## CLEMSON® UNIVERSITY LEARNING INSTITUTE

Formerly known as the Clemson University Youth Learning Institute (YLI), we have shortened our name to the Clemson University Learning Institute (CULI) to more accurately reflect our work with people of all ages. Initially established in 2001 as a public service unit, YLI was focused on creating and implementing innovative programs for youth. Then in 2015, we were repositioned under Clemson's Division of Research. This meant that in addition to continuing to serve individuals in various capacities, our unit was tasked with developing robust research and evaluation focused on human performance and resilience.

Annually, CULI serves over 30,000 participants with a \$17 million budget that is 100% self-generated and has generated more than \$200 million in external revenue since its inception.

CULI helps fulfill Clemson's strategic plan to propel success and strengthen its reputation by being recognized in experiential learning, applied research, and building community throughout South Carolina and beyond. We accomplish this by developing unique public/private partnerships and creating best practice models that maximize the potential for individuals and organizations. Our flexibility allows us to pilot new initiatives that can be evaluated, replicated, and scaled by our partnering agencies. I believe that through our efforts, we further strengthen Clemson University and promote the mission of a land-grant university by serving people, solving real problems, and creating a better tomorrow.



THROUGH APPLIED RESEARCH
OPPORTUNITIES



PRAGMATIC RESOURCE FOR ALL PARTNERS EQUIPPING THEM WITH BEST PRACTICE MODELS



BUILDING CAPACITY TO IMPROVE AND ENHANCE LIVES IN SOUTH CAROLINA AND BEYOND

## **ORGANIZATIONAL CAPACITY**

The Office of Research and Organizational Development (OROD) helps organizations build capacity through research and evaluation. We are committed to facilitating performance improvement and enhancing quality. Our skilled, interdisciplinary team has extensive experience developing and evaluating programs, designing and conducting applied research, and providing technical assistance and quality assurance.

The Center for Behavior Analysis (CBA) provides multiple training options promoting professional development and organizational capacity, provides support in the development of services for marginalized populations, and provides consultation and evaluation of existing programs for the advancement of Applied Behavior Analysis.

ThinkShops™ provides compassionate, transformative, and customized professional development and coaching to support you in achieving your mission. Workshop variety ranges from strategic planning and increasing leadership capacity to professional skill building and emotional intelligence.

## **COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT**

**SNAP-Ed** provides nutrition education and obesity prevention services to help individuals and families with limited resources establish healthy eating patterns and physically active lifestyles. These programs include professional trainings and technical assistance to organizations and institutions in eligible communities

The Office of Community Connections (OCC) is committed to helping communities to build their capacity through the development of local partnerships. OCC can assist and support locally led efforts by providing consultation and expertise, developing trainings, evaluating outcomes and identifying best-practices that lead to sustainable, effective collaborations.

## INDIVIDUAL CAPACITY

Summit Academy, Tall Pines STEM Academy, and Youth Leadership Academy are middle school level charter schools designed with a whole-child approach to education, building leaders and developing character.

smartEDGE takes a whole-child approach to help youth discover, own, and apply their unique talents. Our curriculum embeds engaging, collaborative activities with research-based content to enhance the skills and confidence needed for success. From communicating effectively and respecting others to managing resources wisely and thinking critically and creatively, we offer a variety of sessions that empower youth to lead themselves well.

Clemson's Challenge for Academically Talented Students (C-CATS) provides top-performing middle and high school students a chance to take on scholarly challenges and immerse themselves in student life at Clemson.

**Field Study** programs like Teaching KATE, and Exploration Hannon provide immersive STEM-based, educational experiences outside the classroom.

Summer Camps like Camp Wildlife, Camp Voyager, 4-H Camp, and Adventure Camp give youth the opportunity to have fun while learning and experiencing new activities, all while growing in confidence and independence.

