

DIRECTOR'S UPDATE—DECEMBER 20, 2007-FEBRUARY 26, 2008

Coordination of Services

- Staff attended meetings of the Foothills Child Advocacy Center, Health Department MAPP planning group, Albemarle County Achievement Gap Work Group, the UVa's Office of University Community Partnerships work group designing service-learning courses, the community work group for Initiatives in Adult Mental Health Services, the UVa Master's in Public Health Advisory Committee meeting, the VJCCCA Regional Meeting and Creciendo Juntos.
- Director had meetings with the director of the local Family Preservation Services Office regarding CCF, with a local community activist regarding transportation issues, and with a citizen interested in introducing a local Big Brothers/Big Sisters program. Director attended a focus group for the PREP regional special education program. The Coordinator of Research and Planning had meetings with staff at Ivy Creek regarding the Systems of Care initiative, CHIP direct service workers regarding bringing families into the policy planning process, a graduate student class at UVa regarding the CSA process improvement evaluation, an undergraduate class at UVa regarding supporting community change, JABA and the CNE regarding developing a way of measuring the impact of non-profits, and Lori Allshouse and Bernard Hairston about strategic planning.

Raising Awareness of Children and Family Issues

- Stay Active website was visited over 1,000 times in January and 680 times in February (as of 2/19/08).
- Logged just over 3,317 page views on www.ccfinfo.org in January and over 2,419 page views so far for February. There were over 14,000 documents downloaded from the CCF website from January 1st to February 19th, 2007. *Stepping Stones 2007* was the top download with 265 downloads, the *Volunteer Appreciation Party Invitation* had 262 downloads, and the *After School Activities for Elementary School Students* brochure was downloaded 202 times.
- The Youth Development Network Coordinator was interviewed by Kiss FM on January 30th to discuss the YDN referral system.

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.
- CCF staff has held a series of meetings to plan for internal reorganization.
- We have one UIP student, and three undergraduate research assistants working with us this semester. We also have a graduate student class conducting some research for us. Three faculty from the UVa Economics department, and their students, are also conducting some research for us.
- CCF held a Valentine Volunteer Appreciation Celebration to recognize and thank our many work group members and volunteers on Wednesday, February 13th in the CCF offices.

Work Groups

- **Agency Budget Review Team** – The FY09 report was completed and submitted to the Board of Supervisors and the City Council in February.
- **Youth Development Network** – Accepted the task of developing a strategic plan addressing the Youth Service priority. 60 people attended the YDN meeting at the VHSL office on January 14th. The YDN Coordinator has received 60 requests for youth services/activities since September 15th.
- **Comprehensive Services Act Committee** – The CSA Committee and staff developed and submitted additional 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 Committee has also undertaken an evaluation of its internal processes, structures, and operations. CSA and CCF staff developed and conducted program training sessions for CSA partner staff on five topic areas with total of 46 participants in attendance.
- **Family Violence Work Group**- Planning is underway for the fourth annual Child Abuse Prevention Conference on April 19.
- **Juvenile Justice Advisory Committee** – The JJAC Met on January 10th to review the applications for 2008 JABG funding. \$18,362 in JABG funds were distributed to five different agencies/organizations.
- **Partnership for Children**– The Partnership for Children is restructuring its work groups to increase efficiency and help us move our goals forward. The Seal of Quality Child Care program of the Partnership for Children has 20 child care centers currently engaged in the voluntary program. This is a significant increase made possible by additional funds through the Smart Beginnings Grant to expand programming. Six additional centers were approved for level one Seal Awards. The Partnership has scheduled a meeting to begin the processes of developing an Action Plan to address the Early Care and Education strategic priority.
- **Human Services Strategic Plan**- An undergraduate research assistant is finishing up the cost/benefit analysis for the Youth Services strategic priority.
- **Funding Application Advisory Team** – Surveys of agencies and the ABRT have been completed. The FAAT met to begin to make recommendations for improvements.
- **Community University Research and Service Partnership** – CURSP met for the first time this semester and is in the process of developing a work plan for going forward. Several people have signed the Declaration, and the work group is beginning to expand it's membership.
- **Substance Abuse Prevention**- Currently the Substance Abuse Prevention Coalition is planning for the Community Forum on Preventing Underage Drinking which will be held on March 31st, 7-10PM at Albemarle County Office Building on McIntire. This event is being sponsored by many community agencies in addition to CCF including Charlottesville City Schools, Albemarle County Schools, Region Ten CSB, Weed and Seed, Charlottesville and Albemarle Police Departments, The University of Virginia, MACAA, and the Charlottesville Public Housing Authority. All community members interested in attending are invited.
- **Systems of Care Leadership Team**: As part of meeting identified short-term goals, the SOC LT is in the process of planning for a dinner to inform and recruit customer/families to the Leadership 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. The third year renewal grant application was submitted to DCJS in February.
- **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 received a second year of funding in January 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 was held on November 7th and 8th. The Truancy Case Manager has begun working with 8 families from Burnley-Moran Elementary School in Charlottesville and Greer Elementary School in Albemarle County. The second year renewal grant application was submitted to DCJS in February.

2. Pending grants

- **Safe Schools/Healthy Students** The planning team is meeting weekly in preparation for a March 14 submission.