

DIRECTOR'S UPDATE---AUGUST 25, 2010-OCTOBER 22,2010

Coordination of Services

- Staff attended meetings of the Foothills Child Advocacy Center, Smart Beginnings, Partnership for Children, Community Obesity Task Force, KidsWatch, Improved Pregnancy Outcomes Work Group, Reentry Council, Adult Mental Health Task Force, Masters of Public Health Advisory Board.
- The Safe Schools/Healthy Students Core Management Team has met monthly to plan for coordinated implementation of the grant and plan for sustainability.
- Director met with and continues to consult with leadership of the Community Obesity Task Force on development of a work plan.
- At the request of the Charlottesville Redevelopment and Housing Authority and the Westhaven Nursing Clinic, a second meeting of organizations providing services in public housing facilities was held on September 30 at the Boys and Girls Club on Cherry Avenue. Thirty-five people were in attendance.
- Director made a presentation on the effect of children's exposure to domestic violence at the October 14 meeting of Creciendo Juntos.
- Director met with representatives of UCARES, the City's Dialogue on Race, and the Quality Community Council to discuss youth development collaboration.
- Director attended a community meeting to address transitional needs of young people with Autism Spectrum Disorder who are aging out of children's services. Director also provided data to the group working on this topic.
- Director attended meeting with Elk Hill and MACAA about location of Elk Hill day treatment program, due to open November 1.
- The YMCA After School Program for Recreation and Education (Y-ASPIRE), funded through a CCF DCJS grant, opened on August 25, with a ribbon cutting on September 14. This program serves Stony Point Elementary students who live in the Wilton Farms area. Director coordinates monthly meetings.
- Director met with representative of VOCAL, a consumer run mental health promotion program, to assist with developing outcome measures.
- Director met with Region Ten staff to assist with development of outcomes and a presentation to the Albemarle Supervisors.
- Director met with staff from Central Virginia Health Services, Inc. regarding opening a Community Health Center locally.
- Director met with a University of Virginia student working on determining barriers to participation in after school programs.
- Director met with individual who is starting a new non-profit focused on empowering low-income women.

Raising Awareness of Children and Family Issues

- Logged just under 500 page views on www.ccfinfo.org from August 25-31, 2,120 page views in September and 1,750 through October 22, 2010. There were 13,880 documents downloaded from the CCF website from August 25 to October 22, 2010. Characteristics of Juvenile Offenders, 2005 was the top download with 199 downloads, followed by the Profile Of Juvenile Offenders, 1997-2000 and the CSA Cost Containment Report, Utilization Management Report with 193 downloads and 145 respectively.

- 19 messages were posted to the CCF Listserv since August 25, 2010 and three new members have joined the list.
- CCF received two media hits.

Administration/Research

- The local government non-profit funding prioritization process is well underway. The full Steering Committee has met twice and three subcommittees (Local Data, Other Communities, and Cultural Programming) meet regularly. Six students in Professor Dick Reppucci's Community Research class provide substantial research support. Activities have included:
 - Development of a matrix of program goals and City/County Strategic Visions.
 - Data collection and interviews with other communities about their processes.
 - Development and distribution of surveys for agencies, cultural programs, funders, and Commissioners. The response rate is favorable.
- Next steps include:
 - Analysis of survey data
 - Structured discussion with Commissioners
 - Three focus groups with agencies
 - Structure interviews with elected officials.
- In coming months, CCF will launch a joint project with the Partnership to conduct research about methods to create improved information sharing and child tracking across programs and agencies. Partnership for Children Coordinator, Jessie Ray, could provide staff support to a joint CCF/PFC effort (her position allows for approximately five hours of CCF work weekly). Nia Harrison, a master's student at UVA's Batten School of Public Policy, will work on this project as her Master's thesis, during the Spring Semester of 2011.

Work Groups

- **Agency Budget Review Team** –On hiatus until FY13 cycle.
- **Youth Development Network** – The October Network meeting included testimonials from current and former participants in six youth development programs. Over fifty people attended and evaluations were positive.
- **Human Services Strategic Plan** – deferred
- **Partnership for Children** – The Partnership has hired a new Coordinator, Jessie Ray. The Partnership has started a strategic planning process, facilitated by Skip Mullaney and anticipates having a strategic plan by February.
- **Task Force on Race Disparity and Disproportionality-** The Task Force has had twelve meetings. A final report by University of Virginia student researchers has been completed, and the Task Force has developed recommendations in the areas child welfare, juvenile justice, health, and mental health, and is developing work plans in these areas. In future meetings, the Task Force will work on recommendations related education.
- **Stepping Stones** – Michael Marquardt, UVA intern, has completed collecting information and analyzing for the 2010 publication of *Stepping Stones*. We are incorporating 12 new indicators from the Thomas Jefferson Area Health District MAPP – Community Health Status Assessment - publication into this year's *Stepping Stones*. The report is being formatted and will be presented to CCF in November.

- **KidsWatch** – The work group is developing outcome indicators and will begin training staff and volunteers for in-school groups in November. KidsWatch members are in the midst of providing in-service training to all Albemarle Police Officers.

Status of CCF Grants:

1. Current grants

- **Safe Schools/Healthy Students** The almost \$6,000,000 grant was awarded effective July 1, 2009. All staff are hired and the program is fully functional.
- **Functional Family Therapy-** \$25,000 awarded for the fifth and final year. Provides training and purchase of services for evidence-based treatment for high risk youth and families.
- **DCJS Afterschool Grant:** This three year grant funds an afterschool program for Stony Point Elementary students, opening on August 25. This \$75,000 per year project is a partnership between Albemarle DSS, Albemarle Schools, CCF, the YMCA, and Broadus Memorial Baptist Church.
- **Bama Works Grant** – The Scholarship Committee was awarded the Bama Works Grant to fund Summer FUNd 2010.

2. Pending grants

- **US Department of Justice Children Exposed to Violence Demonstration Grant-** not selected.
- **Safe Schools/Health Students Mentoring Grant-** not selected
- **America’s Promise Neighborhoods-** not selected.