

DIRECTOR'S UPDATE

Coordination of Services

- CCF staff members participated in the submission of the State Incentive Grant in mid-July. Conversations about future of "Prevention Coalition" will get underway in late summer with grant writing participants.
- Participation in a retreat held for City of Charlottesville Neighborhood Strategy/Healthy Community Team, attendance at Quality Community Council meetings, Middle School Roundtable (more information on Middle School roundtable available), and Faith-Based forum sponsored by LOVE, INC and C.O.R.E.
- Audio conferences on children and family issues, advertised on List serv, continue to draw participants and dialogue. Early Childhood audio conference hosted in June by Charity Haines of Albemarle Department of Social Services.
- Seven CCF work groups have drafted priorities for CCF annual report: Teen Pregnancy/STD Prevention; Partnership for Children; Children Needing Extensive Services; Juvenile Justice Advisory Committee; Outcome Measurement; Needs Assessment; Data Management. CSA Work Group underway.

Raising Awareness of Children and Family Issues

- *Stepping Stones* 2001 sent to the printer end of July, 2001. Plan for its release in development. Presentation to CCF on August 1.
- Legislative Forum planning group firming up plans for December 4th event, 3:30-5:30 p.m. at UVA Law School. Confirmations received from Senator Emily Couric, Delegates Van Yahres and Landes. Acceptances pending from Delegate candidates Charles Martin, Rob Bell, Delegate Abbit and Senator Hanger. Planning group reconvenes in early September.
- CCF City youth member, director, and three graduate students attended and recorded the events of the Youth Summit, July 21st, 2001.
- Richard Merriwether, Gretchen Ellis, and Saphira Baker attended a National Issues Forum at the University of Virginia, July 22-24. Ellis and Baker trained in how to frame issues and convene local deliberative forums on key issues. Focused on issues of "Racial and Ethnic Tensions" and "Money and Politics."

Administration/Personnel

- City of Charlottesville appoints new CCF youth member, Aurora Nichols. Albemarle Board of Supervisors will appoint new CCF youth member after interviews on August 1st.
- Lisa Climer hired as CSA Coordinator, beginning August 1, in a part-time capacity.
- Terrilynn Platt, Project Assistant, moving to Texas and leaving CCF July 27. CCF interviewing for a full-time Administrative Secretary and half time Information and Outreach Coordinator position from July 27-August 3rd.
- Meara Swaminatha joins CCF as a summer intern to work on the *Guide to Youth Services*, July – August 2001.
- Researcher hired to complete Detention Utilization Study, funded by Department of Criminal Justice Services, by October 31, 2001.
- CCF received full funding from the Department of Juvenile Justice Delinquency Prevention and Youth Development Act on July 17, 2001 for \$59,507.

Work Groups

- **Partnership for Children**— Partnership brochures printed and available for distribution; members participated in Babyfest; School Readiness Work Group planning the next phase of Literacy Kits implementation, Parent Education Collaborative seeking sponsorship of business “tips” for forthcoming parent education catalogue; Public Awareness Sub-Committee beginning planning for a kick-off event.
- **Teen Pregnancy/STD Prevention** – Convened Middle School Roundtable, participated on panel at Youth Summit, Evaluation Committee establishing measurable outcomes for strategic plan and work group; Volunteerism/Service Learning Sub-Committee held its first meeting; revised Teen HelpCard.
- **Juvenile Justice Advisory Committee** –Began implementation of survey of court-involved youth and professionals; Reviewed responses to requests for a secure web-based site for common release of information forms; Approved JJAC membership guidelines and CCF work group membership criteria; Submitting concept paper to Department of Criminal Justice Services (DCJS) for Sex Offenders treatment program training (offered as a pilot to 5 Virginia sites.); Submitting one time JAIBG (Juvenile Accountability Incentive Block Grant) proposal to DCJS for Assessment Center Annex; Beginning Detention Utilization Study to include program planning for the Assessment Center Annex.
- **Community Needs Assessment**—reporting at CCF meeting August 1. Concept paper submitted on July 13 to Aspen Roundtable on Comprehensive Community Initiatives, focusing on measurable indicators of social capital with focus on race. Community discussion convened for purposes of shaping the grant. CCF will be notified by September 30 if invited to submit full ten-page proposal.
- **Outcome Measurement Work Group** – Produced FY02 work plan; awaiting division of responsibilities between CCF and United Way; reviewed evaluation of review process by agencies. Identifying components of the review, application and training process to be conducted collaboratively by CCF and UW for FY02 on August 15, 2001.

CCF Work Plan

- **Upcoming strategic issues:** Raising awareness of conditions of children and families through *Stepping Stones*, annual report and other vehicles; working collaboratively with City/County planning departments to obtain updated census information and analyze local impact; Increasing communication and sharing of information/findings among CCF work groups; Responding to community requests for additional CCF work groups and/or significant assistance with grant preparation and research.
- **Projects on target:** *Stepping Stones*, Juvenile Justice Detention Center Utilization Study and Information-Sharing website; Needs Assessment planning; Legislative Forum planning. Forthcoming development of Legislative Agenda for localities.
- **Projects behind:** June newsletter and “Research Brief” postponed until September due to staff transitions; *Guide to Youth Services* one month behind.