

DIRECTOR'S UPDATE, FEBRUARY 5 - 25, 2002

Coordination of Services

- Planner/Analyst presents Geographic Information Systems mapping approach to City of Charlottesville Department Heads (including housing, crime, human service, education, and community resource indicators.)
- Legislative "Fact Sheet" revised to incorporate changing budget scenario for children and family related funding sources submitted by DSS, CSB, and Partnership for Children, VJCCCA agencies, and schools as relevant committees revise Governor's budget.
- CCF Director updates Service Providers Committee of the Council on Domestic Violence on work of the CNES related to domestic violence and substance abuse.
- CCF staff attends Youth Committee of Charlottesville High School and UVA Students following recent assaults, and attends Information and Referral planning session at United Way.

Raising Awareness of Children and Family Issues

- Director presents CCF and "key messages" on Charlottesville Cable TV show, "Talk of C'ville" with Maurice Jones and representatives of Community Attention, MACAA, and FOCUS Teensight.
- CCF members, staff, and an estimated 80 participants attend a press conference focusing on the impact of state budget cuts to at-risk children and their families. Speakers include Sally Thomas, Buz Cox, Chief Tim Longo, Kathy Ralston, and S. Baker. Press release and fact sheet sent to all major news media. Conference receives coverage on Channel 29 (3 nights): *Daily Progress*, WINA, and *Charlottesville Observer*.
- Article on CCF appears on League of Women Voters website, written by CCF observer Carla Sykes, at <http://monticello.avenue.org/Gov/League/commchild&fam.htm>
- Director presents CCF and key messages to Charlottesville Neighborhood Leadership group.
- CCF Winter *Quarterly Report* distributed to 600 individuals and agencies, highlighting annual report, legislative forum, and new young offenders grant.

Administration/Research

- VJCCCA site visit held to monitor programs and use of funds, and. received a 100% compliance rating.
- CCF website moved to new server under the name "CCFINFO.ORG". New site scheduled to be released during first week of March. Updates are ongoing, with restructured site due out in spring.
- CCF *Guide to Youth Services* to be released on website during week of March 1; printed bids finalized. \$5,000 of support for expanded printing and distribution of *Guide* to families received from Strengthening Families initiative.
- Intern Jennifer Person is organizing CCF's hard copy and online resources into 25 categories to make local, state, and national information on issues impacting children and families more accessible for Commissioners, staff, and the community.
- CCF Intern compiles results of Community Service survey from local programs.
- CCF staff edit and format final report of City/County Agency Budget Review Team recommendations, due to be presented to City Council on March 4, and soon thereafter to County Board of Supervisors.
- CCF Director prepares a written response to Charlottesville City Manager on current status, needs, and outcomes of Charlottesville/Albemarle group homes.

Work Groups

- **Agency Budget Review Team** – Recommendations and City/County funding levels finalized and incorporated into the ABRT report. Final edits due February 28. CCF staff mapping projected outcomes for preliminary analysis of funds investment strategy.
- **Children Needing Extensive Services Work Group** – Presented “Request for Information” for short-term crisis center and assessment needs, and “job description” for CNES consultant group to CSA Committee. Established connection with Council on Domestic Violence for preliminary discussion of CNES interest in training for identifying domestic violence and substance abuse (recommendation of CNES Roundtable, 2001.) CSA Coordinator collects model program concepts for domestic violence training and collaborative models with populations similar to CNES.
- **Community Relations Advisory Work Group** – Work group met on February 14 to confirm forthcoming projects, including the dissemination of key messages, distribution of *Guide to Youth Services*, and upcoming National Issues Forum focused on children and families. Members adopt strategy for addressing pending State budget cuts, and recommend holding a press conference with public safety and at-risk children focus.
- **Community Needs Assessment**- First meeting held with KPC research to design upcoming needs assessment telephone survey, followed by a meeting to edit a first draft.
- **Partnership for Children**— Mailed parent education catalog to local households and has received good response from parents and potential sponsors for next edition; planning a follow-up April training on working with families with mental health issues. Library has put in request for limited equipment resources to support Family Reading Centers. Draft job descriptions and by-laws prepared for review by Advisory Board.
- **Juvenile Justice Advisory Committee** – The Detention Utilization and Assessment Center Annex reports are completed with a March meeting to be set to develop recommendations. The Juvenile Court Systems survey is completed with a March 12th subcommittee meeting scheduled to analyze the survey results and begin to develop recommendations. The Juvenile Offender Report with three years of compiled data is completed with a March meeting scheduled to develop prevention recommendations. The Young Juvenile Offender Advisory Committee has met twice to develop the Young Juvenile Offender Program that will begin in July funded by a grant from DCJS.
- **Teen Pregnancy/STD Prevention Work Group** – Newly revised Teen Helpcards distributed to all area high schools, teen health care facilities, and youth-serving agencies; Radio interview with WVTF re decline in reported teen pregnancies; Youth Service Subcommittee planned/scheduled first Youth Service Community Coalition meeting for March; Focus groups on public awareness campaign held with over 65 area youth at CHS and City Alternative Program; Presentations provided on Healthy Relationships to CHS 9th grade FLE classes; first report sent out to Teen Pregnancy and STD Prevention Network; Logic model adopted by work group and revised by sub-committees; updates made to work group website.
- **Outcome Measurement Work Group** – Work Group held meeting on February 4 to share updates on the technical assistance, application process, and evaluation to date; to set a course for FY04, and to provide guidance on minor application form and instruction revisions. Decision made to add new members, particularly from the local funding community.
- **Data Management Work Group**- Work group met with representatives from Charlottesville and Albemarle Departments of Social Services to discuss improved social service data for *Stepping Stones*. Information for 2002 *Stepping Stones* is being collected.

CCF Work Plan

- **Upcoming strategic issues:** Devising a strategy to make up for \$60,000 loss of Office on Youth State funding, as proposed in both House and Senate budget amendments (as of today's date.)