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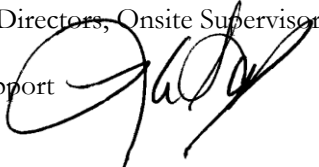


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## MEMORANDUM

**DATE:** May 27, 2015

**TO:** Participating Regional Workforce Board (RWB) Executive Directors, Onsite Supervisors

**FROM:** Lois A. Scott, Chief, Bureau of One-Stop and Program Support 

**SUBJECT:** AmeriCorps Round-Up

The AmeriCorps CareerSource Youth Services (ACYS) Program will hold its first AmeriCorps Round-Up June 3-5, 2015 in Orlando, Florida at the Caribe Royal Hotel. The AmeriCorps Round-Up will serve the purpose of providing our members with mandatory AmeriCorps trainings, such as:

- Disability Awareness
- Diversity Appreciation
- First Aid/CPR

During the AmeriCorps Round-Up ACYS members will also have an opportunity to network with each other while participating in two “Day of Service” activities. The first activity will be stuffing bags for participants attending the Annual Family Café Conference and the second activity entails providing job search care packets and a Job Getting and Job Keeping workshop to the participants in the Children’s Home Society of Central Florida’s Faine Program.

These networking opportunities are important because they will help us establish and maintain a critical program component referred to as “Esprit de Corps” or a sense of pride and connectedness to the group/cohort. Both the Corporation for National Community Service and Volunteer Florida emphasize the importance of this program component and with our members serving in different regions, it is vital that they be provided opportunities to interact.

All hotel and travel logistics have been made in coordination with the Regional Onsite Supervisors. If you have any questions regarding this correspondence, please do not hesitate to contact DEO AmeriCorps Program Director Nikki Brown by email at [nikki.brown@deo.myflorida.com](mailto:nikki.brown@deo.myflorida.com) or by phone at (850) 245-7425.

Please see the attached agenda for additional AmeriCorps Round-Up information.

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## **AmeriCorps Round-Up Agenda**

### **Wednesday June 3-Caribe Royal (Caribe Royale-Hibiscus Room)**

- **11:00am-12:00pm Member Arrival**
- **12:00pm-12:45pm ACYS Member Meet and Greet/Orientation**
- **1:00pm-2:00pm Disability Awareness**
- **2:15-3:15pm Diversity Appreciation**
- **3:30pm-5:00pm Working with Youth Participants Part One**
- **5:00pm-6:00pm Room Check-In/Down Time**
- **6:00pm-8:00pm Group Dinner-Location TBD (Paid Individually by Each Member)**

### **Thursday June 4-Caribe Royal (Caribe Royale-Hibiscus Room)**

- **8:00am-10:00am Breakfast On Your Own**
- **10:00am-11:00am Working with Youth Participants Part Two**
- **11:15am-12:45pm Disaster Preparedness Mitigation and Response**
- **12:45pm-2:00pm Lunch on your Own**
- **2:00pm-3:00pm Citizenship-Serving Critical Needs in the Community**
- **3:00pm-3:30pm Statewide Swearing In-Recommitment Ceremony**
- **3:30pm-4:30pm Downtime**
- **4:30pm-7:00pm **Annual Family Café Conference Day of Service Activity****
- **7:00pm-9:00pm Group Dinner-Location TBD ( Paid Individually by Each Member)**

### **Friday June 5-CareerSource Central Florida-South Orange County Center**

- **6:00am-8:00am Breakfast On Your Own/Room Checkout**
- **8:00am-12:00pm First Aid/CPR Training**
- **12:00pm-1:00pm Group Lunch-Location TBD (Paid Individually by Each Member)**
- **1:30pm-4:30pm **Children's Home Society of Central Florida-Faine House Activity****
- **5:00pm Orlando Departure**

## **AmeriCorps Round-Up Day of Service Overview**

### **Day of Service Activity (1) - What is the Annual Family Café Conference?**

The Family Café Annual Conference began with a simple idea: why not bring together individuals with disabilities and their families with state agencies, non-profit organizations and other service providers, so that the families can network with each other, learn what services are available to them, and find out the best way to go about accessing those services. The Annual Family Café provides a unique environment where families can connect with peers, commercial service providers, and public entities.

That initial vision has spawned the largest statewide event of its kind in the nation. The 16th Annual Family Café, which occurred in June of 2014, hosted nearly 9,000 people, and included The Governor's Summit on Disabilities, 180 educational sessions, four Keynote Addresses, an Outdoor Adaptive Sports Demonstration, an Exhibit Hall with more than 100 public and private vendors, including several self-advocate owned Micro-Enterprises, and a variety of family-friendly fun activities.

### **Day of Service Activity (2) - What is the Faine House?**

In Florida, teens in foster care become responsible for everything in their lives once they leave their foster homes as adults. This includes, housing, school, food, transportation, bills, and counseling. Many are still in high school or hoping to earn a GED, and they have never really known stability, had a family, and are rarely

ready for life on their own.

Due to the services provided by the Faine House, young adults who have exited foster care without families no longer need to worry about couch surfing or living on the streets. They no longer have to decide between finishing school or dropping out for a minimum-wage job. The Faine House offers a safe, stable place to live so these young adults can focus on education and employment. They also receive guidance to assist them set and achiev goals, and are connected with mentors who are invested in their well-being and success. Program participants learn basic life skills and are prepared for self-sufficiency and success.