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Regional Training Workshops

The Regional Training Workshops completed to date have been a success! However, it's not too late to attend to register for one of the remaining locations! The locations are as follows:

- ❑ 3/12/04 – Jacksonville
- ❑ 3/26/04 – Orlando
- ❑ 3/30/04 – Panama City

Scheduled topics include: PLUS MPN, OSFA FFELP Website and Report Generation, Outreach Functions, Customer Service, State Grant and Scholarship Update, SSFAD Overview, Grant and Scholarship Reporting and Reconciliation, and an Open Q&A Forum.

You can still register by emailing Kelly Harrison at kelly.harrison@fldoe.org.

Registrations will be accepted until the location has reached capacity.

If you are unable to attend a workshop, or need additional copies of the Workshop Training Guide, you can request one by contacting your Outreach Representative or Kelly Harrison directly.

Don't miss out on this informative workshop!

New Region I Representative

The Outreach Team is pleased to announce the addition of Jacqueline Hill as the Region I Representative. Jacqueline joined the Outreach Team on March 1, 2004 and will be replacing Mendy Walker in the Panhandle area. In addition to her duties as Outreach Representative, Jacqueline will continue to facilitate our Default Prevention measures. Please join us in welcoming Jackie to the Outreach Team!

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NSLDS Enrollment Reporting Guide

In January 2004, an updated NSLDS Enrollment Guide became available. You may download the Guide by visiting:

<http://ifap.ed.gov/nsldsmaterials/attachments/EnrollReportGuideJan2004.pdf>

To view the Guide, you must have Adobe Acrobat Reader. If you do not have this software installed on your computer, you can download a FREE version at:

<http://www.adobe.com/products/acrobat/readstep2.html>

OSFA NSLDS Submission – 02/04

- ❑ OSFA's February 2004 submission was transmitted to NSLDS and processed by NSLDS on Wednesday night (2/25/04).
 - ❑ Updates to NSLDS from this month's submission appeared on NSLDS Thursday morning (2/26/04).
 - ❑ Data contained in this month's submission reflects data extracted from our system on Monday morning (2/23/04).
 - ❑ The SMRY screen has been "refreshed" and now displays the NSLDS Loan Statuses that "should" appear in NSLDS on Thursday morning (2/26/04).
 - ❑ March's NSLDS submission will be processed by NSLDS on 3/24/04.
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Return of Title IV Aid

The Department of Education has issued a Dear Partner Letter (GEN-04-03) to provide additional guidance regarding the Return to Title IV Aid. You can view the letter at:

<http://www.ifap.ed.gov/dpccletters/attachments/GEN0403.PDF>

Florida Association Initiates Landmark Investment Program

The Florida Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators (FASFAA) has launched an investment program that includes the adoption of an investment policy and the engagement of a professional financial consultant to manage the association's significant resources. For the complete article, you may review the Press Release at:

<http://www.nasfaa.org/publications/2004/nfasfaaarticle030204.html>

SASFAA New Aid Workshop

Have you ever dreamed of spending an entire week getting financial aid training from A-Z? If so, then the SASFAA Summer New Aid Officers' Workshop is for you! The workshop is geared for people who have been in the business less than three years, and it's a great refresher course for those who have been in the field a bit longer.

The workshop this year is being held on the campus of the University of South Florida in Tampa, Florida from June 20-25, 2004. For more information about the workshop, please visit the "Training" section of the SASFAA web site at www.sasfaa.org.

Family Minute with Mark Merrill®

A lot of parents automatically expect the teen years to be awful. True, there are challenges during all ages of our children's lives... its just part of parenting. But even with those challenges, every stage can be enjoyable, including the teen years. So try not to put a negative label on your teen. If you do, you could have a self-fulfilling prophecy on your hands. Instead, let your kids know you're looking forward to their teen years. It will be a new adventure for you and your child... and it can be a great one.

Remember your family first.

NEW! We've compiled the best of our interactive resources, such as quizzes and printable worksheets. Visit our [Interactive Resource Center](#) for great FREE family resources.

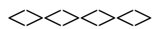
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Important Dates

- 3/29-3/30, 2004 – SFA Spring Conference – New York, NY
- 6/9-6/11, 2004 – FASFAA Spring Conference - Fort Myers, FL
- 6/20-6/25, 2004 – SASFAA New Aid Officer Workshop - Tampa, FL
- 7/18 –7/21, 2004 – NASFAA Conference, Minneapolis, MN
- 11/1-11/4, 2004 – 2004 SFA Electronic Access Conference – Orlando, FL
- 11/10-11/12, 2004 – FASFAA Fall Conference – Destin, FL

For more details on each of these events, check out the calendar on [www.fasfaa.org!](http://www.fasfaa.org)

Mission Statement

The Florida Department of Education, Office of Student Financial Assistance (OSFA), serves as a guarantor for the Federal Family Education Loan Program (FFELP), and the administrator of Florida's scholarship and grant programs. The OSFA Mission is to facilitate higher education access and services by providing exemplary customer attention, comprehensive financial aid information, and convenient and efficient products.

Dear Colleagues –

Please feel free to share our newsletter with your co-workers!