

DIRECTOR'S UPDATE, AUGUST 28 – SEPTEMBER 26, 2002

Coordination of Services

- CCF staff attends meetings of JABA 2020, Prevention Coalition, National Issues Forum planning group, Quality Community Council, Crozet Diversity Task Force, City of Charlottesville Neighborhood Strategy Team retreat and Data Analysis Team, Albemarle Quality of Life Strategic Planning group.
- Arranged for a demonstration of "Connect Richmond" on October 17 at 10, an Internet-based community research clearinghouse with funding, training, and other resources for local agencies.

Raising Awareness of Children and Family Issues

- Planning for December 10 Legislative Forum on Children and Families, 3:00 – 5:30 p.m. at the UVA School of Law continues. Planning group narrows questions to two and prepares background information, budget, and invitation mailing plan.
- Training offered on September 27th and October 11, 9-3 at UVA for "reporters" and "observers" for the upcoming **November 2** National Issues Forum on "*Our Nation's Children: Is Something Wrong?*" Invitations to "Community Resource Fair" sent out for November 2nd event. CCF designs invitation/flyer for the event.
- Legislative Agenda revised and submitted to Lisa Kelley, City of Charlottesville, and David Blount, Thomas Jefferson Planning District, for review and approval.
- CCF Commissioners and staff generate letters to Department of Juvenile Justice for no additional funding cuts to VJCCCA. Letters from City Manager and Judges drafted and sent.
- Ruth Stone and S. Baker present CCF, key messages, and review of findings on children and their families to the Charlottesville Albemarle Community Foundation, September 9, 2002.
- R. Stone and S. Baker attend information session, hosted by the Action Alliance, on "The effects of budget cuts on low-income Virginians" and collect valuable information on how Virginia's tax and spending policies compare with other States, practical suggestions for increasing revenue through targeted service taxes, reform of tax code, and Earned Income Tax Credit.
- Juvenile Justice Coordinator attends VJCCCA Advisory Committee meeting in Richmond on September 18th to recommend essential VJCCCA services.

Administration/Research

- Developed internal protocol for new Intern reviewing children and family grant information weekly. CCF will pilot the protocol for three months, and then bring it to full CCF for review and approval. Distributed grant opportunities to Teen Pregnancy Prevention Work Group and legal advocacy organizations. Reviewing a grant proposal for Geographic Information Systems software for potential submission, due November 1st.
- UVA University Intern, Samantha Gavin, begins work at CCF focusing on grant research, and research on involving troubled youth in productive activities/ increasing access and use of existing resources.
- Community volunteer intern, Brady Bowling, assisting CCF in conducting Geographic Information Systems mapping for available human service data/indicators.
- CCF Director compiled a timeline for CCF, 1997-2002 and worked with facilitators to prepare September 25th retreat.
- IMC preparing queries for youth feedback system, modifying the instant results/reporting function of Continuous Feedback System.
- CCF Director submits documentation for IVE reimbursement through Charlottesville Department of Social Services for FY03 supplemental funds.
- New Charlottesville Citizen member, Leslie Scott Harris, joins CCF. CCF UVA representative, Marti Snell, resigns. UVA Education Dean recommends Winx Lawrence as a replacement.

Work Groups

- **Agency Budget Review Team** – Pilot site visits scheduled with five agencies. FY04 review schedule established. *ABRT team needs 1-2 citizen members.*
- **Children Needing Extensive Services** – Identified participants and developed an agenda for a November 14 meeting with local human service vendors. This meeting will focus on developing additional/improved local services for Children Needing Extensive Services.
- **Community Needs Assessment**- Work group reviews findings to date and makes recommendations for cross-tabs and analysis. 2 Community Psychology interns sign up for assisting with focus groups.
- **Violence in the Home Work Group** – After two planning/brainstorming meetings, members have been invited to formation meeting on October 4th. 3 Community Psychology graduate students will assist with Child Abuse and Prevention Work Plan. Group will proceed concurrently with focus on impact of domestic violence on children and child abuse and neglect.
- **Partnership for Children** – Developing a prototype of a file box with information that would be standardized across all participating home-visiting programs (ex. Domestic violence, substance abuse, depression, immunizations, service applications, etc.). The next edition of *Grow Along With Me* has been printed and distributed. Marketing expert, Susan Payne, is assisting Public Awareness Sub Committee with the Eure Communication radio ads.
- **Juvenile Justice Advisory Committee** – Holding a retreat on October 21st to update strategic plan.
- **Teen Pregnancy/STD Prevention Work Group** – Held retreat focusing on next steps for transition of Teen Pregnancy/STD Prevention Work Group on September 16, 2002.
- **Outcome Measurement Work Group** – FY04 application approved and released on September 9th. Application Orientation on September 19. Evaluations positive. Meeting October 3rd to develop FY04 work plan.

CCF Work Plan

Upcoming strategic issues:

- Clarifying role/priorities as advisor/catalyst, information source, and coordinator. Setting priorities as a result of the retreat.
- Data Team to consider July 2002 CCF recommendations for new phase of work.
- Decision about whether to launch a work group on “Youth Productive Activities”
- Future home/staffing/existence of Teen Pregnancy/STD Prevention Work Group post-October 2003.