

DIRECTOR'S UPDATE, SEPTEMBER 27 – OCTOBER 30, 2002

Coordination of Services

- CCF staff attends meetings of JABA 2020, Prevention Coalition, National Issues Forum planning group, Quality Community Council, Crozet Diversity Task Force, Parent, Family Involvement Workshop of the Youth Council/Workforce Investment Board and the statewide VJCCCA Advisory Committee .
- Charlottesville Data Analysis Team initiates 2002 citywide mapping of education, income, community resources, social services, housing, and crime indicators with capacity for neighborhood comparisons. Positive indicators identified for inclusion.
- Convened a demonstration of "Connect Richmond" on October 17, an Internet-based community research clearinghouse with funding, training, and effective practices for local non-profit and public agencies.
- CCF Intern lays the groundwork for upcoming CCF work group or effort: begins brief inventory/survey of "out of school" opportunities for troubled youth after compiling national research on best practices, common needs and resources.
- CCF provides data on local needs to Charlottesville City Schools for 21st Century application grant.
- CCF staffs booth at Albemarle County Schools Human Service Fair, October 3rd.
- Per request of the City Manager, convened representatives on October 30 from JJAC and school staff to provide overview of current system and make recommendations for a coordinated approach to the issue of children removed from the school environment and at-large in the community that effectively addresses the public safety, accountability and treatment issues with regard to youths' transition back into the community.

Raising Awareness of Children and Family Issues

- *Stepping Stones* released to the press, City Council, County Board of Supervisors, and all sources and community partners involved.
- Planning group prepares background information, media and questions for December 10 Legislative Forum on Children and Families, 3:00 – 5:30 p.m. at the UVA School of Law. Questions to focus on juvenile justice and alternative revenue sources for programs for low-income children.
- Final training of moderators, logistics planning and publicity for the upcoming **November 2** National Issues Forum on "*Our Nation's Children: Is Something Wrong?*" Extensive graphic design work to develop flyers, web post cards, posters, sheet of local statistics, and newspaper ads. Flyers and posters distributed to all partners, CCF mailing lists, libraries, schools, and others.
- Legislative Agenda submitted to Linda Peacock and David Blount, Thomas Jefferson Planning District.
- Juvenile Justice Coordinator participates in the Juvenile Justice Panel for *Leadership Charlottesville* on October 2nd.
- CCF director interviewed by *Cville Weekly* on State budget cuts and upcoming November 2nd civic forum.

Administration/Research

- CCF volunteer intern, Brady Bowling, maps sample of 2001 indicators for all City neighborhoods.
- CCF Director prepares materials for retreat follow-up in consultation with Executive Committee.
- IMC submits draft queries for youth feedback system based on the summer focus group. CCF staff assessing capacity/school interest in extending the Continuous Feedback system to schools. Discussion of results to date/next steps anticipated for December CCF meeting.
- VJCCCA and CSA funds exempted from Governor's budget cuts.

Work Groups

- **Agency Budget Review Team** – Pilot site visits with five agencies to be complete by November 1st. Orientation meeting scheduled for December 6th. *ABRT team needs citizen members.*

- **Children Needing Extensive Services** – Meeting held on October 11 to further refine the consultant panel concept. Finalized plans for a November 14 meeting with human service providers to discuss local service options for children needing extensive services.
- **Community Needs Assessment**- Work group to meet on November 7th to review household and individual data. Two UVA Community Psychology assisting with focus group sessions and collecting national data for comparison purposes.
- **Violence in the Home Work Group** – Formation meeting held on October 4th. Group will divide into subcommittees to focus on (1) impact of domestic violence on children (Chairs: Kim Flash and Ruth Stone) and (2) developing a coordinated community response to child abuse and neglect (Chair: John Freeman). 2 Community Psychology graduate students are assisting with collecting national models for Child Abuse and Prevention sub-committee. Subcommittee exploring potential for a pilot intensive response in City neighborhood.
- **Partnership for Children** – Home visiting work group developing “Resource Boxes”; Planning for upcoming training November 12th on “Healthy Families/Healthy Homes.” Survey on collaboration outcomes distributed to Partners.
- **Juvenile Justice Advisory Committee** – Held a retreat on October 21st and updated the original strategic plan.
- **Teen Pregnancy/STD Prevention Work Group** – Has invited new members to help build capacity for transition beyond October 2003.
- **Outcome Measurement Work Group** – Meeting held on October 3rd to approve FY04 work plan. Trainings held on **October 2** and October 23 focusing on “Basic Outcome Measurement” and “Data Collection and Measurement.” 20 attendees, all participants evaluated the basic training as helpful.

CCF Work Plan

Upcoming strategic issues:

- Confirming CCF role and priorities. Developing plan of action based on the results.
- Developing a strategy to enhance planning and information-sharing capacity at CCF and to address growing administrative demands of Comprehensive Service Act coordination.