

Bulletin Update - Florida Mentoring

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Jessica Lunsford Act

The Jessica Lunsford Act focuses primarily on increasing the measures used to monitor sexual offenders or predators. Parts of the Act specifically relate to mentors and volunteers with access to school district campuses. The Department of Education has issued a Technical Assistance Paper on the Jessica Lunsford Act to assist school districts and contractual personnel to implement s. 1012.465, Florida Statutes.

The memorandum may be viewed at:

http://info.fldoe.org/docushare/dsweb/Get/Document-3150/k12_05-107.pdf

The Technical Assistance Paper may be viewed at

http://info.fldoe.org/docushare/dsweb/Get/Document-3151/k12_05-107a.pdf

Note question 4 on page 6 "Does the Lunsford Act apply to school volunteers who serve as mentors or chaperones? No, since the Lunsford Act does not apply to volunteers, the background check requirement would not apply to such persons, unless they had contracted with the district for some other reason unrelated to their duties as a volunteer. However, districts are advised that they have the discretion to establish standards applicable to volunteers, and must search volunteers against the sexual offender/predator database. See s. 943.04351, F.S."

TTRM Applications Due September 30, 2005

High school students interested in participating in the Teen Trendsetters Reading Mentors (TTRM) Program may now apply online at <http://www.floridanext.com/trendsetters/>. For more information on TTRM, please visit <http://www.flamentoring.org/>.

SES Toolkit

Supplemental Educational Services (SES) in Action Toolkit - Provides tips about picking a quality SES provider and using the school system to sign up for services. Toolkits may be ordered at no cost by calling 1-866-544-8686 or by sending a e-mail to tutorsforkids@air.org. The toolkit may also be viewed and downloaded online at <http://www.tutorsforkids.org/ToolkitDownload2.asp>.

Starbucks Foundation - Funding for Youth Literacy Programs

Giving Voice Program - Deadline: September 1 and March 1, annually (Letters of Inquiry). Grants range from \$5,000 to \$20,000. For program information, application procedures, and eligibility questions at <http://www.starbucks.com/foundation/>. RFP Link: <http://fconline.fdncenter.org/pnd/3498/starbucks>.

Free Resources

Federal Resources for Educational Excellence. Visit: <http://www.ed.gov/free/index.html>.

Please forgive any cross-posting and advise us at FLAmentoring@aol.com if you would like names added or deleted from the Bulletin Update - Florida Mentoring. For prior issues, please visit the Florida Mentoring Partnership, under Bulletin Updates at: <http://www.flamentoring.org>.

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