For the last 26 years, the UCA Mashburn Center for Learning has been focused on one man’s dream, that of Dr. J.D. Mashburn, a passionate advocate for all struggling students in Arkansas, that every school would have all teachers trained in methodologies designed to help academically struggling learners. The mission of the Center is to create resources and opportunities that empower Arkansas teachers to promote a sense of purpose, hope, academic achievement, and resilience for all teachers as students experience barriers in learning. In this presentation, participants will learn about how, in just a few years, Arkansas has put in place a state-wide effort to build capacity and sustain our efforts through the Arkansas Adolescent Literacy Intervention. Using the Strategic Instruction Model as its cornerstone, AALI continues to provide teacher candidates and teachers high quality professional development opportunities in all parts of the state. Our three-year school and district capacity building and sustainability plan, based on Learning Forward Standards, will also be discussed and shared.

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