

DIRECTOR'S UPDATE, JANUARY 27, 2004 – FEBRUARY 24, 2004

Coordination of Services

- Staff attended planning and coordination meetings of the City of Charlottesville Neighborhood Strategy Team, Quality Community Council, City/County Educational Fund Steering Committee, and Prevention Coalition.
- CCF Director attended follow-up meeting after January 8 School Board presentation with Albemarle County School department leadership for further information exchange.
- JJC Coordinator attended the VJCCCA Regional meeting in Fredericksburg.

Raising Awareness of Children and Family Issues

- Presented a research summary and "Target Areas" project to the Donor's Roundtable at the Charlottesville-Albemarle Community Foundation on February 8.
- Juvenile Court Roundtable, held January 29, convened 55 members to respond to findings of court evaluation survey. Report forthcoming.
- Added new Youth Service Learning and Assets for Youth work groups to the CCF website.
- Participated in a "Community Focus" public access television interview focused on child abuse prevention, hosted by Creigh Deeds on February 21st.
- Developed themes, supported by data, to inform development of column/focus at the *Tribune*.
- Planner participated in presentation on barriers to children's mental health services at the Mental Health Association's Annual Conference.
- Distributed over 1,000 copies of the Juvenile Court Guide to local agencies and individuals.

Administration/Research

- Completed final recommendations report from the Agency Budget Review Team for submission to County Executive and City Managers' Offices by February 25th.
- CCF Director participated in available slot at Federal Executive Institute training on "Managing Media Communications" January 26-28
- Planner investigated needs of rural residents in Albemarle County through data analysis and interviews to inform private group of donors.
- Preparation for an audit of IVE reimbursement funds through the City of Charlottesville first week of March;
- Notification by City of Charlottesville that City Manager/County Executive's office recommending full funding of CCF budget at current level of operations, pending approval by Council and Board. Clarification memo requested regarding FY04 revenues by City Leadership.

Work Groups

- **Assets for Youth** – Implementing youth focus groups to understand young peoples' interest and barriers to access in out of school activities; received \$10,000 from anonymous donor to fund focus group project aimed at engaging youth in assessing barriers, resources, and peer interests; developing preliminary ideas for improving coordination of referrals and services.
- **Comprehensive Services Act Committee** --- Written report attached. First meeting of the CSA Cost Containment Implementation Team held on February 20th.
- **Family Violence Work Group** – Multidisciplinary Team Memorandum of Understanding has been signed by all participating agencies; team members will attend training at National Children's Advocacy Center in March. KidsWatch has had discussions with Curry School faculty about a partnership; the Children's Advocacy Center planning group will launch a feasibility study.
- **Juvenile Justice Advisory Committee** – Approved budget and plan for Juvenile Accountability Block Grant; reviewed initial results of Juvenile Court Roundtable to inform work plan.

- **Outcome Measurement Work Group** – Approved distribution of “Focus Areas” document, the first phase of research for identifying funding focus areas. Adopted a work plan; developing a presentation to CCF slated for April 7th.
- **Partnership for Children** – Approved adoption of School Readiness as a focus area, revised work group structure and bylaws.
- **Teen Pregnancy/STD Prevention Work Group** – Mary Sullivan hired as part-time Teen Pregnancy/STD Prevention Work Group coordinator to be housed at the Teen Health Center at UVa. Part-time Coordinator hired and housed at UVA Teen Health Center. Funds transferred from Planned Parenthood to Teen Health Center for administration of Teen Pregnancy/STD Prevention Work Group. Nursing School graduate intern will also assist pro-bono. Upcoming areas of focus include May as Teen Pregnancy Prevention month and resource development for coordination and services.
- **Service Learning Work Group**-. Developing an informational paper about service learning and community service.

CCF Strategic Issues

- Identifying resources to allow work groups to move ahead on priority issues after existing resources have been utilized or redirected.
- Identifying and affording new space to accommodate staff and interns.