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### **CareerSource South Florida Purchased over \$1 Million in Pre-Paid Scholarships for At-Risk Youth**

**(MIAMI, August 1, 2016)** - CareerSource South Florida purchased 50 Florida pre-paid scholarships to help economically disadvantaged youth pursue their post-secondary education. Through the support from CareerSource South Florida, students will receive a Florida Pre-paid 2+2 Scholarship. The 2+2 Florida plan is designed to be used first at a Florida College and the remaining two years at a State University.

Presently, 60% of Florida children are living in poverty and the numbers are increasing every year. Through this unique opportunity, deserving low-income and minority children that face insurmountable obstacles that make finishing high school difficult and going to college almost impossible, these scholarships will encourage and assist students to pursue academics, and are instrumental in developing the drive that allows them to graduate from high school and attend college.

“CareerSource South Florida is committed to building a more robust economic future for our youth. Young people will have the opportunity to pursue a post-secondary education that will prepare them to compete in a global market,” said Rick Beasley, Executive Director of CareerSource South Florida.

CareerSource South Florida is partnering with Take Stock in Children, Inc. program, 5000 Role Models of Excellence, Mexican American Council, Big Brothers Big Sisters and PACE Center for Girls, Inc. Each agency will have the opportunity to receive the Florida Pre-paid 2+2 Scholarship through the Take Stock in Children Program to further their post-secondary education.

#### **About CareerSource South Florida**

CareerSource South Florida is a public-private partnership that establishes state and federally funded workforce development and training policies for Miami-Dade and Monroe counties. CareerSource South Florida’s services and resources are available to everyone through a network of centers located throughout the region.

Learn more about the Florida Pre-paid 2+2 Scholarship by contacting Youth Programs at 305-594-7615 ext. 243.

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