



To: Florida Certified ROMA Trainers

From: Wilma McKay, Executive Director
Florida Association for Community Action, Inc.

RE: Invitation to become a Mentor

CC: Barbara Mooney, Project Director, National Peer-to-Peer ROMA Training Project

As recently announced, the Florida Association for Community Action in partnership with the Community Action Association of Pennsylvania is sponsoring the 1st Florida based National Peer-to-Peer Certified ROMA Training in Orlando, FL, November 17-20, 2009.

As a Certified ROMA Trainer you are invited to participate as a part of the ROMA Mentorship model introduced in 2007 for the training and certifying of new ROMA Trainers. **Your experience as a Trainer makes you a prime candidate for becoming a Mentor.**

This is a volunteer position and Mentor travel expenses will be paid by the NPtP Project for participation in the November classroom session. This provides an opportunity for Florida to increase available Certified Trainers for our Network of thirty one (31) agencies. A comprehensive list of ROMA Mentor Qualifications and Responsibilities is attached.

As a Mentor you would be matched with a new Candidate for ROMA Trainer Certification. The Candidate will be someone with whom you will be working following his/her Certification, and who will share the training load in your area. The Candidate must be someone who is in a position in Florida to assist in the on-going training and implementation of ROMA. Therefore, it is likely that the Candidate will be someone with whom you have regular contact in the course of your work.

The Mentor will not be the only support for the Candidate. The Candidate will be matched with an on-line instructor and Barbara Mooney, Project Director, will be in contact with every Candidate throughout the process.

*FACA needs your participation to help ensure the success of this initiative! If you are interested in becoming a Mentor for this training, please review the attached **ROMA Mentor Qualifications and Responsibilities** then complete and return the attached **Request to Become a Florida Mentor Form** by **October 12, 2009** to Barbara Mooney at Barbara@thecaap.org and me at wilma@faca.org. Barbara Mooney can also be reached at 724-852-2272 if you have additional questions.*