



This packet contains handouts that were distributed at the Positive Youth Subcommittee Meeting on January 9, 2008 and includes the following items:

- Mentor First Coast (MFC) Partnership Agreement
- Take Stock in Children Presentation by Mike Weinstein

"Mentor First Coast (MFC) Partnership Agreement"

We, the Partners, agree:

VISION: Mentoring, providing an adult "friend" for a child, young adult or senior citizen can affect positively the mentee's academic performance and/or social relationships with peers and other adults, provide an adult "role model" to guide the mentee's future "life decisions", and assist the mentee in setting goals and standards for a more productive life.

MISSION: MFC, a voluntary association of individuals and agencies engaged in or advocating mentoring, exists to share "lessons learned" and best practices, to recognize and reward agencies and individuals for exemplary mentoring activities, and to recruit and educate new and existing mentors and mentoring agencies for the benefit of Florida's "First Coast" (Nassau, Duval, St. Johns, Clay, and Baker Counties) citizens.

PURPOSE & GOALS: MFC exists to provide a "forum", through monthly partnership meetings, and regular subcommittee meetings, to: share information on future events; coordinate schedules; plan mentor/mentee recruitment, reward, recognition, and education activities; provide a "web site" for prospective mentors, mentees, agencies, and business partners to use as a "one stop shopping source" about mentoring opportunities on the Florida First Coast; and provide city and local government (and school) officials a means to monitor and communicate with all area mentoring partners in one location.

STRUCTURE:

OFFICERS: CHAIRPERSON: Beginning in January of each year, serves for one year and conducts monthly MFC Partnership meetings and leads the MFC Partnership association; CO-CHAIRPERSON: Beginning in January of each year, serves one year as Co-Chairperson and performs the duties of the Chairperson in their absence, then assumes the office of Chairperson for the second year of their two year term of office; SECRETARY: Elected in January of each year, records the minutes of monthly MFC Partnership meetings.

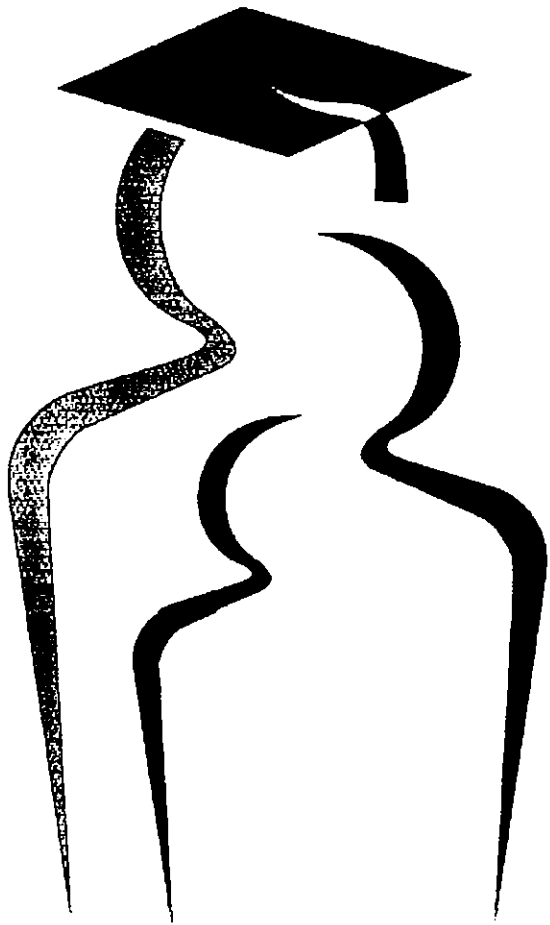
SUBCOMMITTEES:

MENTORING AWARDS & RECOGNITION: Plan for and conduct the annual TELEmachus Awards Banquet during the January Mentoring Month of each calendar year.

MENTORING SYMPOSIUM: Plan for and conduct an annual Mentoring Symposium to educate on and market MFC Partnership programs to existing and prospective mentors, mentees, agencies, and business partners.

