

DIRECTOR'S UPDATE—JUNE 26, 2008-AUGUST 25, 2008

Coordination of Services

- Staff attended meetings of the Foothills Child Advocacy Center, Health Department MAPP planning group, Children's Advocacy Centers of Virginia Board, Smart Beginnings Leadership Team, the Adult Mental Health Task Force, and the joint Departments of Social Services Family Group Decision Making Work Group
- Director met with one resident interested in learning more about CCF and community opportunities.
- CCF convened community partners and completed a needs assessment to develop a proposal for the Promoting Safe and Stable Families.
- CCF convened stakeholders for a meeting with the Board of the Piedmont Supervised Visitation Center (PSVC). As a result, the PSVC Board decided to disband and transfer the project to CYFS, which will offer supervised visitation and exchanges.
- Director participated in interviews for a Strengthening Families Coordinator. The Coordinator provides staff support to the Substance Abuse Prevention Work Group. Robert Wadden was hired.
- Director and Prevention Team Leader attended 6 planning meetings for Westhaven Community Day.
- Director met with local Director of new Big Brothers/Big Sisters program to discuss service coordination.
- Director met with staff from The Second Road, a new substance abuse recovery social networking website to discuss local needs.
- Director met with MACAA Director to provide information about CCF.
- Director made a presentation on behalf of CYFS at a state Healthy Families' grant expansion review.
- Director met with a group of stakeholders to discuss possible ongoing funding possibilities for programs currently funded under the Smart Beginnings grant.
- The Prevention Team Leader attended the Back to School Kick-Off at Monticello High School on 8/16 sponsored by the African-American Student Achievement Partnership.
- The Intervention Team Leader met with Smart Beginnings staff to talk about community health and grant data collection.
- The Intervention Team Leader met with Mel Wilson (Professor at UVa) to talk about best practices in programs to engage and involve fathers with their families.
- The Intervention Team Leader met with Judge Berry to discuss the needs of the Court and Systems of Care.
- The Intervention Team Leader made a presentation to the City Preschool Teachers on Attachment Informed Interactions.
- The Intervention Team Leader met with Region Ten and the new psychologist for the Assessment and Diagnostic Services for program planning.
- The Intervention Team Leader and the Director each facilitated a Systems of Care Family Team Meeting (at the request of the Teams).
- The Intervention Team Leader has provided Systems of Care consultation to one case manager and the other pilot Care Coordinator.
- Acting as a Care Coordinator, the Intervention Team Leader organized and facilitated several Family Team assessment and service planning meetings, has acted as a point-person for the Team members, attended a 60-day court review date with Team members, and continues to coordinate the Team and services for the family.

- The Intervention Team Leader has conducted two Systems of Care Orientation presentations to community partners.
- The Intervention Team Leader met with a resident and City Department of Social Services to discuss the resident's interest in developing innovative foster care and transition care services.
- Mike Terkeltaub came to Charlottesville to meet with both pilot Care Coordinators to provide consultation.
- The Intervention Team Leader provided data to Computers for Kids and the Director provided data to the Smart Beginnings staff.

Raising Awareness of Children and Family Issues

- Logged just over 2,870 page views on www.ccfinfo.org in July and over 1,646 page views in August. There were over 2,109 documents downloaded from the CCF website from June 25th, 2008 through August 25, 2008. *Youth Service Opportunity Guide* was the top download with 262 downloads, followed by *What's there to do after school directory for Grades 6-8* and the *Parent Representative fact sheet* with 236 and 234 downloads respectively.
- CCF received three media hits with stories on NBC 29 regarding the Youth Development Network, about Chelsea Henderson, the new County Youth Representative, and about the Teen Pregnancy Prevention Work Group.
- Ten messages were posted to the CCF Listserv since June 5 and five new members have joined the list.
- Prevention Team Leader and YDN Coordinator participated in Westhaven Community Day and Blue Ridge Commons Community event.
- Director met with Chelsea Henderson, new Albemarle County youth representative.

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. CSA Coordinator and primary parent representative met to develop process to provide orientation for two potential representatives and establish protocol for contacting parents prior to staffings.
- Liz Ramirez-Weaver was hired as the CSA Utilization Review Manager, a Region Ten position housed at CCF,
- The CSA evaluation of processes, structures, and operations is underway (with the assistance of UVa collaborators). The CHINS evaluation has been folded into this work.
- David Szwed and Jennifer O'Neil, graduate students in psychology, completed their summer internships. David helped with the CSA evaluation (especially in data analysis and reporting) and the CASASTART evaluation, and Jennifer provided assistance to the Systems of Care Leadership Team, researched best practices in care coordination, evaluating organizational cultural proficiency, and fathering programs. A summer Research Assistant and Intern Report is forthcoming.
- CCF welcomes Anthony Haro and Catherine Warrell as our UIP student and research assistant (respectively) for the Fall semester. Dick Reppucci's graduate student class will also be working with us in the Fall.
- Rebecca Sayre, who has job-shared the part-time Youth Development Network Coordinator position with Ann Emery, left CCF in late August to head to Peru with the Peace Corps.

