

DIRECTOR'S UPDATE, DECEMBER 5 - JANUARY 30, 2002

Coordination of Services

- CCF Planner/Analyst provides logic model, indicators, and outcomes for Teen Pregnancy/STD Evaluation work group, adopted by full committee on 1/14/02
- Participation in discussion for potential community forum on improving minority health, in collaboration with UVA;
- City of Charlottesville Data Team, inclusive of schools, finalizes first round of data collection and develops protocols for sharing information to the public.
- City of Charlottesville funding coordination group (CDBG, QCC, Weed and Seed, CCF) share information from agency applicants to coordinate responses.
- CCF staff participates in planning for the future of the "Prevention Council" after its receipt of Strengthening Families Grant.
- Youth Council staff of Workforce Investment Council of the TJPD seeks guidance from CCF about best means to work together.

Raising Awareness of Children and Family Issues

- State representatives and senatorial candidates made aware of local issues affecting children and families at December Legislative Forum.
- *Daily Progress* runs front-page coverage of Legislative Forum. 2/3 of participants surveyed cite increased understanding of legislator's priorities and issues facing local children and families.
- CCF staff revise "key messages" packet for distribution to members.
- Teen Pregnancy/STD Work Group receives coverage in *Daily Progress* about the need for parents to talk to their children about STDs and the decline in teen birth rate.
- Identifying extent and documenting impact of proposed FY03 General Assembly budget cuts for advocacy to state legislators.
- CCF planner made presentation to First Methodist Church's outreach committee about risk and need for local children.

Administration

- Jennifer Stone hired as CSA Coordinator, effective January 29, 2002.
- *Guide to Youth Services* data collection and formatting complete. Bids for printing in process.
- Revision of CCF web site and identification of new name underway.
- City of Charlottesville legal department reviews CSA contracts with an eye to shortening and reducing paper work for vendors and CCF while retaining quality control.
- Virginia Juvenile Community Crime Control Oversight Committee held to monitor FY02 expenditure of funds and update members on program service delivery.

Work Groups

- **Agency Budget Review Team** – Team members assigned agencies, participate in review sessions for 23 agencies, interviews and conducts select site visits with agencies, draft of summaries and recommendations and final rating process. Evaluations currently being collected. Draft of final report underway.

- **Children Needing Extensive Services Work Group** – Drafted “Request for Information” for short-term crisis center and assessment needs; drafted “job description” for CNES Expert panel. Submitted information to CSA Committee and awaiting approval.
- **Community Relations Advisory Work Group** – Work group meets on February 1st to review the CCF Key Message(s) to the community, discuss the release and distribution of the new Guide to Youth Services, explore the potential of having or helping organize a Fall event and to decide the future direction of the Work Group
- **Community Needs Assessment**- KPC Research chosen to conduct the Charlottesville/Albemarle needs assessment; funded largely through Federal IVE reimbursement funds. First meeting held with work group members on January 31, 2002. Members for Implementation phase are: Madison Cummings, Kathy Dowd, Jacqueline Dugary, Kathy Johnson Harris, Bill Lucy, Lisa Trivits, Karen Waters, Melvin Wilson, Sue Wilson.
- **Partnership for Children**— Convened strategic planning retreat of Partner members and Advisory Board. Selected child care as a priority for the Advisory Committee at January meeting. Child Care work group conducting focus groups with home day care and child care center providers to obtain feedback about the proposed Seal program. Parent Education work group printed and disseminated catalog to local households. School Readiness work group planning a follow-up training for March 26, 2002. Two architects have visited the downtown library to assist with designing the Family Reading Centers.
- **Juvenile Justice Advisory Committee** – Receipt of DCJS Young Offenders grant for \$134,000. Information Sharing Web Site presentation to CCF at the December 5th meeting. 100 % passing of VJCCA certification for Juvenile Court Assessment Center (JCAC) and Community Attention VJCCA programs. Final Drafts completed of the Detention Utilization Reports with final reports due for completion on 2/4. Juvenile Court System's Initial report completed. 1999 Case Review report due for completion on 2/8.
- **Teen Pregnancy/STD Prevention Work Group** – Sent out invitation to 450 individuals to join Teen Pregnancy and STD Prevention Network; Researched means to support need for after-school transportation to teen pregnancy prevention programs; distributed Teen Help Card; helped City FLE teacher to revise 2002 curriculum; produced work group information sheet, and Better Beginnings Coalition quarterly report.
- **Outcome Measurement Work Group** – Meeting to be held on February 4 10-12, 2002 for reflection on FY03 process and adoption of work plan.

CCF Work Plan

- **Upcoming strategic issues:** Responding to proposed budget cuts to children and family services with a unified voice and community impact statement;