

DIRECTOR'S UPDATE—OCTOBER 30, 2007-DECEMBER 20, 2007

Coordination of Services

- Staff attended meetings of the Foothills Child Advocacy Center, Albemarle County Poverty Workgroup, Health Department MAPP planning group, Albemarle County Achievement Gap Work Group, the UVA's Office of Public Service and Outreach work group designing service-learning courses, and the community work group for Initiatives in Adult Mental Health Services
- Director elected to the Board of Directors of Children's Advocacy Centers of Virginia.
- Director had meetings with the head of Women's Health Virginia, with the CEO of Whisper Ridge to discuss coordination of services.
- Coordinator of Research and Planning and Director made presentation on Human Services priorities to the Youth Council of the Charlottesville Area Community Foundation and the UVA Department of Psychology, as well as to the Partnership for Children, the Youth Development Network, and the Prevention Coalition.
- Coordinator of Research and Planning met with the CEO of Whisper Ridge to discuss the Systems of Care initiative.
- Staff attended the 16th Judicial District Best Practices Court Conference in Culpepper on October 30th.

Raising Awareness of Children and Family Issues

- Stay Active website was visited over 850 times in November and 300 times in December (as of 12/12/07).
- Logged just over 3,000 page views on www.ccfinfo.org in November and over 1,000 page views so far for December. There were over 12,800 documents downloaded from the CCF website from November 1st to December 12th, 2007. The *Juvenile Court Guide* was the top download with 226 downloads, the *Guide to Services for Limited English Proficient Populations in Charlottesville* had 157 downloads, and the *Guide to Youth Services* was downloaded 162 times.
- Director, along with 11 others, was honored at the Strengthening Families Community of Champions dinner.
- Director was interviewed by two UVA students for projects on domestic violence and educational achievement.
- Coordinator of Research and Planning was interviewed by a UVA student completing a project in community psychology.
- Director and Coordinator of Research and Planning met with Kathy Galvin (elected to the City School Board) about issues pertaining to community-university partnerships for research, as well as other pertinent child/family issues.
- CCF held a CASASTART training which was attended by 4 CCF staff and 8 Community service providers.
- G. Ellis, R. Carpenter and H. Karimianpour gave a presentation on the Youth Development Network to the City School Principals at Greer Elementary School on 11/6 and H. Karimianpour and R. Carpenter gave a YDN presentation to youth at the Detention Center on 11/14.
- Kim Stanton, the Truancy Prevention CASASTART Case Manager and R. Carpenter attended several meetings with staff at Burnley-Moran Elementary School in the City and Greer Elementary School in the County to prepare for student referrals that will begin in mid December.

Administration/Research

- CSA Committee continues to recruit up to four parent representatives to serve on the Family Assessment and Planning Team (FAPT) and Truancy Planning Team.
- The Charlottesville City Council appointed Janette Martin to the Commission.
- CCF's FY09 Budget application was completed and submitted.
- Director reviewed funding applications for Human Services Agencies funded by local government.
- The Coordinator of Research and Planning met with the undergraduate class helping with the initial efforts to map the local System of Care.
- An intern completed a project comparing the local CSA Policies and Procedures with State code and policies and procedures.
- The evaluation of the Truancy Team was initiated.
- The CSA System Evaluation Research Team and CCF staff met with professors from UVa to plan the evaluation of the CSA investment data and outcomes for CSA-served youth.
- The best practices research in the Youth Service priority area was completed.
- Two potential UVa interns for Spring 2008 were interviewed.
- Please see the Intern and Research Assistant Report, as well as the Research Summary Report for the Fall 2007.
- *Stepping Stones* completed and printed.