Work Groups

- **Agency Budget Review Team** – The FY10 Funding Application has been revised and will be released on August 29, with a due date of October 14. The process has been approved to allow programs rated “solid” or “exemplary” to receive multi-year funding. A subgroup of the ABRT reviewed three applications for a program for pregnant and parenting teens and forwarded their recommendations to the City Manager, County Administrator and United Way. CCF also convened a team to review contingency reports from one agency. Director provided technical assistance to 4 agencies.
- **Youth Development Network** – The Youth Development Network met on August 25th with approximately 50 people attending with the focus on information and resource sharing. The Summer FUNd Scholarship Committee raised and provided approximately \$2,500 in camp scholarships this summer.
- **Comprehensive Services Act Committee** – Coordinator participated in PSSF community assessment process. CSA Committee submitted public comments on State guidelines for Intensive Care Coordination. Annual vendor contract renewal process was completed and response reviews initiated. Review and revision of internal database was initiated. Provided orientation to VIA vocational staff to have CCF serve as host site for student. Working with DSS representatives to revise funding approval documents to reflect program changes insure compliance with new requirements. Gathered and disseminated local program policy and protocol change updates to stakeholders. Provided program orientation to new stakeholders case managers upon request. Completed MOA on Assessment and Diagnostic Services with local CSB. Provided program orientation to new UR Manager. Initiated end of year reporting process for Early Intervention Trust Fund grants. Began review and revision of financial reporting format and documentation for CSA Committee and Subcommittees. Staff participated in Process Improvement Team full and sub group meetings. The Process Improvement Team has made progress on creating a proposal for a revised CSA structure, including developing staff roles, data collection planning, and the definition and role of family advocacy. A job description for Intensive Care Coordinators was developed and approved and given to Region Ten to post and begin recruitment.
- **Juvenile Justice Advisory Committee** – The JJAC met on July 24th to update the Juvenile Justice Comprehensive Plan Objectives.
- **Partnership for Children**– The Partnership for Children approved a level three Seal of Quality Child Care Award for Park Street Christian Preschool. Charlottesville/Albemarle has the exciting opportunity to expand our Home Visiting capacity such that every new mom who is eligible for home visiting would receive services. Charlottesville/Albemarle’s Healthy Family program at Children, Youth & Family Services is 1 of 4 finalists being considered for 1 of 2 available slots in the state. The Data Management Work Group presented a proposal to the Partnership for a new and improved Annual Report. Their analysis of the existing data is complete and they are beginning to create this year’s Annual Report.
- **Human Services Strategic Plan**- The Early Child Care and Education Action Planning Team met to continue to develop their Action Plan. The Youth Services action Planning Team is about to meet to continue to develop their Action Plan. The Steering Committee has been kept up to date on progress via email. The Executive

Summary of the Best Practices and Cost/Benefit data for the priorities is being developed.

- **Funding Application Advisory Team** – A final proposal for revisions was approved by the City Manager’s and County Executive’s Offices in July.
- **Community University Research and Service Partnership** - The work group held a planning meeting and identified projects and work plans for the coming year. The first meeting of the semester is September 5, 2008.
- **Systems of Care Leadership Team** – The work group continues to develop a survey for families, and is getting ready to implement it. Families on the Leadership Team successfully applied for a local chapter of the Federation of Families for Children’s Mental Health (currently chaired by Frank Brown), and will be holding an interest and planning meeting on September 2, 2008.

Status of CCF Grants:

1. Current grants

- **Functional Family Therapy-** \$75,000 awarded for second year; renewable for two additional years, 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-** A renewal proposal for \$80,000 was awarded by the Virginia Department of Health and Human Services .
- **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 has been selected to receive \$36,000 in Women United in Philanthropy funds, for September 08-August 09. A formal announcement will be made on September 9th.
- **DCJS Truancy Case Manager-** The CASASTART Truancy Case Manager Program received a second year of funding at \$65,000. In the first year of operation the program was piloted at Burnley-Moran Elementary School in Charlottesville and Greer Elementary School in Albemarle County.

2. Pending grants

- **Safe Schools/Healthy Students** We have received notification that we did not receive this award along with the reviewers’ comments. We will reconvene the Team to consider whether to submit another application.
- **Virginia ABC Community Coalition Grant.** The Substance Abuse Prevention Coalition submitted a proposal to implement the “Be There” parental involvement campaign. This was not funding, however, the proposal has been resubmitted to BAMAworks.
- **Promoting Safe and Stable Families.** CCF convened a group which completed a needs assessment and plan for submission in September.