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MEMORANDUM

DATE: August 8, 2005
TO: Regional Workforce Board Executive Directors
FROM: Lois A. Scott, Program Manager, One-Stop and Program Support
SUBJECT: New Partnership Agreement

The Agency for Workforce Innovation recently executed a partnership agreement with the Florida Department of Education (DOE) and the Florida Department of Children and Families (DCF). The purpose of the agreement is to support Regional Workforce Boards and local DOE and DCF affiliates in initiating and strengthening cooperation in serving youth, primarily youth in foster care.

The agreement is located on the WFI website under "Updates, News and Publications," "Workforce System," <http://www.workforceflorida.com/wages/wfi/news/mou/index.htm>. Other agreements for serving youth, located at this website, are with the Able Trust and the Department of Juvenile Justice. Additional agreements target persons with special needs.

Boards are reminded that youth in and aging out of foster care are WIA target groups. Foster youth are eligible for tuition and fee waivers in public, postsecondary institutions. There may be some who also need career counseling and other services.

The intent of the agreement with DOE and DCF is to foster collaboration to implement the US Department of Labor's **New Youth Strategic Vision**, which includes the following strategies:

- Coordination across youth-serving agencies;
- Development of a new model of alternative education;
- Development of a new demand-driven model with business and industry that brings youth into the workforce pipeline with needed skills; and
- Focusing on the neediest youth.

If you require any assistance, in using any of these agreements, you may contact Judy Meyer, (850) 245-7423, e-mail: judy.meyer@awi.state.fl.us.

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