

DIRECTOR'S UPDATE, APRIL 27, 2004 - MAY 24, 2004

Coordination of Services

- Staff attended meetings of the Prevention Coalition, Charlottesville Government Services Fair, Best Practices Court meeting, City-County Public Education Fund Steering Committee meeting and community conversation, Strategic Planning session of the Youth Council of the local Workforce Investment Board, first meetings of strategy session(s) for Albemarle County DSS on needs assessment and outreach. CCF members Kathy Ralston and Madison Cummings attended Charlottesville Area Dental Access (CADA) Task Force meeting; Madison Cummings attended County School Board meeting re: service-learning;
- Met with St. John the Baptist in the Wood Foundation staff to provide technical assistance for development of Club Yancey.
- Conducted electronic survey on organizational development needs of area non-profit and faith-based organizations; 32 respondents (results attached.)
- Distributed listing of available free or low-cost summer camp and program options for children via email after publication in the *Tribune*.

Raising Awareness of Children and Family Issues

- Director participated in a panel on youth opportunities at a Democratic Party breakfast, May 15th, with Computers4Kids, SOCA, and Music Resource Center. Coverage on WINA.
- Submitted column to *Tribune* on after-school and summer resources for middle and high school youth.
- Website: In April 1841 web hits were logged, with 334 unique visitors. From May 1-21st, 1128 web hits were logged by 215 unique visitors. The most visited pages in May were "FAPT" and "Listserv, Links and Resources".
- Two questions suggested by CCF for interviews for Charlottesville Superintendent of Schools' were included in final candidate interviews.
- Staff participated in City of Charlottesville government services fair, and conducted poll of youth and parents regarding summer activities.
- Working with Best Practices Court to plan for June guardian ad litem training. Results of Court Users study to be shared.

Administration/Research

- Completed grant submission to the federal Community Capacity Building by May 18th.
- Revised electronic survey to City and County leadership for distribution and review by Executive Committee.
- Submitted FY05-06 VJCCA Plan to the Department of Juvenile Justice.
- Conducted evaluation of ABRT process by community agency applicants.

Work Groups

- **Assets for Youth** – Youth-led focus groups to be completed by June 4; 16+ groups held throughout the City and the County. Meetings with guidance counselors to determine current referral methods and preferences. Development of promotional campaign materials and website under consideration, in-kind resources sought.
- **Comprehensive Services Act Committee** -
 - **CSA Cost Containment Implementation Team** held April 30th meeting with CSA partners on "Cost Containment Report Out", development of a single FAPT model, and is currently finalizing the UM Coordinator job responsibilities and structure.
- **Family Violence Work Group** – pilot MDTeam meetings underway (4 held to date); Children's Advocacy Center feasibility study interviews near completion; Prevention Committee planning community forum for fall, 2004; KidsWatch expansion planned for September, 2004.

- **Juvenile Justice Advisory Committee** – Completed first phase of strategic planning for juvenile justice action plan.
- **Outcome Measurement Work Group** – Near completion of Phases I and II of the focus areas project – mapping current needs, ABRT investments, and future issues. Developing draft materials for an “awareness campaign” and stakeholder meetings. Sub-group of funders identifying ways to incorporate children and family-related focus areas into funding advisory for FY06 process.
- **Partnership for Children** – Revised outcomes and logic model for community coordination for discussion with sub-group of the ABRT in June; held training on school readiness with 58 participants. Applied for Eure public awareness grant for continuation of radio spots focused on early childhood development.
- **Teen Pregnancy/STD Prevention Work Group** –revising program materials and CCF website.
- **Service Learning Work Group** – Developing best practices guidelines in anticipation of creating a manual for community use.
- **Information Sharing Implementation Work Group - Second** meeting held May 25th to clarify proposed “target” population and determine whether to undergo a business process analysis.

CCF Strategic Issues

- Identifying and affording new space to accommodate new CSA-related staff and interns.