

DIRECTOR'S UPDATE, FEBRUARY 25, 2004 – MARCH 24, 2004

Coordination of Services

- Staff attended meetings of the City/County Educational Fund Steering Committee, Prevention Coalition, County Executive's "state of the county" session, middle and high school Principals' meetings at Albemarle County Schools, "Best Practice" court project, Charlottesville/Albemarle Dental Task Force, and Council and Board budget work sessions related to community agencies.

Raising Awareness of Children and Family Issues

- Held brainstorming meeting of CCF members on "outreach to non-traditional sources." Brief concept paper developed and revised. Members to float idea with potential stakeholders and participants to determine feasibility of moving forward.
- Submitted first column on dental care for *Tribune* – a local weekly newspaper. Next months' column to focus on the challenges and resources for "single parents and the working poor."
- CSA Coordinator invited all CSA partners to an April 30 morning meeting to report out on the Cost Containment findings and recommendations, and discuss future plans.
- Continued to distribute 402 copies of Juvenile Court Guide to public and non-profit agencies and schools for a total of 1,445 guides distributed to date.
- Preparing *Quarterly Report* and electronic update to Council and Board for April distribution.
- In March, the CCF website logged 1363 page hits, with 361 total monthly visitors (including 280 unique visitors). Seven messages were posted on the CCF listserv during March. There are currently 167 listserv members.

Administration/Research

- Prepared comprehensive work plan/time line among all CCF staff to better understand crunch times and inform management and planning.
- Sent final recommendations report from the Agency Budget Review Team to localities, community agencies and team members.
- Prepared for IVE audit via Charlottesville Department of Social Services.
- CCF Director began fellowship with the Sorenson Institute for Political Leadership on 3-5- to take place Friday afternoons and Saturdays for ten months.
- Planner finalized status report on needs and resources of rural residents in Albemarle County for Rural Neighbors Project based on data and interviews with school, after-school, faith based leaders and agency personnel focused on Yancey neighborhood.
- Planner participated in training on Multidisciplinary Teams and Child Advocacy Centers with local team of 10 stakeholders (police, social services, victim witness, CASA, Commonwealth Attorney's office, etc.) in Huntsville, Alabama.
- Staff tracking the status of CCF recommendations from 1998-2004 to assess impact of advisory role and provide background information to Executive Committee and CCF board.
- Intern hired to work with the Assets For Youth work group on their Youth Engagement Study to assist with coordination of the project and documentation of results.
- Juvenile Justice Coordinator attended Juvenile Accountability Block Grant Training in Fredericksburg.

Work Groups

- **Assets for Youth** – Began implementation of youth focus groups by asking City and County schools to identify liaisons and identifying potential youth leaders. Researched existing information sources for after-school activities to assess need/feasibility of creating a web-based resource for teachers, professionals, and potentially youth and parents. Began research on local transportation resources.

- **Comprehensive Services Act Committee** --- Report to be presented orally on April 7th. **CSA Cost Containment Implementation Team** began designing full-time FAPT, revising current CSA committee structure, and identifying current and new roles and responsibilities for staff. CART began reviewing feedback from FAPT case managers and team members on revised I.F.S.P. and integration of improvements for presentation in April.
- **Family Violence Work Group** – KidsWatch has entered into a partnership with U.Va.'s Curry School to expand the program; Pilot Multidisciplinary Team has scheduled first meeting for April 9.
- **Juvenile Justice Advisory Committee** – Approved Juvenile Court Roundtable report and began implementation of recommendations related to increasing communication for better representation of juveniles. Explored potential revision of JABG budget to focus on increased screening of mental health and substance abuse at Juvenile Court Assessment Center or Detention Center. Assisting in meeting planning stages of a mandatory *Guardian Ad Litem* training by the courts to be held on June 10th.
- **Outcome Measurement Work Group** – Finalized descriptive documents for the “Focus Areas of Investment” and a work plan. Began discussion of ways to link focus areas to local City-County and other funding. Completed “mapping” of FY03 programs related to focus areas.
- **Partnership for Children** – Developed first draft of outcomes for reporting in FY05 on Community Collaboration and Coordination and to measure school readiness. Distributed home-visitor resource boxes.
- **Teen Pregnancy/STD Prevention Work Group** – Mary Sullivan on board, developing a proposal to the Charlottesville/Albemarle Community Foundation, planning public awareness events and articles for Teen Pregnancy Prevention month, overseeing research intern from Nursing School related to how young people currently receive information about safe sex, and revising CCF web page to increase emphasis on local resources.
- **Service Learning Work Group** – Gathering data about current practices in public and private schools; Beginning to research “best practices”.

CCF Strategic Issues

- Identifying and affording new space to accommodate staff and interns.