OSFA News for Guidance Counselors

October thru December 2011

National Training for Counselors and Mentors (NT4CM) Workshops Registration Available

<u>National Training for Counselors and Mentors</u> (NT4CM) is a collaboration that provides free training and support for counselors and mentors who assist students and their families in preparing financially for college.

The Florida Department of Education, Office of Student Financial Assistance <u>Outreach Representative</u> are a team of professional trainers who provide comprehensive, up-to-date information regarding federal and state student-aid programs, scholarship searches and financial aid fraud. Participants learn to access free resources, such as fact sheets, brochures, and PowerPoint presentations to help them assist their students.

NT4CM is available for any individual who advises students and their families on how to fund education beyond high school. NT4CM is sponsored by Federal Student Aid (FSA), National Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators (NASFAA), National Council of Higher Education Loan Programs (NCHELP), National Association for College Admission Counseling (NACAC), American School Counselor Association (ASCA), National College Access Network (NCAN), and Council for Opportunity in Education (COE).

Click here to register.

NT4CM

Training Dates and Locations

October 14, 2011 Panhandle Area Educational Consortium 753 West Blvd Chipley, Florida 32428 Directions to Campus October 21, 2011 Ave Maria University Academic Hall Room 1001 5050 Ave Maria Blvd Ave Maria, Florida 34142 Directions to Campus

October 28, 2011

Miami Dade College – West Campus 3800 NW 115th Avenue Room 1101 Doral, Florida 33178 <u>Directions to Campus</u> This session will start at 8:00 a.m. to avoid parking problems. Carpool if possible.

November 10, 2011 American Intercontinental University - South Florida 2250 North Commerce Parkway Weston, Florida 33326 Directions to Campus December 8, 2011 Seminole State College - Sanford/Lake Mary Campus Building J-100 100 Weldon Blvd Sanford, Florida 32773 Directions to Campus December 9, 2011 Aparico-Levy Technical Center 10119 East Ellicott Street Tampa, Florida 33610

(Stay tuned for another date/location in the Tampa area)

Lunch and Learn

The Florida Department of Education's Office of Student Financial Assistance (OSFA) has great lunch and learn opportunities for you!

Navigating Your Financial Future (NyFF) is a comprehensive debt management program offered free of charge to students, parents, institutions, and community based organizations in Florida. Students who participate in the NyFF are provided with a clear vision of the steps they must take today to establish a healthy financial future before and after college. To find out more about how NyFF can be integrated into your program, or about OSFA's many resources and free materials contact your <u>Outreach Representative</u> today to schedule a Lunch and Learn presentation in your area.

Federal Student Aid Publications

Federal Student Aid publications are now available online and in hard copy format. Here are the websites where you can download and/or order publications.

<u>www.FSAPubs.gov</u> allows financial aid administrators, school counselors, and college access professionals to order OSFA's hard copy publications in bulk. See <u>www.fsa4counselors.ed.gov</u> for details on ordering at FSAPubs.

<u>www.edpubs.gov</u> is the ordering site that students and parents should visit to order single copies of OSFA's hard copy publications.

<u>www.studentaid.ed.gov/pubs</u> offers OSFA's students and parent oriented publications in PDF. Note that we have a number of items in PDF that are not available in hard copy from FSAPubs or EDPubs, so be sure to visit this page to find a variety of useful fact sheets and other items that you can print out, e-mail to students, or post on your website.

<u>www.fsa4counselors.ed.gov</u> has publications specifically for you, the counselor or mentor. Take a look in the "Counselor Resources" and "Getting the Word Out" sections, as well as the "Materials and Resources" page of the "National Training for Counselors and Mentors".

Upcoming Calendar Dates

- October 2011 College Fairs, Senior Nights and Financial Aid Nights are being conducted throughout the State of Florida. Schedule yours now!
- November 2011 Encourage your students to participate in the opportunities to volunteer and earn community services hours that can used toward the Florida Bright Futures Scholarship.
- December 2011 2012-13 Florida Financial Aid Application is available to high school seniors.

The September 2011 <u>NyFF E-News</u> is available for your students. Provide them with the NyFF link for access to:

Organizing Your Expenses

Creating a Budget

To read the full length newsletter click <u>NyFF</u>. Select Current E-News! Follow the link to <u>subscribe</u>.

Have you missed an issue of the OSFA News for Guidance Counselors? You may visit the *archives* for prior editions. Feel free to share our updates with faculty peers!

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Contact an OSFA Outreach Representative about your high school's needs.

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