

DIRECTOR'S UPDATE---OCTOBER 28, 2009-DECEMBER 22, 2009

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 Infant Mortality Work Group
- The Safe Schools/Healthy Students Core Management Team has met every two weeks to plan for coordinated implementation of the grant. Lois Wallenhorst has been hired as project assistant. Pacific Research, Inc. was selected as the local grant evaluator.
- Director and Intervention Team Leader attended an informational meeting and Director attended a presentation of preliminary findings by UVA Economics CSA Research Team.
- Director and representatives from Albemarle Social Services and Albemarle Schools met with Elk Hill staff to visit possible site for day school.
- Director made a presentation on community partnerships to the Charlottesville School Board.
- Director attended meeting with group seeking information about women's needs in the community.
- The Intervention Team Leader was a speaker on a conference call hosted by the Virginia Department of Social Services (Child Protective Services) on family engagement and systems of care.
- The Prevention Team Leader attended a Council of the Arts meeting focused on involving high risk youth in arts activities; met with a group at ADSS to develop an after school program for Wilton Farms children and submitted a grant proposal to DCJS to fund the program; submitted a proposal to the Rotary Club to fund summer scholarships; and met with a representative from CACF regarding the 2009 summer scholarship program.

Raising Awareness of Children and Family Issues

- Logged just under 2,120 page views on www.ccfinfo.org in November and 1,700 page views in December. There were 13,447 documents downloaded from the CCF website from October 28, 2009 to December 17, 2009. The Profile of Juvenile Offenders, 1997-1999, continues to be the top download with 285 downloads, followed by the Characteristics of Juvenile Offenders 1997-2000 and CSA Cost Containment Report – Appendix 7 (Utilization Management Defined) with 145 and 127 downloads respectively.
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- 12 messages were posted to the CCF Listserv since October 28, 2009 and four new members have joined the list.
- Director met with five residents interested in learning more about CCF.

Administration/Research

- Maryfrances Porter, Intervention Team Leader resigned from her position effective December 15, 2009 to assume a position at the University of Virginia.
- CSA Committee continues to recruit up to four parent representatives to serve on the Family Assessment and Planning Team (FAPT).

- Ashley Keefe has been hired as temporary CASASStart Coordinator.
- The Agency Budget Review Team completed application review.
- The Intervention Team leader continues to provide support to two families seeking to develop a family support network.
- The Intervention Team Leader continues to work with RTCSB's Assessment and Diagnostic Services staff, in partnership with VCU, on a program evaluation – and participated in a meeting and conference call to that end.
- The Intervention Team Leader meets weekly with graduate students in psychology to collect and analyze local data, as well as local and national best practices related to racial disparity and disproportionality in Charlottesville/Albemarle; she also helped facilitate the focus groups gathering input on local practices aimed at reducing disparity in Juvenile Justice and Mental Health.
- The Director and Intervention Team Leader provided technical assistance to Region Ten Community Services Board in identifying optimal outcomes for reporting to the City and County.
- The Intervention Team Leader provided some orientation and background on Systems of Care to the new Intensive Care Coordinator hired through Region Ten to work specifically with CDSS.
- The Intervention Team Leader provided a training to Albemarle County employees on Overcoming Barriers to Organization (stress management).

Work Groups

- **Agency Budget Review Team** – Team completed reviews on December 14 and recommendations are being finalized.
- **Youth Development Network** -- The Fall YDN meeting was held on 11/9 with 30 people attending to provide input through focus groups on racial disparity. Prevention and Intervention Team Leaders conducted focus groups with students at Monticello High School on involving youth in positive activities and racial disparity. The Transportation and Website subcommittees have been meeting regularly to develop recommendations to improve transportation options for youth to attend positive activities as and to develop a website to link youth with positive activities.
- **Comprehensive Services Act Committee** -- An initial Private Provider meeting was held to provide orientation to regional private providers on the Community Practice Model and other changes in the local CSA system. A Family Engagement Ad Hoc Group met for the first time and began to develop a work plan.
- **Juvenile Justice Advisory Committee** – The JJAC met on 11/12 to update the Juvenile Justice Comprehensive Plan
- **Partnership for Children**— In November, Partnership for Children endorsed Children, Youth & Family Services (CYFS) to move forward with their application to become a Pilot Community for Infant and Toddler Social, Emotional, and Behavioral Development initiative. If funds are awarded, they will be used to enhance the social, emotional, and behavioral well-being of infants and toddlers in child care settings as well as to provide an approach that can be replicated in other local communities. Notification is anticipated in February 2010. The Partnership for Children has been in discussion about links between the Home Visiting Collaborative, Early Intervention (Part C) and Special Education (Part B) systems to clarify how we identify children with disabilities and delays. In December, Partners talked more about this system and is working on developing a diagram to illustrate how children progress through these systems and receive developmental assessments and services. The

Partnership for Children was encouraged to get involved with Charlottesville's upcoming Dialogue on Race. You do not have to be a city resident to participate. Information is available online: www.charlottesville.org/dialogue. The Partnership for Children heard several updates from Smart Beginnings: including 1) The School/Community Partnerships action team is working with Greenbriar and Jackson Via Schools on community-wide strategies to encourage families to register early for preschool/kindergarten; and 2) The Workforce and Quality Child Care action team is planning for a business leaders' recognition of quality care providers and exemplary employees in early February. The event will recognize providers participating in the Virginia Star Quality Initiative and an exemplary employee in each center (Thanks to State Farm and Virginia National Bank).

- **Human Services Strategic Plan** – The Youth Development Network and the Early Care and Education Work Group will provide annual progress reports to the Steering Committee in January.
- **Prevention Coalition** - The Prevention Coalition met on 11/30 to begin work on a Teen Health Strategic Plan.
- **Task Force on Race Disparity and Disproportionality**- The Task Force has had five meetings. Six graduate students at the University of Virginia completed research on current data and best practices, which was presented to the Task Force on December 16.

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 year of funding in January 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.
- **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. As of 8/22, approximately \$7,190 has been spent 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.