

Family Academy: Researchers and Practitioners Improving Outcomes for 0-3 Year  
Olds: \$365,000 over three years

This longitudinal project studies the promising family-centered Family Academy model and tests its efficacy using a randomized wait list control group design. This unique model was developed through a grassroots community engagement process with participants, practitioners and researchers. Located in Minneapolis, MN, the Family Academy is the early childhood parent education component of the Northside Achievement Zone (NAZ), a zone-based approach to building a continuum of educational and social support for children, birth to age 18, and their families, ensuring that all children in the NAZ are college-ready. The Principal Investigator is Dr. Lauren Martin from the Center for Early Education and Development at the University Research and Outreach/Engagement Center (CEED@UROC) at the University of Minnesota.