

## FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF JUVENILE JUSTICE

Charlie Crist, Governor

Frank Peterman, Jr., Secretary

Mr. Edmund Benson ARISE Foundation 824 US Hwy One, Suite 240 North Palm Beach, FL 33408

Dear Mr. Benson:

I wanted to take this opportunity to commend you for the outstanding Life Management Skills curricula developed by the ARISE Foundation. I understand since 1996, ARISE Foundation has provided its Life Management Skills material to Florida Juvenile Justice facilities across our state. In addition, ARISE has certified over 5,000 Life Management Skills Instructors who have gone on to teach youth more than 3,500,000 hours of valuable life management skills lessons. I understand that the Arise Foundation has received Federal funding that will expand the availability of this program even further.

We have a strong commitment that staff in direct care positions be given the tools and encouragement to be positive role models for youth in custody and your program provides some of those tools. My agency recognizes the potential benefit that both the ARISE curricula and staff training can be to residential, detention and by others as an ideal program for educating at risk youth in the practical life lessons to guide them through life in a law abiding society.

Again, I highly commend you for the outstanding curricula developed by ARISE.

Sincerely,

Frank Peterman, Jr.

Secretary

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