

DIRECTOR'S UPDATE, APRIL 4 – APRIL 24, 2002

Coordination of Services

- Presentation of Data Team report to City of Charlottesville Lead Team members (Department Heads) on April 3rd.
- Planning meetings held with Innovative Management Concepts (IMC) to design a "Continuous Feedback System" for human service providers (free of cost) on the Commission's new website this Spring and communication to school administrators to launch a youth-focused query in the Fall.
- 355 copies of the *Guide to Youth Services* distributed by hand to local organizations, including schools, libraries, and MJH and UVA hospitals. Another 225 copies mailed or delivered. Several requests for additional copies to distribute directly to parents have been received; current distribution sites outside of CCF office include Community Attention, Just Children, and United Way..
- Planner/Analyst participated in preliminary Prevention Council publicity planning.
- The Juvenile Justice Coordinator's office hosted a statewide strategic planning meeting on April 22nd at the Doubletree Hotel to address the restoration of juvenile justice funding in FY 2004.
- Planner/analyst consults with group preparing to submit a grant for funding for transitional services for serious juvenile and adult offenders returning to the community from correctional facilities.
- CCF Director meets with new director of the Thomas Jefferson Planning District Commission, Harrison Rue, to share information about CCF and discuss potential collaborative efforts.

Raising Awareness of Children and Family Issues

- Director speaks to audience at CYFS Snook Breakfast honoring a child advocate on April 18.
- WINA covers release of the *Guide to Youth Services*, Detention Center reports, and progress of the Charlottesville/Albemarle Dental Society initiative.
- *C-ville Weekly* covers release of Guide in upcoming edition.
- Over 300 unique visitors logged onto the CCF website in April, with total page views numbering 1330.
- Audio-conference focused on strengthening families held on April 11.
- Continued distribution of model programs, grant opportunities, events and research findings on the children and family list serve: c-youthfamserv@yahoo.com. Total members are 161.

Administration/Research

- Samantha Gavin accepts position as academic year intern for CCF from UVA University Internship Program.
- City of Charlottesville and County of Albemarle adopts final budget, including additional \$18,000 each for CCF to manage the loss of OOO funds.
- Lisa Kelly drafts final abbreviated "Terms and Conditions" for CSA vendors to be sent out for use in FY03 Purchase Orders.
- CCF receives unsolicited donation of \$700 from County citizen.
- Revised request for support letter from Parent Center reviewed.

Work Groups

- **Children Needing Extensive Services Work Group** – Members address strategy for developing training for detecting domestic violence and substance abuse; review national models for serving children in need of services, and identify future work plan for group.
- **Community Needs Assessment**- *City Notes* runs article on the pending needs assessment survey. Media coverage on WINA and Channel 29. KPC Research begins surveying successfully, with over 50% of surveys completed.
- **Partnership for Children**— An expanded work group meeting of agencies providing home visiting services is scheduled for April 30; Jefferson-Madison Regional Library staff prepare proposal for Friends of the Library to

fund furniture, signage and other equipment for Partnership Family Resource Centers in central branch and Gordon Library. Public Awareness Committee prepares draft messages with a target audience of parents. April 23 training held with Dave Waters with 97 attendees and positive evaluations, sponsored by the School Readiness Work Group.

- **Juvenile Justice Advisory Committee** – The Juvenile Justice Advisory Committee hears reports from three of its subcommittees, approves budget for JAIBG funds (Juvenile Accountability Incentive Block Grants.) The Information Sharing Subcommittee presented the Info Share Web Site project to the CSA Committee on April 17th. The Young Offender Advisory Committee hosted a state meeting of Young Offender Grant participants to develop a common risk/needs assessment screening tool.
- **Teen Pregnancy/STD Prevention Work Group** – Update to be presented at 5-01-02 CCF meeting.
- **Outcome Measurement Work Group** – Members inquire of Agency Budget Review Team as to whether they would be willing to conduct site visits before the fall of 2002. All Preliminary responses (7 members) are positive. Issue/format/schedule will be discussed at upcoming May 18th meeting.
- **Data Management**- 2002 *Stepping Stones* is on track for publication in June, with 75% of indicators received and formatted.

CCF Work Plan

Upcoming strategic issues:

- Recruiting new CCF members: 2 new citizens, and 1 youth member for July 2002;
- Improving communication and creating ongoing communication channels between work groups focused on prevention planning within CCF.
- Determining involvement of work groups and the timing of a CCF retreat in the preparation of CCF's annual report, its content and message.
- Determining vehicles to pursue goal to enhance links with City and County neighborhood planning efforts to support children's well-being.