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LETTER OF INTRODUCTION

Dear Colleagues:

Eleven years ago, in 1997, the Charlottesville-Albemarle Commission on Children and Families (CCF) was established by a joint agreement between the City of Charlottesville and the County of Albemarle “to plan, coordinate, monitor and evaluate a community wide system of children and family agencies.” CCF was further charged to “improve services to children, youth and families, to be accountable for the efficient use of public/private resources and to be responsive to the changing needs of the community,” in addition to carrying out the mandated responsibilities for managing a range of human service funding for the localities. The localities presented seven charges to CCF, which will be discussed in this report.

The following is a brief summary of our 2008 accomplishments and plans for 2009:

(A) Adhere to the responsibilities of the Community Policy and Management Team set forth in Virginia Code Chapter 880, Section 2.1-745 et seq.;

CCF is responsible for management of the Comprehensive Services Act (CSA) for the localities. In 2008, the CSA Committee conducted a review of the process and efficiency and accepted a number of recommendations to improve efficiency and efficacy. A comprehensive local Assessment and Diagnostic program was implemented.

(B) Provide comprehensive short and long range planning for children and family services within the Charlottesville/Albemarle community;

In addition to issuing the annual *Stepping Stones* report on child and family wellbeing, CCF developed strategic action plans to address the priority areas of early care and education for children from birth through age 5, and expanding programming and access to affordable youth development services during out of school hours, as key priorities. CCF continued to partner with the University of Virginia’s (UVA) Office for University Community Partnerships (UCP) to continue to support the development of a formal infrastructure to support partnerships, including the development of a UCP advisory committee.

(C) Make program and funding recommendations to the City and County governing bodies within the budgetary procedures and guidelines set by each jurisdiction;

CCF provided technical assistance to 9 of the 26 agencies (encompassing 50 programs) requesting funding from the localities and managed the FY10 outcome-based Agency Budget Review Process.



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The application process was changed in 2008 to streamline and tighten the process in response to agency and team member suggestions.

(D) Review and evaluate current service delivery systems to ensure that the needs of children and families are being met effectively and efficiently;

The CSA Committee implemented a Community Practice Model incorporating a local system of care philosophy to provide child centered, family focused, strengths based, culturally proficient, and community based provision of services to children with serious mental health problems (and other serious difficulties), as well as for children in foster care or at risk of foster care. To this end, the CSA infrastructure was realigned to be more effective, efficient, creative and responsive.

(E) Identify and encourage new and innovative approaches to program development for children and families;

CCF expanded several initiatives to better meet the needs of local children and families. The Youth Development Network continued to promote a collaborative youth development strategy that increases the capacity of community agencies and organizations to provide prevention and intervention services and activities to all youth, focusing on youth engagement, resource development, and community education. The Partnership for Children continued to be a partner in the Smart Beginnings grant to expand early childhood services.

(F) Identify additional public and private funding sources for children and youth programs;

Grants submitted by CCF generated over \$500,000 in additional resources for local children and youth. Additionally, CCF provided technical assistance to community partners, who generated nearly \$900,000 in additional funds for children and family services.

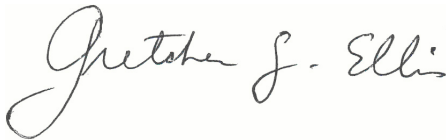
(G) Provide structured opportunities for community input and participation on the needs of families;

In 2008, CCF hosted 35 forums and presentations with over 800 participants. These events covered topics including the Systems of Care, the Youth Development Network, attachment informed interventions, and child protection. CCF's website, listserv and on-line *Guide to Youth Services* continue to receive heavy use.



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The Commission's work is carried out by 28 board members, nine staff, many UVa student and faculty partner consultants/researchers, and over 225 work group members composed of citizens, human service and educational agency representatives, and government leaders. These individuals are critical to the achievements of the Commission. We are extremely grateful to all of our stakeholders and volunteers for their engagement and leadership in improving conditions for children and families.



