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


September 3, 2014

MEMORANDUM

TO: All Principals

FROM: Debra Pace, Associate Superintendent 
Human Resources

Beth Thedy, Ed. D., Assistant Superintendent 
Student Services and Exceptional Student Education

RE: Child Abuse Training and Reporting

Florida Statute §1006.061(1) states:

...all employees and agents of the district school board, charter school, or private school have an affirmative duty to report all actual or suspected cases of child abuse, abandonment, or neglect; have immunity from liability if they report such cases in good faith; and have a duty to comply with child protective investigations and all other provisions of law relating to child abuse, abandonment, and neglect...

All school personnel have a professional requirement to recognize and report the signs of abuse, abandonment, or neglect. Florida Statute §1012.98(12) requires all teachers in grades 1-12 to participate in continuing education training provided by the Department of Children and Family Services on identifying and reporting child abuse and neglect. Although the statute requires teachers of students in grades 1-12 to complete the training, BPS is requiring this training for *all* school-based instructional and administrative personnel, including certified school counselors, guidance services professionals, school psychologists, behavior analysts, social workers, resource teachers for attendance, principals, assistant principals, and deans.

The web-based course is approximately one hour in length and can be accessed at <http://www3.fl-dcf.org/RCAAN>. After each staff member has completed the training, please have the staff member print the certificate and provide to the site inservice representative. Staff will have until November 21, 2014 to complete the required training. If you prefer, principals may monitor staff compliance through a built in course feature at <http://www3.fl-dcf.org/RCAAN/reports/teacherscompleted.aspx>. Principals are responsible for monitoring completion of the course by their staff; district personnel in the office of student services will monitor completion of school psychologists, behavior analysts, social workers, and resource teachers for attendance. Click the link, select **Brevard**, select your school from the dropdown menu, and click search.

Please see below for directions to register in ProGOE²:

For schools: Course # is **10865**

Title of the course is: **DCF-Legal and Health Issues Online Course for Schools**

School personnel will need to register for their individual school site training.

For ESF staff or personnel such as school psychologists: Course # is **10937**

Title of course is: **DCF-Legal and Health Issues Online Course for ESF**

ESF personnel will need to register by department named. These sessions need to be initiated by their Site Inservice Representative or other person in department ProGOE² trained.

Please do not hesitate to contact Beth Thedy, extension 270 or Debra Pace, extension 200, if you have any questions. Thank you in advance for your cooperation and support.

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