

Bulletin Update - Florida Mentoring

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Cross Race Matching

February 1-2, 2005 for MENTOR's latest online event <http://64.124.46.149/>, "What's Race Got to Do With It? A Look at Cross-Race Matching versus Same-Race Matching," which will discuss issues related to cross-race matching versus same-race matching, identify promising practices on supporting matches and share best practices on increasing mentor recruitment from minority groups. The forum featuring, Dr. Jean Rhodes and her work on cross-race matching will provide information on mentoring programs' experiences on cross-race matching and promising practices for the "Importance of Race in Mentoring Project," sponsored by the Department of Health and Human Services and conducted by Caliber Associates and MENTOR. For more information on this free event and the online community, visit MENTOR's Community Forums at <http://www.mentoring.org/community.adp> or <http://64.124.46.149/>.

DOE Offers New Resources to Parents

The Department of Education recently released two new resources to assist parents of third grade students. The first document, Read to Learn, includes information to help parents understand legislative provisions regarding student progression. The second document, FCAT Explorer: Galactic Library, is a flyer to inform parents of reading practice available online. Both documents are available in Spanish and English, and sufficient copies for third grade parents will be sent to every elementary school.

Memorandum: <http://info.fldoe.org/dscgi/ds.py/Get/File-2731/thirdMemo.pdf>

Read to Learn Packet in English: <http://info.fldoe.org/dscgi/ds.py/Get/File-2732/a1English.pdf>

Read to Learn Packet in Spanish: <http://info.fldoe.org/dscgi/ds.py/Get/File-2733/a1Spanish.pdf>

FCAT Explorer Flyer in English: <http://info.fldoe.org/dscgi/ds.py/Get/File-2734/a2English.pdf>

FCAT Explorer Flyer in Spanish: <http://info.fldoe.org/dscgi/ds.py/Get/File-2735/a2Spanish.pdf>

The files above are PDF files, and you must have Acrobat Reader to read them.

Get a free copy at: <http://www.adobe.com/products/acrobat/readstep.html>

Marshaling Resources for Student Achievement - April 2005

The Florida Association of Partners in Education 2005 Conference, April 13-15, 2005, Rosen Plaza Hotel, 9700 International Drive, Orlando, FL 32317-5106, (800) 627-8258, www.rosenplaza.com. For updated conference information, visit www.flpie.net and Registration@MeetingMakersinc.com

MENTOR Website Upgrade

The MENTOR/National Mentoring Partnership website provides new tools — including a search engine — and four broad content areas that organization information and materials for specific audiences: Mentors, Caring Adults, Community Leaders and Mentoring Program Staff. Visit www.mentoring.org

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 Governor's Mentoring Initiative, under Monthly Mentoring Update at: <http://www.volunteerfloridafoundation.org>

Happy National Mentoring Month!

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