Sincerely,
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A

Adhere to the responsibilities of the Community Policy and Management Team set forth in Virginia Code Chapter 880, Section 2.1-745 et seq.

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CCF is responsible for all aspects of administration of the Virginia Comprehensive Services Act (CSA) in Charlottesville and Albemarle County. The two localities served 588 children and managed almost \$18 million in state and local funds during fiscal year 2008. These funds are intended to provide foster care services for children, to strengthen families to prevent foster care placement, and to provide private education and/or residential care for children whose needs cannot be met within the public school setting or the community.

In November, 2008, the CSA Committee adopted recommendations from a *Process Improvement Team Report*, completed by its Process Improvement Team. The Report recommended a number of improvements to structure, process and focus to improve efficiency and effectiveness. These will be enumerated in Section D of this report.

◆ 2008 ACCOMPLISHMENTS ◆

PREVENTION

A basic tenet of the Commission on Children and Families is that prevention is the most effective way to decrease risk for children, improve outcomes, keep them out of the Comprehensive Services Act system, and reduce overall program costs. Many of CCF's strategies and activities center on improving prevention locally. These will be discussed in later sections of this report.

CARE COORDINATION

As part of the recently completed two year Systems of Care study (described in Section D), the CSA Committee adopted a Community Practice that prescribes services that are child centered, family focused, strengths based, culturally proficient, and community based. As this local model was being developed, the statutory local match rate for CSA services was changed. Effective July 1, 2008, the match rate for community based care was decreased by 50%. However, on January 1, 2009, the match rate for congregate care increased by 15% and is expected to increase by 25% on July 1, 2009.



This provides a strong incentive to transition children back to the community and to avoid placing children in congregate care. As a result, Region Ten Community Services Board, at the request of the CSA Committee hired a Care Coordinator to facilitate child specific interdisciplinary planning to bring children back from congregate care with appropriate local services and to maintain children in the community.

Next steps: The CSA Committee will support and carefully monitor the effects of Care Coordination to determine whether the program improves outcomes and decreases congregate care rates.

UTILIZATION REVIEW (UR)

CCF's CSA Committee has continued its focus on the effective use of resources while providing state and federally-mandated services and assuring quality services for these high-risk children. In 2006, CCF entered into a contractual agreement with Region Ten Community Services Board to engage a Utilization Review Manager. In May, 2007, an additional Utilization Review Clinician was added. The UR staff worked closely with the CSA Committee, the Family Assessment and Planning Team, and case managers to implement system changes, to provide casework consultation, and to review vendor services. One result has been a \$25,976 decrease in the loss of Medicaid billing hours, which require a lower local match rate, thereby decreasing local costs. UR consultation and review also resulted in direct savings or recovery of \$291,270 in state and local funding, including local Albemarle savings of \$65,536 and local Charlottesville savings of \$43,691.

Utilization review staff focuses on improving the local service system and increasing vendor accountability. They conducted 109 vendor specific evaluations for 36 County youth and 73 City youth, resulting in service modifications at 21 facilities. The UR Manager and Clinician provided clinical consultation to improve service provision and documentation to local case managers for 78 County cases and 81 City cases.

Next steps: In addition to the current activities of cost containment and service and system improvements, in the coming year, Utilization Review will focus decreasing lengths of stay in residential treatment facilities and improving transition services in order to improve outcomes and decrease costs.



LOCAL ASSESSMENT, DIAGNOSTIC, AND STABILIZATION PROGRAM

One of the key accomplishments in 2008 was the creation of local assessment, diagnostic, and stabilization services for children in the CSA system. Many children enter the CSA system precipitously with little opportunity for assessment or planning. Previously, they were sent to costly residential facilities outside of the local community, making family intervention and participation as well as transition back to the community more difficult. The CSA Committee completed a needs assessment and feasibility study and concluded that local capacity should be expanded. In October, 2008 Region Ten Community Services Board began to provide short-term comprehensive assessment and diagnostic services, keeping children in the community during the process, either in their own homes, a short-term foster home, or a short-term residential facility. The service is expected to improve treatment decisions and maintain more children locally. Of the first ten children evaluated and served, only one was placed out of the community.

