



## The Early Childhood Education *Bulletin*

### SPOTLIGHT

#### A New Advising Pilot

Career advisors are now coming to your training to provide you with enrollment, scholarship and ACHIEVE information! And, it all happens right outside of the classroom door. All you need to do is fill out the short questionnaire provided to you on the first day of training. Then, a career advisor will review your education and scholarship record and provide you with a time slot to meet face-to-face with her at the following training session, to ensure you are positioned to reach all of your academic goals. Because so much is prepared in advance, there will be minimal interruption to your classroom learning time. So, why not take advantage of our new service? We can already see it is making a difference to practitioners across Palm Beach County.

#### An Advisor's Reflection

By Christina Barone

My first time advising an HEO course in this way brought me some apprehension about how productive it would be. I hoped that the students who I advised would find the advising helpful and convenient. After my first session was complete, I felt such a sense of satisfaction. I think that being prepared in advance to address each student based on individual records, allowed me to problem-solve any issues quickly, and create an action plan for how the student can move forward on the academic pathway.

Some situations I helped to improve during our new advising pilot:

- A student on SEEK suspension was advised on SEEK reinstatement steps.
- A student, one math course away from graduating, was offered course options to help with successful completion.
- Students unaware of the ACHIEVE salary supplement award were provided with applications and instructions on how to apply.

Each student is different, and each has different goals. Making the advising process more convenient and more personal takes the struggle out of moving along the education pathway. For more information about career advising, contact Debra Strange at (561) 868-3670 or [stranged@palmbeachstate.edu](mailto:stranged@palmbeachstate.edu).



*A meaningful advising session makes a difference.*