



## **SLYPN Peer Mentor**

**Joe Follman**

### ***Current Position and Organization***

Director, Florida Alliance for Student Service and Florida Learn & Serve, Florida State University

### ***City, State***

Tallahassee, FL

### ***Biography***

Joe Follman founded and directs the Florida Alliance for Student Service (FASS) and statewide K-12 service-learning programs in Florida. He has worked in service-learning since 1990. FASS programs cumulatively engage over 75,000 students annually in meaningful service as a means and application of learning: Florida Learn & Serve (Formula and Competitive), FASS VISTA, and the State Farm Service-Learning and Home Safety Initiative. He is a frequent trainer at state, national, and international conferences. He has hosted the Florida Service-Learning Institute for 14 years and has twice co-hosted the National Service-Learning Conference. Three of his books, *Learning by Serving*, *Comprehensive School Improvement*, and *Reducing School Violence*, have been disseminated to every Florida school. He works at Florida State University and has taught in the Adult Education Department there.

Joe is a co-founder of SEANet, a national association of state service-learning coordinators, and served on the team that designed national standards for service-learning. In previous lives, he was the publications director for the SERVE Southeast regional education laboratory and worked for three years in military intelligence. As an avocation, Joe has visited over 500 springs in Florida and produced a web site ([www.springsfever.org](http://www.springsfever.org) <<http://www.springsfever.org/>>) with over 1,000 pages of springs descriptions and photographs. He has a BA in English from Emory University, and an MA in English from the University of Virginia. Joe is married and has two daughters.

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