

## Bulletin Update - Florida Mentoring

October 2, 2005

### Focus on Achievement Program

MIAMI – September 19, 2005. Lt. Governor Toni Jennings was joined by Miami Mayor Manny Diaz to announce a pilot program aimed at helping struggling schools improve. The pilot is named Focus on Achievement: The Florida Mentoring Partnership's Program for Struggling Schools. The pilot will encompass eight counties around Florida that have at least one elementary school graded and "F." Mayors in those counties have volunteered to lead the charge in recruiting mentors and support from government, corporations, individuals and grassroots leaders in their respective communities to help these schools improve. Lessons learned in this pilot will be applied to other schools in communities statewide. The announcement took place at Miami Riverside Center, as part of Miami's 2005-06 mentoring campaign.

### Department of Education Products Catalog 2005-2006

A compilation of publications available from the Department of Education. Look for videos, curriculum, instructional materials, software, and other educational resources. Many items are FREE.

Visit [http://www.firn.edu/doe/workforce/pdf/products\\_catalog05.pdf](http://www.firn.edu/doe/workforce/pdf/products_catalog05.pdf)

### Waived Fee for Certification of Displaced Teachers

K-12 teachers evacuated due to Hurricane Katrina are not required to pay the \$56 application fee for certification in Florida. Education Commissioner John L. Winn announced the Florida Department of Education will waive the standard \$56 application certification fee for Louisiana, Mississippi or Alabama teachers displaced by Hurricane Katrina. Impacted teachers can continue their careers through a simplified transition process once their certifications are verified in their home state. Additional information, including district contacts and vacancies, is available at <http://www.teachinflorida.com/Displaced/Default.asp> or by calling the Florida Cares hotline at 1-877-FLCARE1.

### Florida Mentoring Partnership Website

Please visit [www.flamentoring.org](http://www.flamentoring.org) for details under Announcements: Award of Excellence - Due Friday, October 28, 2005 Presented to mentors who have demonstrated exemplary service during July 1, 2004 – June 30, 2005. Applications accepted on-line. Overview: [http://www.flamentoring.org/awards\\_of\\_excellence\\_info.php](http://www.flamentoring.org/awards_of_excellence_info.php)

Application Form: [http://www.flamentoring.org/awards\\_of\\_excellence\\_form.php](http://www.flamentoring.org/awards_of_excellence_form.php)

Each selected mentor will receive a vacation cruise for two donated by Carnival Cruise Lines. One mentor of excellence will be selected from each of the following categories:

- Corporate Mentoring
- Faith or Community-Based Mentoring
- Municipal Mentoring
- School-Based Mentoring
- State Agency Mentoring
- School District Coordinator or Community-Based Mentor Coordinator

### HHS Awards \$49 Million From Compassion Capital Fund

WASHINGTON, D.C. — The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) today announced awards totaling \$49 million through the Compassion Capital Fund (CCF). The awards are designed to help grass roots, faith-based and community organizations enhance their ability to provide a wide range of social services to those in need including the homeless, at-risk youth, rural communities, the elderly and families transitioning from welfare to work. Congratulations to the following Florida Programs. [http://www.acf.hhs.gov/news/press/2005/ccf\\_awards\\_data.htm](http://www.acf.hhs.gov/news/press/2005/ccf_awards_data.htm)

#### CCF Targeted Capacity Building Grants for At-Risk Youth:

- \* Church of Brotherly Love Kings' Table - Deerfield Beach, FL - \$50,000
- \* First Choice Women's Centers - Homestead, FL - \$50,000
- \* Metro Kids Konnection, Inc.- Jacksonville, FL - \$49,879
- \* OIC of Broward County - Fort Lauderdale, FL - \$50,000
- \* Southeastern Network of Youth and Family Services - Bonita Springs, FL - \$50,000
- \* The Bridge - Fort Myers, FL - \$50,000
- \* Urban League of Broward County Ft. Lauderdale, FL - \$50,000
- \* Vietnam's Hue Association of Florida, Inc. - Orlando, FL - \$50,000
- \* Visions of Manhood, Inc. - Tallahassee, FL - \$49,776

#### CCF Targeted Capacity Building Grants for Rural Communities:

- \* Franklin's Promise Coalition, Inc. - Apalachicola, FL - \$50,000
- \* Interfaith Community Action Network, Inc. - Madison, FL - \$50,000
- \* Panhandle Area Health Network, Inc. - Marianna, FL - \$50,000

#### CCF Targeted Capacity Building Grants for Marriage:

- \* Discovery Counseling - Orlando, FL - \$49,993

#### CCF Targeted Capacity Building Grants for the Homeless:

- \* River of Grace Ministries International - Tampa, FL - \$49,968

### Targeted Mentor Recruitment - Male and Minority Recruitment

October 13, 2005 - Children's Services Council, Prospect Place, Mentor Center of Palm Beach County, 3111 S. Dixie Highway, Suite 229, West Palm Beach, FL 33405. For information: (561) 655-8887 or [jenniferk@mentoringpbc.org](mailto:jenniferk@mentoringpbc.org) \$25.00 Fee - Lunch provided.

Please forgive any cross-posting and advise us at [flamentoring@aol.com](mailto: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>.

### Be a Mentor!

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