

## DIRECTOR'S UPDATE, JUNE 26 – JULY 31, 2002

### Coordination of Services

- CCF Director compiles state wide feedback from Virginia Offices on Youth directors for 2003 General Assembly position paper requesting restoration of OYO funds.
- CCF staff attends meetings of/on Prevention Council, Retreat on Race Relations, JABA 2020, Quality Community Council, County Quality of Life Strategy Team, Statewide VJCCA Advisory Group, Virginia Rural Health Initiative's Hispanic outreach.
- CCF staff assists Charlottesville Redevelopment and Housing Authority to prepare successful GOSAP grant to administer Youth Risk Behavior Survey in City public housing. CCF will evaluate results.
- CCF planner/analyst provides data U.Va. Center for Clinical Psychology for grant proposal related to young girls, JustChildren program at Legal Aid, Charlottesville City Schools for "Leave No Child Behind" grant, and Charlottesville Fathering Initiative.
- CCF Director attends brainstorming meeting of Citizens for Jefferson School.

### Raising Awareness of Children and Family Issues

- Channel 29 interviews CCF Director on Action Alliance's "Self-Sufficiency Standard" report.
- CCF Staff, Lee Catlin, and Maurice Jones assist Dr. Viglione in securing press coverage for July 12<sup>th</sup> Dental Clinic for low-income children. Coverage on Channel 29, Daily Progress, and WINA. Sterling Robinson makes donation from Giant Foods, and C. Stratton secures donation from Sam's Club for lunch. CCF Director submits "Letter to Editor" to continue raising awareness and acknowledging organizers and contributors.
- First prize winner of the Continuous Feedback System awarded. IMC working on monthly report to be shared regularly with Commission members. Preliminary discussion held with Charlottesville High School Leadership on placing a youth-focused Continuous Feedback System on their site in the fall.
- 2002 *Stepping Stones* at the printer with forthcoming release anticipated for early August 2002.
- Planning begins for December 10 Legislative Forum on Children and Families, 3:00 – 5:30 p.m. at the UVA School of Law. Invitations to Senators sent with 5 confirmed verbally.
- Training to be offered on September 27<sup>th</sup> and October 18, 9-3 at UVA for "reporters" and "observers" for the upcoming **November 2** National Issues Forum on "*Our Nation's Children: Is Something Wrong?*" CCF volunteers needed.
- C. Stratton provides one of the voices for first series of Partnership for Children PSAs, as part of the EURE grant airing PSAs all year on local radio station.

### Administration/Research.

- Requests for *Guide to Youth Services* exceed current supply of 1,000. CCF staff looking for alternative and less expensive print sources to disseminate 2<sup>nd</sup> version more widely, incorporating any corrections received to date.
- CCF staff, CSA Chair, and Albemarle and Charlottesville DSS assist in preparing response to CSA audit. Final draft written and submitted by Buz Cox, CSA Chair.
- CCF Staff develop team goals at all staff retreat on July 2<sup>nd</sup>. (Attach)
- County Board of Supervisors to appoint new CCF Citizen representative on August 11<sup>th</sup> (postponed from July 3<sup>rd</sup>.) Two new City members appointed – Holly Hatcher and Andrew Solomon – and Michael Dickens re-appointed for 3-year term. 1 remaining vacancy each in City and County.
- Staff plans underway for establishment of domestic violence work group, link/and or establishment of child abuse prevention work group, and a potential forum on increasing access to youth productive activities for at-risk youth.
- CCF staff coordinate "Orientation to the Comprehensive Services Act" training for 18 Family Assessment and Planning Team members and case managers. The training was conducted by the Virginia Institute for Social Service Training Activities. Two additional training sessions will be held in August.

- Staff and IMC hold preliminary meeting with Bobby Thompson and David Durer at the Charlottesville High School to explore putting a Continuous Feedback System for high school students on the CHS website.

### Work Groups

- **Children Needing Extensive Services** – Members review model programs for addressing needs of CNES; identify logistical/process details for establishment of Consultant Bank, and review vendor responses to the request for information on services to at-risk youth.
- **Community Needs Assessment**- Tabulation of results underway. Needs Assessment Work Group identifies cross-tabs of interest and revises work plan based on receipt of the data one month later than expected.
- **Partnership for Children**—Drafted a letter to Governor Warner expressing support for his early childhood proposals. Partners will be asked to sign if they agree with the letter. Home –Visiting --Proposing to use the Home-Visiting Screening Form at UVA Clinics. Developing an orientation packet about available community resource guides/directories that will be distributed to home-visiting programs for all new staff. Developing a prototype of a file box with information that would be standardized across all participating programs (ex. Domestic violence, substance abuse, depression, immunizations, service applications, etc.). Parent Education -- A workshop on Fussy Babies will be presented on Saturday, October 5<sup>th</sup> in collaboration with Martha Jefferson and UVA Hospitals. School Readiness - Developed a series of training categories to help guide the selection and planning of bi-annual trainings. The series will include improving health outcomes, economic outcomes, educational outcomes, mental health outcomes, and parenting outcomes. A community fact sheet on the training topic will be provided to all participants. New work group on Limited English Proficiency meets a second time to prepare recommendations for Partnership
- **Juvenile Justice Advisory Committee** –. Approved Court System Evaluation report and proposed next steps. Accepted CCF's response to JJAC recommendations, and identified further need for addressing truancy/education factors for juvenile offenders. Coordinator hired for Young Offenders Grant, to begin in August 2002.
- **Teen Pregnancy/STD Prevention Work Group** – Scheduled dates for presentations to County and City guidance and interested teachers of prevention resources: October 3<sup>rd</sup> in County, and Thursday August 22 from 1:00-3:00 p.m. at Buford, and forthcoming date at Walker. Issued two *Teen Pregnancy and STD Prevention Network Reports* to over 90 subscribers. HIV Testing Day – staffed information area at Boys and Girls Club. Media: continuing PSAs on 92.7 and 101.9
- **Outcome Measurement Work Group** – Revisions to FY04 application from United Way and City/County/CCF approved. Plan for site visits to be discussed in August with FY03 workplan.
- **Data Management**- Planning for the release of *Stepping Stones* 2002. Research brief on foster care completed.

### CCF Work Plan

#### Upcoming strategic issues:

- Welcoming new members.
- Preparing for retreat and finalizing identified future directions in draft annual report.