# What Works When Teaching Young Children to Read: The Early Literacy and Learning Model (ELLM)

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#### **ELLM Presenter**

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## Early Literacy and Learning Model (ELLM)

ELLM, a research- and standards-based early literacy curriculum and instructional support system for teachers and coaches, targets at-risk 3- and 4-year-old preschool and kindergarten children and their families served by subsidized, faith-based, Head Start, and school-based centers.



#### **Working Partnerships**

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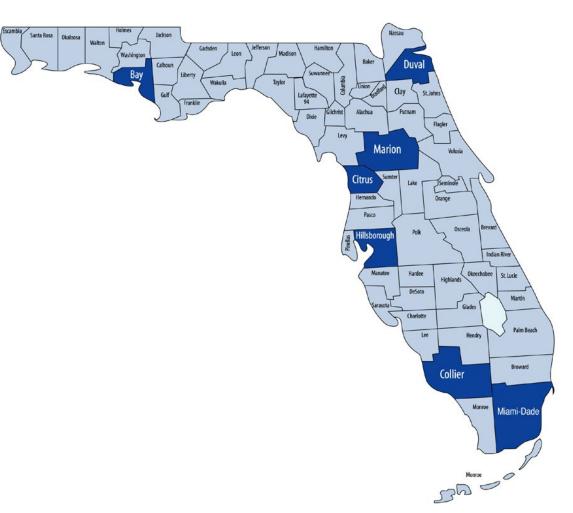
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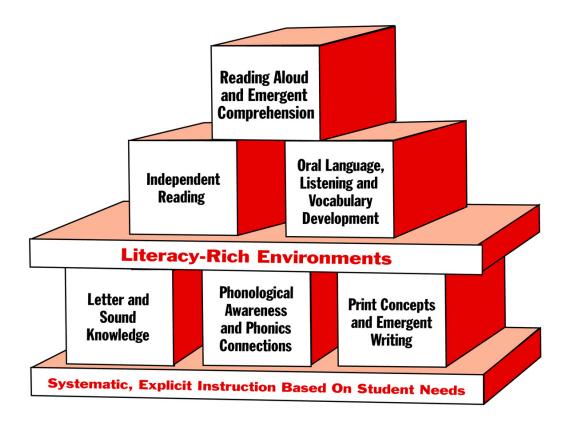
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#### **ELLM Strategies**

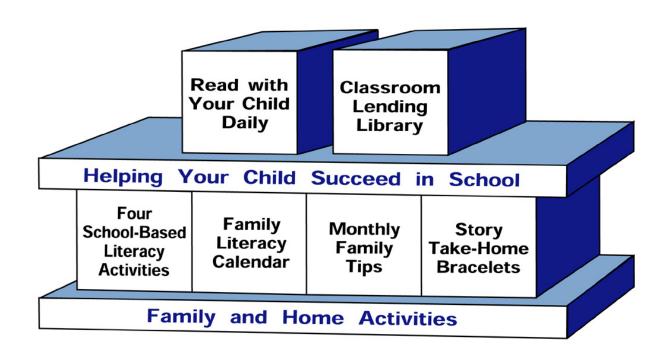
- Translate research findings into instructional practices and materials that help teachers change their instructional practices.
- Demonstrate effective literacy strategies for teachers aimed at helping children become eager and proficient readers.
- Create literacy-rich environment in classrooms.
- Extend literacy activities to the home.
- Assess the effectiveness of those strategies and use the results to guide future actions.

#### **Classroom Model**



Teachers spend 1 hour a day implementing ELLM Literacy Components.

### **Family Model**



## ELLM Family Involvement Resources

- 100-Book Family Lending Library
- 4 family/site literacy events each year
- ELLM Family Literacy Calendar for each family
- Weekly informational ELLM Story Take-Home Bracelets
- Monthly Family Tips



#### **ELLM Support Through Coaching**

- ELLM Coaches visit classrooms once a week for 1 hour.
- ELLM Coaches conduct demonstration literacy lessons.
- ELLM Coaches observe teachers implementing lessons.
- Coach-teacher conferences are conducted after each instructional episode to reflect on what happened and decide on next steps.



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