

DIRECTOR'S UPDATE---DECEMBER 22, 2009-MARCH 30, 2010

Coordination of Services

- Staff attended meetings of the Foothills Child Advocacy Center, Smart Beginnings, Partnership for Children, Community Obesity Task Force, KidsWatch, Teen Health Coalition, Burnley-Moran and Greer School Case Management teams, Runaway Emergency Program and the Improved Pregnancy Outcomes Work Group, Reentry Council, Adult Mental Health Task Force, Westhaven Community Day Planning Committee.
- The Safe Schools/Healthy Students Core Management Team has met every two weeks to plan for coordinated implementation of the grant.
- Director met with Tanya Denckla Cobb who is teaching Spring 2010 course on Community Food System Planning to provide community information. Director met with Professors Steve Stern and Suzanne Morse Moomaw regarding the Human Service Budget project. Director made a presentation on the Agency Budget Review Team process to Ms. Morse's Planning Class. Director made presentation of community partnerships to UVA class on Community Research
- Director met with and continues to consult with leadership of the Community Obesity Task Force on development of a work plan.
- Director met with five individuals seeking human services employment in the area.
- Prevention Team Leader met with Peter Ohlms, Mobility Manager for JAUNT, to discuss transportation barriers for youth to attend after school activities.
- Prevention Team Leader met with community partners to develop an after school grant application in Albemarle County.
- Prevention Team Leader attended the RESP Board meeting on 2/8/10.
- The Task Force on Race Disparity and Disproportionality and Safe Schools/Healthy Students staff met with representatives from the police departments to discuss ways to address and prevent youth mob violence. Director and Task Force members met with NAACP for further discussions.
- Ad hoc group on development of day treatment program met with staff from Elk Hill Farm. They intend to open a local facility by Fall 2010.
- The Prevention Team Leader is working with the After School Subcommittee of the Obesity Task Force to assess the nutrition and physical activity practices of local after school programs.
- The CASASTART Coordinator and the Prevention team Leader provided a family dinner for the CASASTART Program families on 3/1.

Raising Awareness of Children and Family Issues

- Logged just under 1,950 page views on www.ccfinfo.org in December, 2,557 page views in January, 2,581 in February and over 3,400 in March. There were 30,562 documents downloaded from the CCF website from December 22, 2009 to March 30, 2010. The Characteristics of Juvenile Offenders, 1997-1999, continues to be the top download with 510 downloads, followed by the CSA Cost Containment Report – Appendix 7 (Utilization Management Defined) and The Charlottesville/Albemarle Comprehensive Services Act/Family Assessment Planning Team Parent Representative Fact Sheet tying with 223 downloads and the Charlottesville/Albemarle Comprehensive Services Act Evaluation of Structures, Process, and Operations and Recommendations for Restructuring with 201 downloads . 27

messages were posted to the CCF Listserv since December 22, 2009 and eight new members have joined the list.

- Director met with one resident interested in learning more about CCF.
- Director, along with Shelter for Help in Emergency Director, presented information about KidsWatch to Albemarle County Schools guidance counselors
- Director, along with Shelter for Help in Emergency Director, Charlottesville School staff, and Curry School graduate students provided KidsWatch training to 20 counselors and others.
- CCF is sponsoring the ROSMY Institute on Equality, a full day training on working with gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgender youth. The first forum on March 31 filled quickly and a second has been scheduled for April 30. It is nearly full.
- CCF Winter Quarterly Report was released on January 20, 2010.
- Director and Outreach and Information Coordinator worked with community partners from the Departments of Social Services, Foothills CAC, CYFS, SARA, Shelter for Help in Emergency to develop plans for April's Child Abuse Prevention month. Activities will include brown bag lunches, forums, and opportunities to participate in Stewards of Children training on how adults can protect children from sexual abuse.

Administration/Research

- CSA Committee continues to recruit up to four parent representatives to serve on the Family Assessment and Planning Team (FAPT).
- The Agency Budget Review Team completed application review.
- The Director and the Prevention Team Leader met with Steven Stern and Susanne Moomaw at UVA to develop a research project for Ms. Moomaw's graduate class to: develop a methodology for setting local human service priorities; to conduct an analysis of the process of local human funding decisions historically; and, to explore alternative strategies for human service decision-making by localities.
- Director met with Lilian Peake and Peggy Brown Pavior of the Health Department and Ruth Bernheim of UVA's Division of Public Health to discuss adding health indicators to *Stepping Stones*, with data collection assistance by the Division of Public Health. The SS Advisory Committee approved. The Information and Outreach Coordinator is working with technical data collection and logistical planning.
- Director met with UVA graduate student who is interested in conducting research on developing a community crisis intervention strategy.
- Director met with a volunteer who will provide support to the Youth Development Network.

