



## RESEARCH CONSORTIUM

### WHAT IS THE COE RESEARCH CONSORTIUM (COERC)?

The **COE Research Consortium (COERC)** is a service of the *Francis Marion University Center of Excellence to Prepare Teachers of Children of Poverty* provided to Center Partner School Districts and to research scholars and other educators, especially in South Carolina universities and colleges. It is designed to support collaborative efforts to address the conduct of systematic, disciplined inquiry into public education, especially as it relates to the academic success of children of poverty. **COERC** believes that research has value, primarily when it is utilized to improve school programs and professional practice.

**COERC** is comprised of research scholars and other educators who have a strong interest in systematically studying children of poverty and programs that seek to close the achievement gap. The mission of the COE Research Consortium is to advance, promote and disseminate quality research within and across disciplines and professions that are focused on the needs of children of poverty.

**COERC** provides a forum for discussions related to structure and process for conducting and disseminating applied research that will improve our educational system and enhance student learning. COERC's work is transmitted through published products, networking opportunities, and follow-up activities.

**COERC** is supported by the staff of the Center of Excellence, including the Director, Associate Director, and the Research and Development support staff.

### HOW DO I JOIN THE COE RESEARCH CONSORTIUM?

Research scholars and other educators may join **COERC** by contacting the Center of Excellence at [coe@fmarion.edu](mailto:coe@fmarion.edu) or calling 843.669.3391, extension 28. There is no charge for membership.

### HOW IS THE COE RESEARCH CONSORTIUM FUNDED?

Membership in **COERC** is available free of charge. The work of the Consortium is funded by the *Francis Marion University Center of Excellence to Prepare Teachers of Children of Poverty*.

### THE COE RESEARCH GRANT PROGRAM

The *Center of Excellence to Prepare Teachers of Children of Poverty* funds research and practice grants to the following Center Partners: Francis Marion University Teacher Candidates, Francis Marion University Faculty, and P-12 Educators in Center Partner Districts. All **COERC** members are eligible to apply for funding through these grant programs. Although not required, **COERC** members are encouraged to include one or more Center Partners in funding proposals.