Next steps: CCF and the CSA Committee will expand the local service delivery system in order to serve more children in the local community. The CSA Committee will continue to support and monitor the effect of Assessment and Diagnostic Services.



Provide comprehensive short and long range planning for children and family services within the Charlottesville/Albemarle community.

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CCF conducts a wide range of data collection and planning activities using an applied research problem-solving model. Data is collected on local benchmarks using *Stepping Stones, an Annual Report on Child and Family Well-Being*. In addition, CCF members and the various work groups collect information about needs of local children and their families, research best practices to address identified needs, and develop plans to implement those practices.

◆ 2008 ACCOMPLISHMENTS ◆

STEPPING STONES

The ninth annual edition of *Stepping Stones* was issued in 2008. This widely used document tracks 51 local indicators of child and family well-being. This year, statistical analysis was used to identify trends, which include improved academic achievement at all levels, better reading readiness among local kindergarten students, decreases in teen births and fewer delinquency judgments.

Next steps: The tenth edition of *Stepping Stones* will be released in the Fall of 2009.

HUMAN SERVICES STRATEGIC ACTION PLAN

In 2008, CCF released developed comprehensive Action Plans regarding Early Care and Education and Youth Development as the third and final phase of the **Human Services Strategic Plan** for Charlottesville and Albemarle. The first phase consisted of a Human Services Budget released in 2006. The second phase was Human Services Strategic Priorities Report issued in 2007.

Next steps: CCF has charged two of its work groups, the **Partnership for Children** (PfC) and the **Youth Development Network** (YDN) with implementing the action plans in the two service-oriented priority areas. The YDN planning team will include representation from CCF's **Substance Abuse Prevention Coalition** and



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the **Teen Pregnancy and STD Prevention Work Group**, and **Juvenile Justice Advisory Committee** to assure that the plan addresses all risk behaviors. The **Human Services Strategic Plan Steering Committee** will advise the workgroups.

PARTNERSHIP WITH THE UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA

CCF has continued to partner with the Office of University Community Partnerships (UCP) in UVA's Provost Office to facilitate the **Community University Research and Service Partnership (CURSP)** (side bar with names). The Work Group has worked to conduct research into national best practices and draft a report to the UCP Office making recommendations for developing an advisory committee to continue to guide and support the work and expansion of the UCP office. Work Group members have served on committees for the UCP office reviewing internal grant applications which build UVA's capacity to conduct community based research as part of a course, as well as grants to undergraduate students wishing to undertake community based research projects.

During 2008, CCF and its community partners continued to benefit greatly from research and planning assistance from faculty and students at the University of Virginia. Faculty and students also helped with research, data collection, and evaluation for a variety of several projects, including *Stepping Stones*, the CSA Process Improvement evaluation, the update to the Characteristics of Juvenile Offenders Report, the cost-benefit research for the Human Services Strategic Plan, best practices in fathering initiatives, best practices in non-traditional early child care and education options, family survey development, the efficacy of the Youth Development Network referral line, and the efficacy of the CASAS Start Case Management services, as well as providing direct services via the KidsWatch domestic violence groups, developing a database to track the activities of the Utilization Review office, and staffing the Youth Development Network referral line. All told, 20 undergraduates provided 1,642 hours of assistance valued at \$16,420. Seventeen graduate students worked 910 hours at a value of \$13,650. Five faculty members provided 737 hours or \$289,100 of service.

Next steps: CURSP will develop a final report to the UCP office with recommendations for developing an advisory committee. CURSP will help host an initial community university networking event to (1) inform stakeholders about opportunities for developing partnerships,



(2) to connect community stakeholders with resources to help them develop research questions and connect to interested students and faculty, and (3) to provide a formal opportunity for stakeholders to meet and exchange ideas. CURSP members will provide consultation and technical assistance to community stakeholders in identifying and developing research questions.

