

DIRECTOR'S UPDATE, AUGUST 26 – SEPTEMBER 27, 2004

Coordination of Services

- Staff attended meetings of the Prevention Coalition, strategy work group meetings for City-County public education fund, County of Albemarle Schools' Strategic Planning session, ACDSS Goal Groups 2 and 3 (follow-up work groups from the Strategic Planning process.).
- Provided support letters for Safe Start grant, submitted by the Partnership for Children, and produced needs summary and secured support letters from City and County government and school leadership.
- Approved inclusion of CCF in letter of support from the Partnership of Children for a proposal to the Virginia Health Care Foundation for a dental clinic, as determined by Executive Committee including the following language " It is our expectation that the funds will be raised to allow the clinic to be independent of local government for revenue currently and in the future."

Raising Awareness of Children and Family Issues

- Website Hits: 1,304 visitors, 2,424 page views in September.
- Published and distributed *Stepping Stones* and *Key Findings on Child and Family Needs* to local media, public officials, Charlottesville Area Donor's Roundtable, data sources, select agencies, etc. Media coverage on WVTF radio, Channel 29 news, *Daily Progress* and *Tribune*.
- Sent out evaluation form to referral sources for community-based after school programs to assess impact of "What's to Do After School?" brochures.

Administration/Research.

- Revised move date to October 22, 2004 to County Office on Fifth Street Extended. CCF will have new address, email and phones. Finalized cost estimates for move. Designed postcards and email strategy to notify public.
- Oriented two undergraduate interns – Blair Cantfil and Rebecca Nordin. Blair is assisting with Assets for Youth recommendations, writing a research brief on limited-English proficiency trends, and will be assisting with *Stepping Stones* in the spring. Rebecca is assisting with evaluation of the pilot Multidisciplinary Team, conducting a weekly grant search and will be assisting with the *Guide to Youth Services* in the spring. Distributed list of volunteer opportunities to graduate students in UVA's Community Psychology Program, Darden's Opportunity Consultants, and the Curry School of Education.
- Oriented two Curry School doctoral students, Lauren Decker and Lauren Brock, who will be working with the Community Service and Service Learning Work Group to compile a series of manuals.
- Held orientation meetings with three new Commission members.
- Refined October 27th retreat agenda with CCF Executive Committee and Lori Strumpf, facilitator.
- Began compilation of information for CCF annual report, to be presented to Council and Board in November 2004.
- Released Agency Budget Review Team FY06 community application jointly with United Way-Thomas Jefferson Area by U.S. Mail, on web, and in *Daily Progress*. Due Date for City-County is November 19, 2004, and application orientation will be held on October 14th. Began scheduling FY06 City-County review sessions with team members.

Work Groups

- **Assets for Youth** – *Youth Voices* report (summary of focus groups) finalized and designed. Work group report recommendations and research underway for approval by work group, October 8th.
- **Comprehensive Services Act Committee** – Met with Case Authorization Review Team members to provide updates on Cost Containment Implementation Plan and approve new committee structure reflecting transition to single FAPT and new personnel.

- **Family Violence Work Group**
 - KidsWatch will now be available to interested schools in the City and County, and all police officers are trained in the protocol. Training provided to City and County Police and County Guidance Counselors. City Guidance Counselors to be trained early October.
 - MDTeam nears completion of 6-month pilot. 38 cases under review at twice monthly meetings. Data being analyzed by CCF intern for evaluation purposes.
 - CAC Feasibility Draft completed and under review. Comprehensive recommendations to be considered by work group members, and at CCF retreat.
 - FV Prevention subcommittee finalizes **December 1** date for forum on "Talking about Tough Issues," featuring Joyce Allan and Roberta Culbertson.
- **Juvenile Justice Advisory Committee** – Reviewed and updated the Juvenile Justice Comprehensive Plan. Reviewed the 2000 juvenile offender data. Received confirmation of \$8,300 One Time JABG grant to support the Detention Center's new Post Dispositional Program.
- **Outcome Measurement Work Group** – Members reviewed and revised recommendations for continuation of Focus Areas project.
- **Partnership for Children** -The Early Intervention Services Workgroup is developing and conducting a survey of child care centers, pediatricians, and partner agency staff to determine if developmental screenings are being completed. The Evaluation and Information Sharing Work Group and city/county funders identified desired outcomes and data elements for a possible evaluation of the Partnership. The Parent and Provider Education Work Group produced the fall edition of the *Grow Along With Me* Guide.
- **Teen Pregnancy/STD Prevention Work Group** – Website revisions have been made to the TP/STD Work Group page. The Coordinator added new Parent Tips and Child Tips pages.
- **Service Learning Work Group** – Two graduate interns are working on developing manuals for youth, program coordinators, and service sites for release in early 2005.
- **Information Sharing Implementation Work Group** –Team to make final selection of Information-Sharing vendor and finalize implementation steps for pilot.

CCF Strategic Issues

- Building capacity to move select work group recommendations forward.
- Transition to County Office Building – Fifth Street.