MENTORING RESOURCES AND RECRUITMENT: Seek public, private, and business funding resources for MFC Partnership programs, develop and promote an annual awareness campaign and recruit new mentors and mentees.

MFC Partnership Member Signatures:



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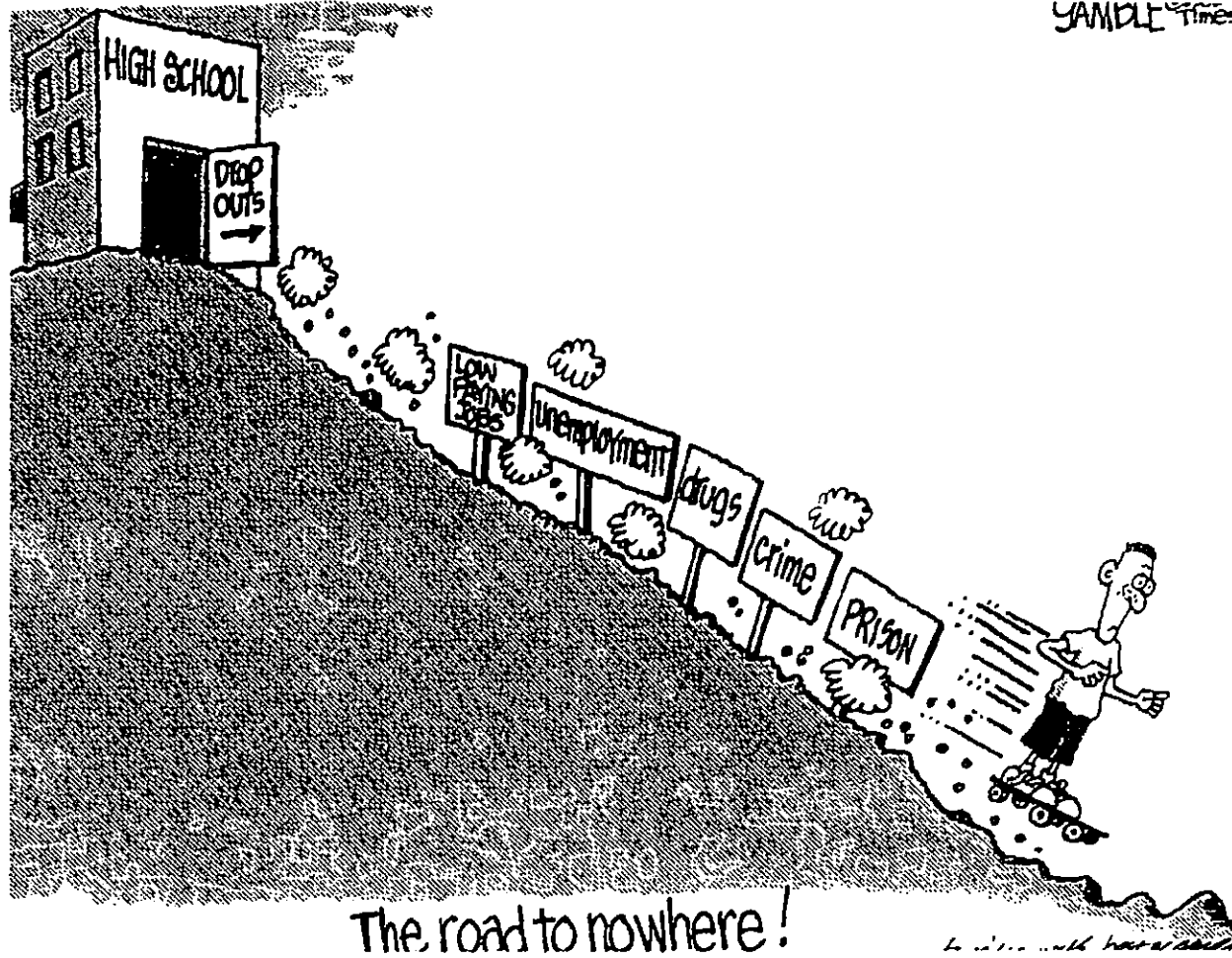
# **Take Stock in Children**

**A Program of  
SCHOLARSHIPS, MENTORS & HOPE**

**Prepared for**

**Positive Youth  
Development Meeting**

**January 9, 2008**



The road to nowhere!

