

Other Employment Providers

Charter Schools

Charter schools are public schools of choice and are largely free to innovate, and often provide more effective programs and choice to diverse groups of students. The first charter schools started operations in 1996, and since then the number of charter schools in Florida has grown from 5 to 358.

Employment vacancies with charter schools are usually not list with the local school district, and charter schools will usually conduct their own teacher recruitment efforts. A list of Florida charter schools, by district, is located at http://www.floridaschoolchoice.org/Information/Charter_Schools/.

Alternative Schools

The following organization provided alternative education programs for some of Florida's at risk youth. The organization may provide the services through a contract with the local school district or through a contract with the Department of Juvenal Justice.

Eckerd Family Youth Alternative Inc.

Rob Painter
Director of Recruiting
P.O. Box 5165
Clearwater 33758
800-222-1473 ext 521
FAX: 727-442-8575

Youth Services International Inc.

Jessie Williams
Senior Vice President
6000 Cattleridge Dr., Suite 200
Sarasota 34232
john.williams@ysii.com
941-953-9199
FAX: 941-953-9198

Associated Marine Institute

Eric Hall
5915 Benjamin Center Drive
Tampa 33634
ehall@amikids.org
813-887-3300 (office)
813-477-6083 (cell)
FAX: 813-889-8092

Florida Department of Juvenile Justice

Terri Eggers
Director of Education
2737 Centerview Drive
Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0400
Terri.Eggers@djj.state.fl.us
(850) 922-5375

Community Education Partners

Emerald Bay Academy, Bay County

Joe Bullock, Principal
1515 June Avenue
Panama City, FL 32405
joe.bullock@communityeducation.com
(850) 873-4111

Oak Park School, Pinellas County

Tim Haley, Principal
6700 86th Avenue
Pinellas Park, FL 33782
timhaley@communityeducation.com
(727) 490-5501

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CEP - Southeast, Orange County

Denise McCarty, Principle
2274 South Semoran Avenue
Orlando, FL 32822

(321) 281-2401

Educational Options

EdOptions offers a fully accredited virtual school, Blue Ridge International Academy, which is a DOE approved virtual program. EdOptions establishes a contract with local school district in Florida to provide educational opportunities for at risk youth through a virtual environment.

For information about EdOptions, you may visit their Web sit at www.edoptions.com. For employment opportunities you should contact them by phone.

Andrew Scott Lobdell
3440 North Fairfax Drive
Arlington, VA 22201

(866) 243-7460

CEP - Northwest, Orange County

Lovely Tinsley
6125 North Orange Blossom Trail
Orlando, FL 32810

(321) 281-2541

Life Skills

Life Skills Centers provide thousands of students a second chance in life and in education. White Hat Management founded Life Skills Centers as an alternative education charter school to assist students whose lives might not work within the confines of traditional public schools.

Life Skills Center students come from every walk of life and every demographic classification. The students are multiracial, multicultural, multilingual and come from various degrees of socio-economic status.

For opportunities with a Life Skills Center, go to www.lifeskillscenters.com and select the careers link.

Correctional Centers

The Florida Department of Corrections also hires teachers. Below is a list of contacts for seeking employment as a teacher in correctional facilities

Fort Lauderdale Service Center

COUNTIES: Broward, Charlotte, Collier, Dade, Desoto, Glades, Hardee, Hendry, Indian River, Martin, Okeechobee

Marta Vinacorta
1400 West Commercial Boulevard, 2nd Floor
Fort Lauderdale 33309
954-202-3823
FAX 954-202-3845

Gainesville Service Center

COUNTIES: Union, Gilchrist, Dixie, Clay, Bradford, St. Johns, Alachua, Levy, Putnam, Flagler

Joe Dwyer
5700 Southwest 34th Street
Suite 335
Gainesville 32608-5373
352-955-6406
FAX 352-955-6410

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Lake City Service Center

**COUNTIES: Baker, Columbia, Dixie, Gilchrist,
Hamilton, Taylor, Union**

C. George Denman
2665 West U.S. Highway 90
Lake City 32055-3115
904-754-1216
FAX 904-754-1011

Orlando Service Center

**COUNTIES: Brevard, Hernando, Highlands,
Hillsborough, Lake, Marion, Pasco, Polk, Sumter,
Volusia**

Bill Bedingfield
Orlando CTEC
2301 Grace Hopper Avenue
Orlando 32803
407-975-7411
FAX 407-975-7403

Tampa Service Center

**COUNTIES: Pasco, Hillsborough, Pinellas, Polk,
Manatee, Hardee, Sarasota, DeSoto, Highlands,
Charlotte, Lee, Hendry, Collier, Glades**

Jimmy Miller
4520 Oak Fair Boulevard
Tampa 33610
813-740-3781
FAX 813-740-3786

Marianna Service Center

**COUNTIES: Calhoun, Escambia,
Gadsden, Gulf, Holmes, Jackson,
Jefferson, Liberty, Madison, Santa
Rosa, Wakulla, Walton, Washington**

Harold Drake
RJWC 300 Pecan Lane
Chattahoochee 32324
850-663-3309
FAX 850-663-5301

Tallahassee Service Center

**COUNTIES: Calhoun, Gadsden,
Liberty, Gulf, Franklin, Leon,
Wakulla, Jefferson, Madison**

Tim Mahler
2601 Blair Stone Road
Tallahassee 32399-2500
850-410-4415
FAX 850-922-2121