Work Groups

- **Agency Budget Review Team** –The Team completed review of applications and site visits; the final report is underway.
- **Youth Development Network** – Accepted the task of developing a strategic plan addressing the Youth Service priority. The next large group meeting of the Youth Development Network will be held on January 14th at 12:00 p.m. at the Virginia High School League office.
- **Comprehensive Services Act Committee** – The CSA Committee and staff developed and submitted locality public comments to reiterate concerns regarding revised foster care services for CHINServices and established task specific work groups to address effective implementation of revised guidelines. The CSA System Evaluation Research Team has been developing a work plan and establishing methods for collecting and analyzing data; data collection has begun. Program Subcommittee work group continues to work with local CSB to develop local capacity to provide diagnostic assessment and stabilization services.
- **Family Violence Work Group**- Foothills Child Advocacy Center had its grand opening with remarks provided by Kathy Ralston and Chief Longo. KidsWatch services have been started at Jackson Via and Clark Elementary Schools. Planning has begun for April Child Abuse Prevention month.
- **Juvenile Justice Advisory Committee** – The JJAC met on December 13th to develop the 2008 JABG mini-grant proposal process.
- **Partnership for Children**- Agreed to take on the Early Child Care and Education priority area and is in the process of developing a subcommittee to work on that. The Partnership for Children established two ad-hoc groups following their discussion on Feasibility of Co-location: one will frame issues regarding the impact of Parent Agency; the second will recommend a next step towards virtual co-location.

Additionally, Partners following up on a challenge from the Annual Analysis will seek information from providers on possible incentives to become voluntarily registered or licensed.

- **Human Services Strategic Plan-** The Steering Committee has met; presentations were made to the Partnership for Children and the Youth Development Network about on the priority areas and the need for strategic planning.
- **Funding Application Advisory Team** – Has been revising the surveys for the agencies and review team members.
- **Community University Research and Service Partnership** – Had their Interim Report accepted by UVa Vice President Sandridge and Provost Garson. They are establishing an Office of University Community Partnerships as of 1/8/08, directed by Megan Raymond. The core funding from this office comes from State monies. CURSP met for the last time this semester and will continue to meet to advise the new office and plan programming in the Spring 2008.
- **Substance Abuse Prevention- Currently planning a Town Hall Meeting on underage drinking scheduled to take place on March 31, 2008 at the Albemarle County Office Building auditorium. Next meeting of SAPC is Jan. 23, 2008.**
- **Systems of Care Leadership Team:** Met twice and discussed Team membership, with a particular focus on bringing more families/system customers to the Team.

Status of CCF Grants:

1. Current grants

- **Functional Family Therapy-** \$100,000 awarded for second year; renewable for three additional years, up to 75% of the initial award in the third year, up to 50% of the initial award in the fourth year, and up to 25% of the initial award in the fifth year. Provides training and purchase of services for evidence-based treatment for high risk youth and families.
- **Foothills Child Advocacy Center-** \$75,000 for Project Director and other costs (Virginia Department of Health and Human Services -renewable July); \$50,000 for case manager (National Children's Alliance- expires 12/31/07- must meet specific certification criteria to renew.
- **Governor's Gang Prevention Grant-** One year grants totaling \$23,334 (\$11,667 – City, \$11,667 – County) to prevent gang involvement by engaging at-risk youth in the Teens Give service-learning program. Community Attention in partnership with CCF have applied for a second year of funding to begin in 2008.
- **Smart Beginnings:** Smart Beginnings Grant proposal was awarded to the Partnership for Children with the United Way as fiscal agent- \$400,000 grant to be distributed over 2 years for the purpose of expanding and improving service provision to the local early childhood system with a focus on early childhood and school readiness. The Partnership applied for and received additional funds totaling \$59,000 from the Virginia Early Childhood Foundation (VECF), available to Smart Beginnings Grantees, for special projects relating to infants and toddlers.
- **DCJS Truancy case manager-** Formal notification that CCF was awarded \$65,000 for a Truancy Case Manager submitted to be piloted in two or more elementary schools as decided by the School Superintendents. The position has been advertised and hired. Kim Stanton began work on October 22nd. A two-day CASASTART Case Management Training will be held on November 7th and 8th.

Burnley-Moran Elementary School in Charlottesville and Greer Elementary School in Albemarle County are the schools selected for the pilot program.

2. Pending grants

- **Safe Schools/Healthy Students** We have received word that the FY09 RFP will be released as early as January and planning is well underway.