Work Groups

- **Agency Budget Review Team** –Team completed reviews on December 14 and recommendations have been forwarded to the localities' budget offices. The Team recommended three options, representing level funding and 5% and 10% decreases.
- **Youth Development Network** – The Website Subcommittee met to continue development of the Youth Development Network Website. The YDN Steering Committee will sponsor a luncheon meeting on 4/15 with summer programming as the major focus of the meeting. The Website Subcommittee plans to have the updated Stay Active Website ready for use by 6/30.
- **Comprehensive Services Act Committee** – Adopted revisions to clarify the calculation of Assessment and Diagnostic services in the threshold application of services for presentation to FAPT upon recommendation of the Program

Subcommittee; completed review of applications and appointment recommendations of Private Provider representatives to the FAPT's for Charlottesville and Albemarle; Selected a new Chair to the Program Subcommittee; City Council and Board of Supervisors appointed new Private Provider to CCF and CSA Committee; continues to explore the implementation of a web based system for FAPT document submission with the City and County IT departments; is investigating the impact of upcoming General Assembly legislation related to match rate changes through Program Subcommittee; completed revisions to program documents to reflect program protocol and operation changes; supports State Transformation initiatives through the appointment of agency staff as "Agents for Change"; and, continues to recruit and provide program orientation to prospective family representatives to the FAPT and CCF; Coordinator attended quarterly State CSA Coordinators meeting and second issue of program Newsletter released to stakeholders.

- **Juvenile Justice Advisory Committee** – The JJAC met on February 11th to review and award the 2010 JABG mini grants, and they met on March 11th to discuss truancy prevention with representatives from the Agents of Change Committee..
- **Human Services Strategic Plan** – The Youth Development Network and the Early Care and Education Work Group provided annual progress reports to the Steering Committee on January 28th.
- **Prevention Coalition** – Members met once in January to continue to work on a plan of action that identifies the links between community needs, and resources. Several areas of local data were with the intent to create 2-3 intervention strategies that will promote greater awareness of community services for parents and adolescent children. Group will continue to explore the role and function of the coalition which includes finalizing our vision, mission, goals and objectives, strategies and action plan.
- **Partnership for Children** – The Partnership for Children's new Annual Analysis will be posted online in early April. It will be distributed only in electronic format this year; please visit <http://www.ccfinfo.org/partnership/pfc.html> to review the report. **The Partnership for Children announced that preschool application forms are available and anticipated to be online by Feb 2!** There are continued efforts to streamline the application process:
 - in the County, Bright Stars and Head Start are disseminating shared flyers and applications;
 - in the City, Charlottesville City Schools Preschool Program and Head Start are using and accepting the same form (the only difference is that each agency is customizing their application with their program name at the top of the form).
- **Task Force on Race Disparity and Disproportionality-** The Task Force has had six meetings. A final report by University of Virginia student researchers has been completed, and the Task Force is beginning to develop recommendations in the areas of health and mental health. In future meetings, the Task Force will work on recommendations related to child welfare, education and juvenile justice.

Status of CCF Grants:

1. Current grants

- **Safe Schools/Healthy Students** The almost \$6,000,000 grant was awarded effective July 1, 2009. The Core Management Team has held five meetings.

- **Functional Family Therapy-** \$50,000 awarded for fourth year; renewable for one additional year for \$25,000. Provides training and purchase of services for evidence-based treatment for high risk youth and families.
- **Governor's Gang Prevention Grant-** One year grants totaling \$23,334 (\$11,667 – City, \$11,667 – County) to prevent gang involvement by engaging at-risk youth in the Teens Give service-learning program. Community Attention in partnership with CCF received a third and final year of funding in 2009.
- **Smart Beginnings:** The Smart Beginnings Continuation grant was awarded a \$100,000 challenge grant.
- **DCJS Truancy Case Manager-** The CASASTART Truancy Case Manager Program received a third and final year of funding at \$65,000. The program is located at Burnley-Moran Elementary School in Charlottesville and Greer Elementary School in Albemarle County. Ashley Keefe began on 12/1 as the new CASASTART Coordinator. Recent evaluation results show that children who have been in the program for two years show a 54% increase in attendance.
- **Summer Scholarships-** \$5,000 from the Charlottesville Area Community Foundation (CACF), \$2,000 from the Party Parade Fund of the CACF and \$550 from Topeka Steakhouse was awarded to the Summer FUNd in 2009. Approximately \$7,190 was spent in 2009 to fund summer activities for 41 children. The committee is currently writing grants and seeking funds for next summer's program.
- **Charlottesville Area Community Foundation:** \$5,000 to provide stipends for parent representatives at FAPT and/or for family advocates to participate in local policy and program development meetings.
- **One Time JABG Grant** –One Time JABG Grant for \$9,855 to help fund the Juvenile Court Best Practices Training in service delivery and planning.

2. Pending grants

- **Youth Offender Transition Grants** CCF will convene a planning group to consider submission of a \$300,000 planning grant or a \$3,000,000 implementation grant Department of Labor grant in fall of 2009.
- **Bama Works Grant** – The Scholarship Committee applied for a Bama Works Grant to fund Summer FUNd 2010.
- **Byrne Juvenile Assistance Grant** – The Prevention Team Specialist, in conjunction with a subcommittee sponsored by Albemarle Department of Social Services, submitted a grant application to DCJS to fund an After School Program serving the Wilton Farms neighborhood.