

Bulletin Update - Florida Mentoring

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April 2005 - Celebrate Florida Volunteer Month

Proclaimed by Governor Bush and the Florida Cabinet and sponsored by Volunteer Florida, the Governor's Commission on Volunteerism and Community Service. The theme, Change Lives...Volunteer!, honors and celebrates volunteers and echoes our message that volunteerism is good for everyone! To receive a free "inaugural" year Florida Volunteer Month poster or to request additional information, please contact info@volunteerflorida.org and (850) 921-5172; www.volunteerflorida.org.

FAPE Conference - April 13-15, 2005

Florida Association of Partners in Education Annual Conference, Rosen Plaza, Orlando, Florida. The Florida Mentoring Partnership Awards of Excellence will be presented on April 14, 2005. Visit <http://www.flpie.net>.

Guardian Ad Litem Recruitment Campaign The Guardian ad Litem (GAL) program is striving to recruit 1,000 new mentors to advocate on behalf of abused and/or neglected children in court. A GAL is appointed in court cases to represent the best interest of children who have been removed from their homes for alleged abuse, abandonment or neglect. In Florida there are more than 40,000 children who are involved in such proceedings and over half do not have a GAL appointed to monitor their cases and advocate on their behalf. PLEASE NOTE: You do not have to have a legal background to become a Guardian ad Litem. Training is made available to volunteers. For more information, visit <http://www.guardianadlitem.org>.

HHS 2005 Grant Opportunities Notebook

U.S. Department of Health and Human Services - - A guide to this year's federal funding opportunities for faith-based and community organizations. Visit: http://www.hhs.gov/fbc/CFBCI_M0374_GrantNotebook_FINAL.pdf

Just Read, Families! - Summer Reading Program

This website gives parents tips and great ideas on how to help their children develop a love for reading along with a recommended reading list that is age appropriate. You will also find a kids page with tips that will help develop reading skills through word games, story times, brainteasers and more. Visit <http://www.justreadfamilies.org>

National Youth Service Day - April 15-17, 2005

Sponsored by State Farm, coordinated by Youth Service America, in partnership with PARADE Magazine and in association with the National Youth Leadership Council. Visit www.YSA.org/NYSD.

Teen Trendsetters Reading Mentors

Applications due April 15, 2005. For information visit www.FloridaNEXT.com/trendsetters.

U.S. Department of Education Grants

FY 2004-2005 Discretionary Grant Application Packages at <http://www.ed.gov/fund/grant/apply/grantapps/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 Monthly Mentoring Update at: <http://www.volunteerfloridafoundation.org>.

Be a Mentor!

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