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# The Strategy

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## Take Stock is a Strategy for:

- **Overcoming Child Poverty and Academic Failure**
- **Connecting Foundations, Businesses and Citizens who want to Help With Children who want to Succeed**
- **Increasing High School and College Graduation Rates for Low-income Children**
- **Building and Sustaining Public/Private Support for Low-income Children**
- **Accountability through Measuring and Reporting Outcomes**



# Program Components

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- **Student Profile: Take Stock Helps Low-income Children Achieve**
  - Generally select low-income children between 6<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> Grades
  - Selected at schools by committees of educators, civic leaders, business sponsors
- **Scholarships: College and Vocational-Technical Training**
  - 4-year college tuition – Florida Prepaid Tuition Program
  - 2-year Technical Degree
- **Mentors: Caring Volunteers Provide Motivation and Support**
  - School-based – 1 hour per week
  - Local Affiliates recruit, train, support, monitor, evaluate
  - Mentors provide motivation, guidance, support, friendship, tutoring
- **Staying the Course: Multi-year Road to Success**
  - Multi-year commitment – through college/vocational-technical graduation
  - Comprehensive array of services provide safety net



# Program Components

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- **Parents as Partners: Involvement Increases Chances of Success**
  - Parents support and encourage children's academic success, attend meetings
  - Positive relationship with mentor, student advocate, teachers, administrators
- **Case Management: Promoting Student Performance**
  - Monitoring performance essential aspect of program success
  - Development of academic success plans when performance standards not met
- **High Standards and Expectations: Performance Contracts**
  - Students sign contracts, agreeing to stay in school, maintain good grades, exhibit good behavior, remain crime and drug free, meet with mentor weekly
  - Violating contract may lead to withdrawal
- **Accountability: Measuring Outcomes is Program Cornerstone**
  - Take Stock accountable for tracking, monitoring, reporting on every child
  - Take Stock monitors grades, test scores, school attendance, behavior
  - Tracking continues through college/vocational-technical graduation



# The Team

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- **Take Stock Engages all Segments of Society:**

- Government
- Business
- Citizens
- Public Schools
- Religious Organizations
- Civic Institutions
- Colleges and Universities
- Social Service and Youth Organizations

- **Take Stock Partners Provide:**

- Funding for Scholarships
- Funding for Program Services
- Mentors
- Accountability/Measurement Systems
- Marketing
- Board Leadership
- Business Expertise
- Legislative Advocacy





# Government Partners

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- **Governor Charlie Crist (and former Governor Jeb Bush)**
- **Florida Department of Education**
- **Florida Legislature**
- **Florida Prepaid College Program**
- **Florida's Mentoring Initiative**
- **Florida Lottery**
- **Workforce Florida ("Welfare to Work" Initiative)**
- **Local/County Governments**
- **Local Law Enforcement Agencies**





# Education Partners

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- **67 Public School Systems**
- **State Universities and Private Colleges**
- **Community Colleges**
- **Vocational-Technical Institutions**
- **Education Foundations**
- **Florida Department of Education**



# Report Card

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- Total Students (including graduates): 13,038
- 96% Promotion Rate  
(Students Remaining in the Program School-year to School-year)
- Total Students in the Program (Grades 3-12): 8,304
  - Race: Black – 33 %;      Caucasian – 48 %;      Hispanic – 15 %;  
                 Asian/Pacific – 2 %      Other/Mixed – 2%
- Total Mentors: 7,162

# Costs

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- **Scholarship Fund for Each Child**

- 4-year College Tuition Scholarship
- \$10,000 per Child (approximate)
  - ½ Contributed by the State
  - ½ Contributed by Private Sector

- **Local Programs**

- Case Management/Program Coordination
- Mentor Recruitment and Training





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