

## DIRECTOR'S UPDATE, NOVEMBER 27 – JANUARY 3, 2003

### Coordination of Services

- CCF provides data and technical assistance to Piedmont Supervised Visitation Center and UVa Youth Violence Project for pending federal grant opportunities.
- Ad-hoc work group reviewing the transition of students from expulsion back to community outlines final report for Charlottesville City Manager and identifies issues for further exploration.
- City Data Team Intern maps 2001 indicators for all city neighborhoods and prepares draft recommending benchmarks and target areas for intervention and attention.
- Juvenile Justice Coordinator participates in statewide VJCCCA Advisory Committee meeting sponsored by the Department of Juvenile Justice on December 9<sup>th</sup>.

### Raising Awareness of Children and Family Issues

- **December 10** Legislative Forum on Children and Families held at the UVA School of Law. Approximately 80 attendees. Media coverage in *Daily Progress*, *Observer*, WINA, and Channel 29. 75% of attendees reported new knowledge of local legislators' priorities. Full evaluation report forthcoming to CCF members.
- Final Report of "Our Nation's Kids" November 2<sup>nd</sup> event released to the press and on the CCF website, citing high interest in civic involvement among those attending. Media coverage on WINA.
- CCF staff and members present CCF annual report to Council and Board on December 2 and December 4<sup>th</sup>. Coverage of report and foster care issue in *C'Ville Weekly*.

### Administration/Research

- City-County FY04 budget application submitted on December 16, as well as budget and business plan required by City of Charlottesville government.
- CSA "Managing Growth" ad-hoc task force develops electronic survey for FAPT members and case managers, and revises forms as part of effort to streamline effectiveness and capacity.
- CCF re-applies for federal funds with UVa Youth Violence Project, revising the FY03 application for community-wide threat assessment initiative.
- CCF Intern finalizes survey of local "out of school" opportunities, as per recommendation of Juvenile Justice Advisory Committee to explore options for increasing access to productive activities for at-risk youth.
- CCF staff update mailing list.
- VJCCCA FY 2002 Expenditure Report completed on 12/2/02.

### Work Groups

- **Agency Budget Review Team** – 29 community agency applications received in CCF offices and reviewed by FY04 team. Applications reflect first year of reported actual FY02 outcomes. County request is up 14.5% and City request is up 21.4% from FY03. Review of housing agencies – Piedmont Housing Alliance and Albemarle Housing Improvement Program – is delegated to City/County housing administration and advisory group.
- **Children Needing Extensive Services** – Team members plan for a pilot of the "consultant panel" with local cases and practitioners in areas of need. Results of the recent roundtable confirm existing perceptions about serving Children Needing Extensive Services locally. Members agree to examine the issue of holding beds for crisis stabilization further and perhaps take a plan to the Commission.
- **Community Needs Assessment**- CCF Planner and Gina Hijawii complete first draft of community needs assessment in preparation for draft report to CCF members at February 2003 meeting.

- **Family Violence Work Group** – The full work group as well as Domestic Violence and Child Abuse and Neglect Sub-committees met in December and continue to work on identifying needs, best practices, and recommendations.
- **Juvenile Justice Advisory Committee** –. The JJAC identified its 2003 subcommittee objectives and subcommittee membership; unanimously agreed to write a letter of support for the Threat Assessment and Youth Violence SAMHSA grant developed by UVA and CCF; and developed local strategies to address the state budget cuts.
- **Teen Pregnancy/STD Prevention Work Group** –Strategic planning/fundraising sub-committee meets and develops exploratory plan for housing and focus of Phase 2 of effort (post October 2003.) Laurie McDade and Sue Winslow meet with CCF director to explore future role of CCF in second phase of effort.

### **CCF Work Plan**

#### **Upcoming strategic issues:**

- Identifying optimum CCF roles and priorities moving forward (post-retreat.)
- Securing federal IVE reimbursement funds to support CCF administration during FY04.