

DIRECTOR'S UPDATE

Coordination of Services

- Common timetable and information-sharing plan established for City of Charlottesville social program funding vehicles, including phased-in integration of outcome measurement for CDBG' human service programs, Weed and Seed, QCC and CCF's Agency Budget Review Team.
- Draft of membership guidelines distributed to Juvenile Justice Advisory Committee, Teen Pregnancy/STD Prevention and Partnership for Children Coordinators for initial feedback.
- CCF approached to facilitate community collaboration for two grants – one having to do with substance abuse prevention and the other addressing youth violence prevention – as a result of the listserv and work groups.

Raising Awareness of Children and Family Issues

- Buz Cox and Saphira Baker spoke with *Daily Progress* about the federal emphasis on Faith-Based Organizations. Locally, interest in establishing a communication and information-sharing vehicle for those interested in applying for human service funds via faith based organizations appears to be growing.

Administration/Personnel

- CSA Coordinator position re-opened. Candidates interviewed between April 25- May 1 by Buz Cox, Cheryl Lewis, Earl Pendleton and Saphira Baker. Many thanks to Buz Cox, Gretchen Ellis and Terrilynn Platt for helping make the CSA system run smoothly during this period.
- Proposal submitted to City of Charlottesville Human Resource Department for a voluntary community service option for CCF staff.
- One City citizen representative (Richard Merriwether) and one City youth (Azzurra Cox) up for renewal or replacement. New Executive Committee officers to be elected by July 1, 2001.
- UVa intern requested.

Work Groups

- **Partnership for Children** - Coordinator updated the CCF at its April meeting. Since then, the Early Literacy Work Group held a follow-up training on working with children in poverty (4/24/01) with local facilitators trained by Ruby Payne; Partners met with individuals interested in establishing a Parent Center; Coordinator presented a budget reflecting Partnership and work group needs for development and communication purposes.
- **Teen Pregnancy/STD Prevention** – Formation of Community Service, Evaluation and Family Life Education Work Groups underway.
- **Juvenile Justice Advisory Committee** – Members approved proposal for use of JAIBG (Juvenile Accountability Incentive Grant) to support JJAC Strategic plan; Detention Center concept paper funded by DCJS (Department of Criminal Justice Services) for \$10,500; Final survey tool for youth, family, and professionals to review court services system accepted by JJAC, pending approval by Judges. Videoconference sponsored on 4-19-01 on juvenile justice and mental health issues.
- **CSA Committee**— Update to be presented at May 2, 2001 CCF meeting.

- **Data Management Work Group**—Members reviewing revised *Stepping Stones* graphs based on 50% of the 2001 data collected, to ascertain trends to highlight in June 2001 release.
- **Children in Need of Extensive Services**— Refining components of a pilot model to work with CNES.
- **Community Needs Assessment** - Reviewing national/local models of needs assessments and summarizing historic C/A assessments and current findings to identify outstanding questions to inform recommendations for a local assessment.
- **Outcome Measurement Work Group**— Developing an evaluation tool for community agency applicants on the FYO2 application process; developing outcomes/structure for site visits; reviewing collaboration management between CCF/UW. Outcome Measurement training held on April 25, 2001 for interested members of QCC, list serv participants, City and County departments.
- **Community Relations Advisory Group** —Four members meeting to organize legislative forum focused on children and their families for late November/early December 2001 in collaboration with CASA, League of Women Voters, and UVA Law School.

CCF Work Plan

- **Projects Upcoming**—Work plan for Department of Juvenile Justice (Offices on Youth) due June 1; Annual Report and findings presentation (August/September 2001); Publication and release of *Guide to Youth Services* (September 2001); Legislative Forum (Nov/Dec 2001.); *Stepping Stones* (July 2001.)