

DIRECTOR'S UPDATE, DECEMBER 29, 2003- JANUARY 26, 2004

Coordination of Services

- Staff attended planning and coordination meetings of the Quality Community Council, City/County Educational Fund Steering Committee, and Prevention Coalition and met with the Community Services Coordinator of the Charlottesville Housing Authority.
- Participated in community focus group developing a candidate profile for use in the City search for a Superintendent of Schools.
- Developed draft survey for Steering Committee of City-County Educational Fund to identify program needs in priority areas identified through the feasibility study.
- Planner provided data, guidance and technical assistance to a private donor seeking to support local children and families.
- Attended demonstration of COMSTAT – the new GIS mapping database adopted by the City of Charlottesville Police Department on January 15th.

Raising Awareness of Children and Family Issues

- Presented to the Albemarle County School Board on January 8th, on CCF research results and their relationship to County educational goals.
- Contributed to coverage of teen pregnancy rates in the *C'Ville Weekly* and article in January 20 *Tribune* on data presented at the December legislative forum.
- Distributed first electronic Children's Update to City Council and County board members focusing on CSA Cost Containment.
- Attended presentation by Buz Cox to the Charlottesville City Council on CSA Cost Containment on January 20, 2004.
- Send summary of legislative forum results and audiences' priorities to legislators, funders and local children and family list serve. Posted results on website.
- Distributed CCF Quarterly Report to 172 electronically and to 230 via U.S. Mail.

Administration/Research

- Coordinated final review meetings for Agency Budget Review Team, conducted evaluations, and began compilation of final recommendations report for submission to County Executive and City Managers' Offices.
- Finalized hiring for Teen Pregnancy/STD Prevention Work Group coordinator to be housed at the Teen Health Center at UVa. Final announcement forthcoming.
- Finalizing Executive Committee work plan to be presented to CCF on February 4th.

Work Groups

- **Assets for Youth** – Developed potential survey models for inventorying youth assets and secured funds to support this effort; collected basic numbers on local capacity and need for out-of-school time activities, identified coordination strategies to improve access.
- **Children Needing Extensive Services** – CCF Chair Kathy Ralston sent a thank you to the team for their extensive service.
- **Comprehensive Services Act Committee** --- Written report attached. Members identified a process for establishing a CSA Cost Containment Implementation Team and are seeking resources to staff this next phase effectively.
- **Family Violence Work Group** – Report to be presented at CCF meeting.
- **Juvenile Justice Advisory Committee** –Holding roundtable for court-related personnel and community providers on January 29, 2004. Juvenile Court Guide will be officially released at that time.

- **Outcome Measurement Work Group** – Preparing educational documents on the “Target Areas” project and a ten-minute synopsis of CCF research to the Donors’ Roundtable.
- **Partnership for Children** –Adoption of “school readiness” as a priority issue. Executive Committee appointed.
- **Teen Pregnancy/STD Prevention Work Group** –New Coordinator identified. Hiring process almost final.
- **Service Learning Work Group**- Developed its charter and work plan for placement on the CCF website.

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.