

## HISTORY

In 2007 Volunteer Florida offered a “Leadership in Action” training during their Spring Program Director’s meeting. The evaluations from the training clearly indicated that Program Directors wanted more opportunities to enhance their leadership skills and improve the outcomes for their programs. The Commission’s response was to create the framework for the “Leadership Quest”. Interested Program Directors volunteered to undergo extensive training in Community Mapping, Program Management and Leadership Development. After completing the rigorous training program, the first cadre of Leader Guides were selected.



## WHO WE ARE

Dynamic, national service directors who are known for their exceptional leadership skills, ability to motivate and inspire others and their prowess for managing high performing AmeriCorps programs.



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## WHAT WE DO

- Provide training for New Program Directors Orientation and other Volunteer Florida meetings.
- Share their expertise during AmeriCorps Grantee conference calls and webinars.
- Serve as Mentors and Peer Trainers for other AmeriCorps program directors.
- Assist the Commission with special projects including the Statewide Evaluation and Regional Trainings.

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## WHY ARE THEY IMPORTANT

- Leader Guides are an invaluable source of training and mentorship for Florida’s programs.
- Leader Guides are a critical resource for strategic planning and special events coordination for the Commission.
- Our Leader Guides are highly respected change agents that share their stories of why “AmeriCorps is a solution to solving the most pressing problems in Florida communities!”

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## QUESTIONS?

Got burning questions? Contact one of our amazing Leader Guides today or call to schedule a visit. For additional information regarding Volunteer Florida’s Leadership Quest, contact Paula DeBoles-Johnson, LeaderGuide Liaison at 850.414.7400 or by email at [Paula@volunteerflorida.org](mailto:Paula@volunteerflorida.org).



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