

OUR SERVICES IN FLORIDA

Backed by state and federal funds to expand quality school choices, the FCI Support team offers a variety of useful resources and customized advice to charter leaders and governing boards. FCI Support, formerly known as the Charter Support Unit, began operating in 2012.

Having led charter schools ourselves, we recognize you might not have chosen this work because you love budgeting, facilities planning or compliance. However, it all connects to student and school success. That's why understanding the administrative side of running a school is essential. Lean on FCI Support to help you with an array of resources, services, and counsel — all at no or minimal cost to your school.



AVAILABLE TO	NEW APPLICANT	LAUNCH YEAR CHARTER SCHOOLS	1ST– 5TH YEAR CHARTER SCHOOLS	MORE THAN 5 YEARS CHARTER SCHOOLS
Operational Support Hotline	○	○	○	○
Webinars	○	○	○	○
Podcasts	○	○	○	○
Resource & Template Library	○	○	○	○
Policy and Legal Handbook Updates	○	○	○	○
Budget Template Tools	○	○	○	○
Monthly Newsletters & Resources	○	○	○	○
Online Learning Courses	○	○	○	○
Cohort Meetings	○	○	○	○
Document Review	--	○	○	\$
Comprehensive School Review	--	--	○	\$
Strategic Planning Services	--	--	○	\$
Consultation	--	○	○	\$
Site Visits & Needs Assessment	--	--	○	\$
Governing Board Recruitment & Training	--	○	○	\$
New School Training & Support	--	○	○	--
New School Manual	○	○	○	○
New Applicant Training	--	○	--	--
Charter Application Courses	○	○	○	○

○ - No cost to schools through CSP grant funding

\$ - At a minimal cost to schools



SUPPORT AND CONSULTATIONS

Support Hotline: Have a question or need to discuss an issue? Call our support hotline at (888) 677-9250 or email help@flcharterinstitute.org.

Consultations: Need more than just a phone call? We're available to meet with school leaders or governing boards to tackle more complex operational or financial challenges. Email or call to schedule an appointment.

Cohort Meetings: We bring together leaders of similar-model charter schools (Special Education, Classical, Collegiate, etc.) to collaborate, share best practices, and build a strong support network dedicated to innovation and improvement in charter school education.

Document Review: Receive no-cost feedback on key operating documents, such as handbooks, guides, and employment forms to help new charter schools get off to a great start.



We deeply appreciate the unwavering assistance and support in ensuring the success of our schools. Whether providing technical guidance, resources, or simply being a sounding board for ideas, we couldn't be more pleased with our partnership.

Scott Sznitken
Executive Director, Franklin Academy



PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Webinars: Regularly scheduled webinars provide valuable insights into various aspects of charter school operations. Access over 375 recorded sessions in our library or explore upcoming webinars on our website.

Podcasts: The "Great Leaders = Great Schools" podcast series shares best practices, fresh ideas, and experiences from leaders of high-performing schools, IMPACT award winners, and other innovative institutions.

Online Learning Courses: Curated content focuses on the operational side of charter schools. These courses are available through our online learning platform, with new offerings in development. We welcome your suggestions for additional topics.

Monthly Newsletters & Resources: Stay informed on the latest industry insights and trends through our regular newsletters, and gain access to our archives of past editions.

Presentations: Tailored presentations designed to address each school's specific needs, offering personalized training and consistent guidance for growth and development.



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BOARD GOVERNANCE PROGRAM

Governing Board Recruitment & Training: This program recruits and develops potential governing board members while identifying schools needing board support. It serves as a pipeline, matching candidates with schools and providing ongoing support to help ensure both the school and the new board members operate successfully.

Governing Board Presentations: FCI Support offers presentations for governing boards of schools in their first charter contract, covering topics such as reading financial reports, evaluating school leaders, and running effective meetings. If your board could benefit from professional development, contact FCI to learn more.

Board Attendance: FCI Support is available to attend governing board meetings for charter schools during their planning and early years of operation. Whether virtually or in person, we provide actionable suggestions to improve efficiency and serve as a valuable resource for leadership and board members during meetings.

Governing Board Resources: Access a wealth of resources designed specifically for board members. Explore our collection of educational videos, insightful interviews featuring best practices from experienced board members, and our comprehensive "Governance 101" course. This course includes valuable webinars and essential sample documents to enhance your governance skills and knowledge.

Strategic Planning Facilitation: As schools approach their first charter renewal, we assist their governing boards in developing a strategic plan. Through interviews or surveys with key stakeholders and two board workshops, we help schools refine their core vision, mission, values, and future aspirations. Our goal is to complete a comprehensive five-year strategic plan with specific benchmarks and objectives.

PLANNING & LAUNCHING A CHARTER

Charter Application Training: Access personalized online training that covers the essentials of charter school laws and provides tailored assistance through each section of the charter application process.

New School Training & Support: Once you have an approved contract, gain hands-on support with video lessons on crucial topics and live calls for personalized discussions with experts.

New School Manual: This comprehensive guide helps new schools navigate their unique challenges, offering step-by-step advice on everything from compliance to best practices. It serves as an essential resource for school leaders striving to establish a strong foundation.



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SCHOOL OPERATIONS

Resource & Template Library: Our website offers over 200 free resources, including checklists, policy manuals, employment contracts, and forms designed to streamline school operations. We welcome suggestions for additional resources!

Budget Templates: Simplify your budgeting process with templates designed to project expenses and manage finances throughout your school's lifecycle. New tools will be available soon.

Digital Newsletters: Stay informed with monthly updates on new resources, webinars, podcasts, and events. Each issue includes inspiring success stories in the "Spotlight Schools" segment.

Comprehensive School Review: Our Comprehensive School Review offers a detailed evaluation of your school's operations, academics and finances. This service provides actionable recommendations to improve school efficiency and effectiveness.



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