Students and faculty will continue to work with CCF on a number of projects, including an economic analysis of 8 years of CSA financial and outcome data, the evaluation of the elementary school truancy prevention program (CASASStart), development and implementation of the local system of care, and risk prevention planning.

Make program and funding recommendations to the City and County governing bodies within the budgetary procedures and guidelines set by each jurisdiction.

AGENCY BUDGET REVIEW TEAM

Each year CCF convenes an **Agency Budget Review Team (ABRT)** of City and County staff and citizens to evaluate non-profit human service agencies' funding requests to the City and County. The application process focuses on identifying meaningful outcomes for local beneficiaries, using a process developed and modified by the **Funding Application Advisory Team**.

◆ **2008 ACCOMPLISHMENTS** ◆

Each year, CCF surveys agencies and ABRT members about the application and process. As in previous years, both agencies and the Team voiced concerns about the process and made recommendations for changes, including multi-year applications or an abbreviated process for programs receiving relatively less funding. Based on these suggestions, The Funding Application Advisory Team recommended a change to the process whereby programs that are consistently rated as "Exemplary" or "Solid" only submit full applications every other year, with progress reports during the intervening year.

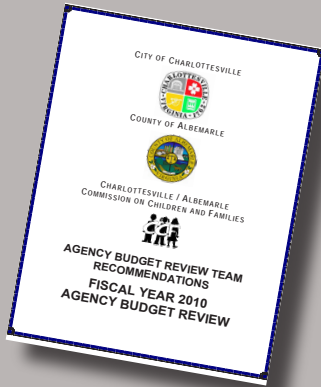


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In 2008 the ABRT reviewed applications or progress reports from 26 agencies for 50 programs. The ABRT conducted 8 meetings to review applications and each organization received a site visit to further inform recommendations. As in previous years, CCF staff provided considerable technical assistance to agencies in preparation of the application. In 2008, staff provided assistance to 9 agencies.

SECTION

D

Review and evaluate current service delivery systems to ensure that the needs of children and families are being met effectively and efficiently.

The Commission and a number of its work groups conduct periodic review of service delivery systems as a routine part of their work. This year the CSA Committee developed a Community Practice Model to support a local **System of Care** for children requiring mental health intervention services.

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◆ 2008 ACCOMPLISHMENTS ◆

CSA PROCESS IMPROVEMENT TEAM

In 2008, the CSA Committee completed a self evaluation to determine the efficiency and efficacy of the current structure. The overarching goal was to assure that the Charlottesville/Albemarle Comprehensive Services Act process, structure, and operations assure quality client services, vendor accountability, and cost effectiveness.

The comprehensive evaluation was multifaceted. The University of Virginia, Department of Economics, under the leadership of Professors Steven Stern, John Pepper, and Amalia Miller, completed an analysis of all CSA financial data from 2000 to the present. CCF's Implementation Team Leader, Maryfrances Porter, Ph.D. directed the evaluation, which analyzed the effectiveness of the current structure in meeting community needs, the efficiency of current structure, and adherence to state standards and law. The Process Improvement



Team made a number of system improvement recommendations which were adopted by the CSA Committee in November 2008. These included:

- Adoption of a community practice model with common vision, mission, and values (see below).
- Modification of CSA Committee structure.
- Refocusing the Family Assessment and Planning Team to provide fiscal oversight, offer encouraging/motivating consultation and coaching, help the case manager/child-specific teams think creatively and individually for each child and family, help case managers develop child-specific teams, help leverage innovative, community-based services, and provide assistance with transition planning as children return to community-based services.

Next steps: Full implementation of recommendations will be completed by July 1, 2009.

COMMUNITY PRACTICE MODEL INCORPORATING SYSTEMS OF CARE PHILOSOPHY

In 2008, CCF's Systems of Care Leadership Team completed an implementation plan for a community practice model incorporating a local system of care approach for children with mental health needs, including those in the CSA system. A "system of care" is an intervention approach which facilitates a coordinated network of the full array of services and supports, integrates care planning and management across multiple levels, is culturally and linguistically proficient and accessible, and builds meaningful partnerships with families and youth at service delivery, management, and policy levels. The Virginia Children's Services System Transformation Initiative has adopted this as a statewide practice model. CCF has taken the lead in implementation of the community practice model, providing ongoing training and technical assistance.

