CORAL Center grant proposal with Dr. Carla Thompson as PI and Dr. Leasha Barry as Co-PI with four community partners	Submission Date-February 15, 2008 \$150,000 per year for 3 years Not funded
Santa Rosa County Schools Early Reading Intervention Program Evaluation Study	CORAL Center contracted to conduct three-year evaluation of Santa Rosa Schools Early Reading Intervention Program	Initiated Contract on August 1, 2008 for \$39,900 for year one and total contract of \$139,000 for 2008-2011
National Athletic Trainers Association (NATA) & Andrews Institute Evaluation of Two Types of	CORAL Center submitted letter of intent for grant proposal opportunity with NATA partnered with	Letter of Intent submitted August 2008 pending approval for proposal submission from NATA

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Athletic Trainer Programs in High Schools	Andrews Institute	
BRACING for Transition Workforce Escarosa	CORAL Center to coordinate project and conduct evaluation with Dr. Carla Thompson as PI & Dr. Karen Rasmussen as Co-PI	Proposal pending with Workforce Escarosa \$70,000
Pathways for Change Evaluation of Prisoner Work Release Intervention Program	CORAL Center to perform data analysis of program data retrieved by Pathways for Change	Funded for \$2000 from Volunteer America/Florida
BEST House Career Academy for Youth Build Pensacola Workforce Escarosa	CORAL Center to coordinate project and conduct evaluation with Dr. Carla Thompson as PI & Dr. Jill White as Co-PI	Proposal pending with Workforce Escarosa for 2008 \$57,000
UWF Quality Enhancement Program (QEP) Grant Presenting, Publishing, and Procuring: Engaging Graduate Students in Professional Writing Opportunities	CORAL Center hosts three-part series of workshops for graduate students devoted to presenting papers at conferences, publishing in journals, and procuring funding for grant projects with competitive prizes for papers.	Funded spring 2008 for \$4991 December 2007
UWF Pace Academic Development Proposal Research Partnership Program (RPP) Initiative with Workforce Escarosa	CORAL Center conducts study of factors contributing to successful employment of welfare clients of Workforce Escarosa. Dr. Carla Thompson as PI	Funded 2008 for \$30,000 December 2007 for funding period of 2008 (January – December 2008)
AERA Research Grant Exploring an Expanded Value of Faculty Scholarship	CORAL Center conducts analysis of national NCES database with Dr. Carla Thompson as PI	Not Funded (\$20,000) May 2007

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<p>Math Anxiety Intervention and Adult Literacy Project (Partnered with PJC)</p> <p>Dollar General Literacy Grant</p>	<p>CORAL Center conducts evaluation with Dr. Carla Thompson as PI</p>	<p>Not Funded (\$15000) with CORAL Center \$5000</p> <p>June 2007</p>
<p>Florida Applied Measurement and Assessment Teacher Certification Exploratory Project</p> <p>NSF Discovery Research K12 Program: Exploratory Project</p>	<p>CORAL Center contracted for evaluation and research for project with Dr. Carla Thompson as PI and Dr. Janet Pilcher as Co-PI (partnered with UWF ICL)</p>	<p>Not Funded (\$300,000) with CORAL Center (\$30,000)</p> <p>August 2007</p>
<p>RIPE APPLES for Middle School Readers (Reading Intervention Program Evaluation: Accelerating Process, Performance, and Literacy Skills) for Middle School Readers</p> <p>Florida Department of Education</p>	<p>CORAL Center contracted for conducting evaluation and research for project with Dr. Carla Thompson as PI, Dr. Kathleen Heubach as Co-PI, and Kelly Appli-Campbell as Co-PI (partnered with Escambia County Schools)</p>	<p>Not Funded (\$220,954) with CORAL Center (\$61,000)</p> <p>July 2007</p>
<p>Evaluation of Ford PAS Modules</p> <p>Ford Motor Company</p>	<p>CORAL Center contracted for conducting evaluation of 15 modules for Ford PAS program in three phases with Dr. Carla Thompson as PI, Dr. Wally Bouchillon as Co-PI, and Dr. Jill White as Co-PI (partnered with National Career Clusters Organization and Escambia/Santa Rosa Schools)</p>	<p>Not Funded (\$530,000) with CORAL Center</p> <p>November 2007</p>
<p>Assessment & Accountability Practices of Postsecondary Faculty</p> <p>AERA Research Grant</p>	<p>CORAL Center conducts analysis of NCES database</p>	<p>Not Funded (\$20,000)</p> <p>October 2007</p>

IV. Recruitment and Operational Activities

Type of Activity	Description	Status
Web site for CORAL Center	Web site for CORAL Center: uwf.edu/PCL/CORAL	Completed and IT monitoring for on-going changes in place
Brochure for CORAL Center	Electronic and hard copy of brochure created for CORAL Center	Currently in final phase of development
CORAL Center facility operations	Walk-in assistance for faculty and students and host of community groups/agencies	Walk-in service for 30 hours per week and meeting times for groups by reservation
CORAL Center Initial Equipment	Student computer stations (18) and 3 CORAL Center stations with one high speed printer and one projection system	Student stations have decreased from 20 to 18 and printer problems have been a challenge
CORAL Center Projected Equipment Needs	Two student stations needed for webinar/tutorial sessions	Proposed for 2009

V. Goals for 2008-2009 for UWF CORAL Center

- A. Continue services provided by the UWF CORAL Center for faculty and graduate students will include walk-in and formal workshop training in educational and social research and statistics.
- B. Provide specific formal training in state-of-the-art statistical procedures used in social science research through webinars and video-streaming efforts.
- C. Host a regional AERA conference focused on graduate student and faculty research efforts in fall 2009.
- D. Continue seeking contracts and sponsored research projects through national, state, and local agencies.
- E. Continue seeking community research projects and connecting community outreach programs that will engage UWF graduate students and faculty in community-based research efforts.