**Project Title:** Professional Development that is Systematic, focused on Teacher growth, Incorporates Coaching, collaboration, cohorts, and increased Knowledge to create Student Success (STICKS)

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**Brief Description of Project:**

**Purpose:** The purpose of this project is to develop a professional development curriculum to improve teacher practice in general instructional and classroom management practices in ways that will promote student success. The professional development curriculum will be called STICKS — Systemic, focused on Teacher growth, Incorporates Coaching, collaboration, cohorts, and increased Knowledge to create Student success.

**Project Activities:** The research team will develop a professional development curriculum comprised of five components: (1) topical units focusing on practices for inclusive classrooms, (2) a coach's manual and training program, (3) collaborative session activities/materials, (4) a web-based evaluation system, and (5) a professional development needs assessment. The researchers will conduct focus groups with teachers participating in the program to collect feedback on the curriculum components to assess feasibility and usability. The components will be revised based on feedback from the focus groups. The team will then conduct implementation trials to provide pilot data to test the feasibility of the STICKS professional development. Final revisions will be made to all components.