The Community Practice Model's Vision is that "children live safely and productively with their families and in their communities." The Mission is that "The CSA System uses highly collaborative, responsive, and cost effective policies, procedures, and structures to flexibly and creatively support children and their families."

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Identify and encourage new and innovative approaches to program development for children and families.

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The research and evaluations described in Sections B and D have identified a number of unmet needs and gaps in effective service delivery. Commissioners and staff have introduced a number of new innovative and best-practice approaches to address these needs and gaps. Initiatives have been taken to address a number of identified needs, which are described in the following section.

◆ 2008 ACCOMPLISHMENTS ◆

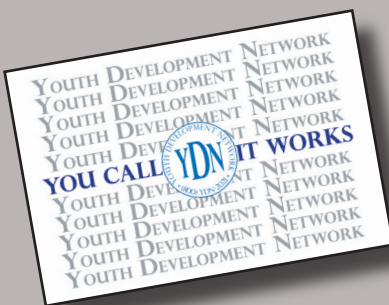
YOUTH DEVELOPMENT NETWORK



In February, 2007, the **Youth Development Steering Committee** convened the Youth Development Network. The charge of the Network is to create a collaborative youth development strategy that increases the capacity of community agencies and organizations to provide prevention and intervention services and activities to all youth, focusing on youth engagement, resource development, and community education. The Steering Committee meets monthly and the full Network of over 125 individuals meets quarterly.

In August 2007, CCF used one time funding to hire a half-time Network Coordinator to assist professionals, parents and youth to connect with local developmental activities and resources. When that funding ended in August 2008, CCF recruited a University of Virginia Student Intern to serve as Coordinator. To date, the Coordinator has facilitated services for over 140 young people. In December 2008, University of Virginia researchers conducted a survey with the previous year's callers. The results indicated an 83% satisfaction rating.

In 2008, the Youth Development Network hosted seven neighborhood outreach events to bring information about opportunities into the community. These were attended by at least 400 people. YDN representatives also attended six other community events. In order to assure youth voice and participation, the YDN conducted a focus group with 40 Monticello High School students.



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Next steps: In the coming year, the Network will continue to offer neighborhood-based, grass roots outreach to difficult to reach high-risk and/or low-income youth. The Network will also elicit ongoing youth feedback through additional focus groups.

SMART BEGINNINGS

The **Partnership for Children**, CCF's early childhood work group, in conjunction with the United Way-Thomas Jefferson Area, has completed the first year of a Smart Beginnings grant by the Virginia Early Childhood Foundation. The grant provides funding for Family Support Workers for children at Charlottesville's Johnson Elementary preschool program in collaboration with Charlottesville Department of Social Services, bilingual outreach and home-visiting services for families with children 0-3 years in Albemarle County in collaboration with the Infant Development Project, expansion of the Partnership for Children's Seal of Child Care Quality through training and technical assistance for child care providers through Children, Youth & Family Services and increased access to early developmental screenings partnerships with physicians, child care providers and the Infant Development Project.

Next steps: The Partnership for Children, the Smart Beginnings Leadership Team, and the United Way will seek resources and funding to sustain the new initiatives.

TRUANCY SERVICES INITIATIVES

The **Juvenile Justice Advisory Committee (JJAC)**'s research regarding characteristics of juvenile offenders has demonstrated that a majority of these youth have a long history of truancy, which is often a precursor to criminal behavior. In 2008, CCF continued three related initiatives to identify truants and provide effective intervention services. For truancy, State law requires an interdisciplinary review of service needs of children before the Court adjudication. Previously, this function was provided by the CSA Committee's Family Assessment and Planning Team in addition to their other duties. A specialized **Truancy Team** was formed. This, more focused, Team works with the truant child and family to develop an appropriate intervention plan aimed at addressing the root causes of the child's truancy.

