

Supporting Charter Schools Thrive

The Charter Support Unit

Free **expertise and resources** to help public charter schools thrive.



Introduction



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Timeline of the Charter Support Unit



2012 - Began initial operation in the state of Florida through federal CSP Grant

2018 - Florida supported CSU through state general appropriations

2018 - Received a direct federal CSP Grant to expand offerings

2019 - Walton Grant allowed for significant expansion in Texas

2022- Florida CSP Grant renewed support of the CSU

School Operations



- **Support Hotline**
- **Someone to help you think through your issues**
- **Support, training and resources**



Online at charter.support or by Phone at 888-677-9250



Webinars

- Conduct regular webinars on topics of interest to charter schools
- We have a library of over 300 different presentations available on our website
- Topics cover a wide range of operational issues





Resource Library

- No need to recreate the wheel every time you need a resource
- Sample forms, documents and resources
- If you have a need, let us know and we can research to find/create additional resources



Document Review & Access


CSU is also able to provide a review of operational documents of charter schools in the first five years of operation, for example:

- Internal control documents
- Budgets
- Employee Handbooks
- Student / Family Handbooks
- Policy Manuals
- Job Descriptions
- Forms

Sometimes it helps to have a second set of eyes looking out.

An icon in the top left corner depicts a stylized school building with a yellow roof and grey walls, with the word "SCHOOL" written on its side. To the left of the building is a blue crane with a hook. The background of the icon is a blue circle with white clouds. The main title "Facilities Planning" is written in large, white, sans-serif font against a dark blue background.

Facilities Planning

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- A photograph of a large, modern school building with a curved facade, made of red brick and light-colored stone accents. The building has several windows and a set of double glass doors. In the foreground, there is a paved walkway, a grassy area, and a tall black light pole. A tree is visible on the left side of the frame.
- Free technical assistance with the planning process
 - Review facilities plans
 - Review financial plans and forecasts
 - Provide direction on financing options
 - Develop an action plan for future projects



Planning & Launching

Application Training

Launch Year Training

First Year Support





Finance and Budgeting

- **Budget reviews for suggestions and comparison**
- **Budget templates**
- **Budget forecasts to assist with future planning**
- **Training on how to develop your financial plan**
- **TSIA template and support**

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Boards and Governance



- **Training on best practices**
- **Start up training**
- **Board support and guidance**



Florida Governance Conference



- **Spring 2023 Hybrid Conference**
- Industry expert as presenters
- Multiple breakout sessions with varied webinar content:
 - Operations
 - Financial
 - Legal Concerns
 - Community partnerships
- Attendees pick areas of interests and tailor their day based on professional growth needs

Compliance & Grant Administration



**Help navigating
statutory requirements**

**Guidance and advice on
Charter Requirements**

**Charters.Link
Compliance Tool**



Charter.Link Compliance Tool

- Charters.Link is an free online compliance tool
- Assists Authorizers and Charter Schools collect and organize their materials
- Facilitates effective communication between charter schools and authorizers
- Currently servicing 11 districts and 246 charters
- Provides training to charter schools on utilization of the platform



Business Manager Bootcamp

- Online self-based course targeted to Business Managers or anyone new to charter school management
- Focused on providing the foundation of basic business management skills included:
 - FTE
 - Redbook Accounting
 - Grants Management
 - Human Resources



Succession Planning

Change is inevitable!

The Succession Plan provides a template for Governing Boards to create a plan to help ensure the school is prepared for change in leadership as well as developing leaders from within.

Plan includes...

- Job Descriptions
- Job Task Templates
- Plan Template



Regional Principal's Meetings



- Meetings for Principals to share best practices
- Scheduled throughout the state to get principal's to collaborate with each other
- Topics of discussion to support Authorizers?



**Are There Additional Areas
You Would Like To See
Added to Our Support
Services?**

Session Survey

