



Florida - Strengthening Local Knowledge about Elections

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Project Objective:

Aimed at supporting Local Election Officials (LEOs) the project created an array of training and voter education materials throughout Florida in order to foster a better understanding of election administration. With a series of events at Miami Dade College, Florida Memorial University, and Florida International University the project shared voter guides, organized panel discussions with LEOs, and sponsored a screening ahead of the midterms for the election documentary *No Time to Fail*.



Media Coverage

[**Sun-Sentinel: With election misinformation everywhere, trust local supervisors of election | Opinion**](#)

We research elections from the public administration view, focusing on the people and processes that enable us to exercise our right to vote. By [Amanda Clark](#) and [Monica Bustinza](#).



[Common Dreams: Why Voting and Celebration Should Go Hand-in-Hand on College Campuses | Opinion](#)

I've dedicated much of the past decade to growing and empowering civic engagement at Miami Dade College—the largest community college in Florida and home to one of the most racially, ethnically, culturally, and socioeconomically diverse student populations in the country. By [Monica Bustinza](#).

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