

DIRECTOR'S UPDATE, JUNE 25 – JULY 26, 2004

Coordination of Services

- Staff attended meetings of the Prevention Coalition, strategy work group meetings for Albemarle County DSS on needs assessment and outreach, VJCCCA Oversight Committee, Youth Council of the Workforce Investment Board, CityLink presentation for City of Charlottesville, St. John the Baptist in the Woods Foundation, JABA 2020, Block Representatives meeting with Charlottesville Police and several Department heads.

Raising Awareness of Children and Family Issues

- Website: Web hits July 1-26th: 1,699, Unique visitors July 1-26th: 395. Most popular pages: About the Commission (6%); FAPT (6%); About the Workgroups (6%)
- Sent announcement of CCF vacancies with flyers for youth and adults to 175 churches and community/civic groups, and sent e-mails to over 500 people.
- Began collecting legislative issues from CCF work groups for CCF legislative agenda to be sent to the localities and the Thomas Jefferson Planning District Commission.
- Provided data and planning information to AHIP for Woods Edge project and to CYFS for Runaway Emergency Shelter needs assessment.
- Provided information to D. Felix of CYFS for community presentation
- Provided juvenile justice statistics for the Just Children staff.

Administration/Research

- Re-issued electronic survey to City and County leadership on CCF advisory role.
- Interviewed applicants for Family Assessment and Planning Team (FAPT) coordinator position. Hired Marley Peale to begin at CCF on August 9, 2004.
- Toured new space and began preparation for an earlier move than scheduled --possibly late September/early October.
- Met with UVa faculty and graduate students to determine level of graduate student assistance that can be offered to CCF work groups, particularly Outcome Measurement. Developed volunteer opportunity and research agenda list.
- Provided letter of support and technical assistance to grant writer for 21st Century Grant for Albemarle County Schools/Yancey/St. John in the Woods Foundation.
- Submitted Ronald McDonald Grant application for after-school program brochures in response to Assets for Youth work group recommendations for fall outreach material.
- CSA Coordinator on Medical leave. CCF Director, Planner and Program Assistant filling in during her absence.
- Submitted One Time JABG grant application for translation of the Juvenile Court Guide to Spanish and for printing costs. Provided technical assistance to the Detention Center in writing their one time JABG grant to support the new Post Dispositional Program.
- Received 100% on the 2004 Periodic Review for all VJCCCA programs.

Work Groups

- **Assets for Youth** – First draft of report and recommendations prepared for comment by work group members. Recommendations detail under development. Handout on area after-school programs to be developed for fall dissemination; contracted with United Way to complete updates for this and full *Guide to Youth Services*, funded through an earlier grant for the *Guide*.

- **Comprehensive Services Act Committee** - Recognition event for previous FAPT members held. Single FAPT underway, and revised IFSP form now in use. Tips for the form placed on the website, developed by Kevin Kirst of Albemarle County Schools. Job description for Utilization Review manager finalized and provided to Region Ten for listing. Memo of agreement between CCF and Region Ten in draft form.
- **Family Violence Work Group** –Children's Advocacy Center feasibility report writing underway; Work Group will determine whether/how to apply for federal grant to reduce the impact of violence on children, due September 10th. KidsWatch community roll out scheduled for September.
- **Juvenile Justice Advisory Committee** – Completed the annual update of the Juvenile Justice Comprehensive Plan. Reviewed and approved the One Time JABG grant applications. Identified juvenile justice issues for the CCF Legislative Agenda. Provided an overview of the 2004 juvenile justice legislative changes effective July 1, 2004. Heard a presentation on the new Post Dispositional from the Detention Center staff.
- **Outcome Measurement Work Group** – Design for outreach brochure on "Focus Areas" complete; Executive Summary of portfolio of investments drafted. Communication to go out in August-September electronically and U.S. mail. Interest in conducting a full inventory of child and family, and human service investments in the community to make more precise recommendations for funding. Resources needed for this direction.
- **Partnership for Children** – Addressed deficit caused by IVE funding delay. Continued productive dialogue with sub-group of the Agency Budget Review Team on original mission, trend data, and outcomes.
- **Teen Pregnancy/STD Prevention Work Group** – Prepared supplementary material for Charlottesville-Albemarle Community Foundation; conducted radio spots on teen pregnancy prevention.
- **Service Learning Work Group** – Best practice research underway
- **Information Sharing Implementation Work Group** – Business Process Analysis completed for the development of an information sharing system. Draft memo of agreement prepared. Proposals developed for technical side of electronic system.

CCF Strategic Issues

- Strengthening advisor role, informed by survey results.
- Addressing limited staffing capacity to meet current CCF obligations, and to address future goals. Legislative Forum postponed.