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MEMORANDUM #03-36

To: District Dropout Prevention Coordinators

From: Shan Goff

Date: August 18, 2003

Subject: **RESOURCE MANUAL FOR TEENAGE PARENT PROGRAMS IN FLORIDA SCHOOL DISTRICTS**

Section 1003.54, Florida Statutes (Teenage parent program.--), requires that each district school board maintain a teenage parent program. These educational programs are designed to provide a specialized curriculum to meet the needs of students who are pregnant or parenting and the children of these students. This curriculum must include instruction in prenatal and postnatal health care, parenting skills, benefits of sexual abstinence, and consequences of subsequent pregnancies.

The attached ***Resource Manual for Teenage Parent Programs in Florida School Districts*** is designed to provide information related to the operation of a teenage parent program and the provision of services required under statute and State Board of Education rule.

It addresses such topics as data collection and reporting, the provision of required ancillary services, recommended practices, and services for children of teenage parents. The manual identifies relevant Florida statutes and State Board of Education rules, and provides an overview of programs that are related to teenage parent programs.

SHAN GOFF
Chief

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The provision of services through teenage parent programs is a critical component of our effort to reduce the dropout rate and improve the graduation rate statewide. It is our hope that this manual will serve to strengthen your efforts to provide meaningful services to pregnant and parenting teens and their children.

Should you have questions regarding the content of the manual, please contact Gail Flores at (850) 245-0481, or via email at Gail.Flores@fldoe.org.

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Attachment

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