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Since 2006, the JJAC also used grant funds to implement Functional Family Therapy© (FFT), a short-term treatment that is proven effective with youth in the juvenile justice system, including truants. The **FFT Advisory Team** provides oversight.

In 2007, CCF obtained an additional 3-year grant to pilot CASASStart, an evidence-based case management program which is being used to intervene with truant elementary school children and their families. By the time middle and high schools students are identified as truant, they are often far behind in academic achievement and disengaged from the educational process. Intervening earlier is expected to prevent long-term truancy and promote achievement and school attachment. In 2008, 20 children have been served with remarkable improvement in school attendance and family functioning.

Next steps: The Truancy Team and FFT programs will continue. Based on the strong results of the CASASStart pilot, CCF staff are looking for grant opportunities to fund four additional positions. Rory Carpenter, CCF's Prevention Team Leader, is working collaboratively with the two school districts to identify additional strategies to address truancy.

Ongoing Initiatives:

FAMILY VIOLENCE PREVENTION

Since 2004, a CCF-created Multidisciplinary Team has coordinated investigation, service provision, and prosecution in child victimization cases. In 2005, CCF led the development of the Foothills Children's Advocacy Center (FCAC) to coordinate investigation and service provision. These best practice approaches decrease trauma for child victims and increase accountability for perpetrators. In 2008, Foothills Child Advocacy Center obtained non-profit status and migrated away from CCF. The Family Violence Work Group continues to facilitate prevention activities including an annual forum.



SEAL OF QUALITY CHILD CARE



The **Partnership for Children (PfC)**, CCF's early childhood work group, has long been focused on encouraging high quality child care. During 2007, the PfC expanded the Seal of Good Child Care Quality, a voluntary certification process whereby providers meet rigorous quality standards. To date, 20 providers have been awarded a Level 1, 2 or 3 Seal, indicating to consumers that they have met exacting requirements.

SOCIAL NORMS MARKETING FOR SUBSTANCE ABUSE PREVENTION

The **Substance Abuse Prevention Work Group** is charged with supporting the general philosophy of substance abuse prevention and with promoting a healthy community by decreasing risk factors for substance abuse and increasing protective factors. The Work Group has expanded the concept of social norms marketing with a comprehensive campaign at all three Albemarle County high schools. Social norms marketing uses a variety of methods to correct misperceptions about substance usage, and to identify, model and promote the healthy behaviors that are, in fact, the norm among local students.

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Identify additional public and private funding sources for children and youth programs.

FUNDS RAISED

In 2008, CCF directly raised over \$503,334 in grant funding for children and youth programs. CCF also provided technical assistance to community partners, which generated \$892,297 in additional funding. In the past three years, CCF has been particularly interested in obtaining funding to support sustainable services and most of the direct grants received met this goal.

◆ 2008 ACCOMPLISHMENTS ◆

1. CCF is in the third year of a three-year \$300,000 project to train public agency staff to provide Functional Family Therapy, an evidence-based treatment for high-risk youths. At the end of the grant period, up to ten local practitioners will be trained to provide this effective, short-term psychotherapy.
2. For the third year, the JJAC received \$20,000 from the Virginia Department of Criminal Justice Services to provide Teens Give service learning activities for youth at risk of gang involvement through Community Attention.
3. CCF applied for and received a second renewal grant of \$41,500 for the City of Charlottesville schools to implement evidence-based bullying prevention and conflict resolution programs. The funding will be used to provide sustainable training for school staff to reduce bullying and fighting in the schools.
4. CCF is in the second year of a three year \$195,000 grant from the Virginia Department of Criminal Justice Services to fund the CASASStart truancy prevention program.

Next steps: CCF staff continues to actively monitor and seek out funding opportunities both to support CCF initiatives as well as to support other community activities. We routinely forward applicable grant announcements to local agencies.



Provide structured opportunities for community input and participation on the needs of families.

G SECTION

During 2008, CCF provided several opportunities for community participation and community education about prevention and intervention services for local youth and their families. The Youth Development Network provides a methodical process for community engagement with quarterly meetings attended by 50-95 people. YDN also conducted seven community outreach events reaching more than 200 individuals. CCF was featured in 24 media reports. CCF's website, listserv and Guide to Youth Services are heavily utilized. CCF has conducted 33 community forums, trainings or presentations for more than 800 individuals with overwhelmingly positive results.

◆ 2008 ACCOMPLISHMENTS ◆

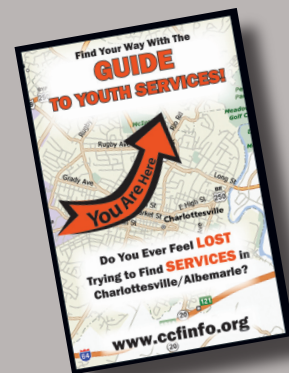
MEDIA COVERAGE

CCF was featured in 24 media reports in 2008, Stories and articles covered topics such as the prevention of underage drinking, the Human Services Strategic Priorities, at-risk youths, youth service, and the Youth Development Network.

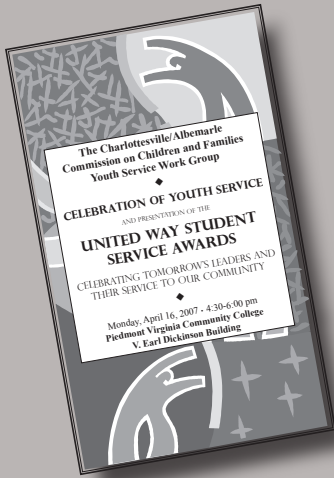
Next steps: CCF will continue to provide accurate, timely information on topics related to children and families.

WEB-BASED INFORMATION

CCF's website, www.ccfinfo.org was visited 36,470 times in 2008. CCF's informational listserv was utilized 62 times to post messages and had 21 new members join. CCF's interactive Guide to Youth Services, launched in October 2006, was accessed 5,222 times in 2008.



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COMMUNITY FORUMS AND PRESENTATIONS

In the past year, CCF has conducted the following forums and presentations:

1. Systems of Care
(22 presentations to 300 participants)
2. Child Abuse Prevention Conference
(60 participants)
3. Community Alcohol Prevention Town Hall Meeting Forum
(75 participants)
3. Youth Development Network Quarterly Forums
(60, 50, 50, 70 participants)
4. Youth Service Learning Recognition
(90 participants)
5. Attachment Informed Interventions
(4 presentations to 99 participants)
6. Outcome Measurement for Nonprofits
(20 participants)
7. Partnership for Children Community Orientation
(24 participants)

Next steps: Ongoing training and presentations are planned. The fifth annual Child Abuse Prevention Conference will be held on April 29, 2009.



CONCLUSION

2008 was a productive year for the Charlottesville/Albemarle Commission on Children and Families. During this year we have seen progress in a number of areas:

- ✓ CCF and the CSA Committee adopted a community practice model incorporating Systems of Care principals.
- ✓ CCF completed an analysis of and revisions to the CSA process to make it more efficient and effective.
- ✓ CCF completed development of two strategic action plans for early child care and youth services.
- ✓ CCF streamlined the Agency Budget Review Process and provided technical assistance to nine agencies seeking local funding.
- ✓ CCF generated over \$500,000 in new funding and assisted community partners in raising an additional \$1,000,000.
- ✓ CCF hosted 35 public events for over 800 participants.
- ✓ CCF and the UVA Provost's Office convened the Community University Research and Service Partnership.

In 2009, CCF looks forward to continued progress, including:

- ✓ Complete implementation of the Community Practice Model for children with mental illness and other needs.
- ✓ Complete CSA process improvements.
- ✓ Expand capacity to serve children locally.
- ✓ Full implementation of a Human Services Strategic Action Plans regarding early child care and youth service.
- ✓ Expansion of the Youth Development Network.



