

## Director's Update, March 25 – April 23, 2003

### Coordination of Services

- Attended informational meeting of Weed and Seed Mentor Training, Site Visit for Quality Community Council from the Babcock Foundation, Community Forum on "Many Races-One Community," Child Abuse Prevention Month planning group, Charlottesville/Albemarle Civic Engagement Initiative, City Neighborhood Strategy Team.
- Provided data to Prevention Council for upcoming presentation, distributed grant opportunity information on the list serve and directly to appropriate agencies.
- Provided assistance to CRHA in develop of resident needs survey
- JJ Coordinator Attended VJCCCA Funding Formula Subcommittee meeting in Richmond on April 1<sup>st</sup>.
- Informal meeting with three City/County school board members to discuss/brainstorm establishment of new regional school/education foundation approved by both School Boards.

### Raising Awareness of Children and Family Issues

- Hosted KIDS COUNT Data Book presentation on Thursday, April 3<sup>rd</sup> at Tonsler Park. Over 30 participants attended.
- Distributed announcements of CCF vacancies to PTOs, neighborhood associations, faith-based organizations, civic groups, and schools.
- Prepared *CCF Quarterly Report* for May release.
- Developed public awareness and program materials for KidsWatch, a pilot initiative to address the impact of domestic violence in a targeted city neighborhood.
- Met with IMC to receive update on Continuous Feedback System and make recommendations for more user-friendly and effective format for receiving ongoing input.

### Administration/Research

- Submitted FY02 IVE claim through CDSS to supplement FY04 CCF operations.
- Developed draft of revised review process and streamlined rating system for discussion and revisions by Agency Budget Review Team and Outcome Measurement Work Group members.
- Met with potential summer interns from UVa undergrad and graduate programs for CCF research.
- Drafted "work group charges" for Needs Assessment Work Group and Outcome Measurement Work Group.
- Developed initial draft for Pathways to Collaboration grant to the Kellogg Foundation.
- Welcomed new County youth member to CCF, Sade Ridley.
- Jennifer Stone resigned as CSA Coordinator effective April 16<sup>th</sup>. Cindy Stratton is serving as Acting CSA Coordinator. Temporary clerical assistance is being provided.
- Continued to receive and input Youth Risk Behavior data for CHRA survey.

### Work Groups

- **Community Needs Assessment**- Prepared presentation to Outcome Measurement Work Group. Conducted one focus group with low-income single parents in the City. Three other focus groups to be held before the end of May.
- **Comprehensive Services Act Committee - CSA Cost Containment Committee**, chaired by Paul McWhinney, has begun the analysis of vendor and cost trends, identified questions for best practice interviews in Virginia localities, compiled theories for rapid growth from members, and added new members for diverse perspectives.
- **Data Management Work Group**- Met to discuss 2003 *Stepping Stones*. About 2/3 of needed data has been

received.

- **Family Violence Work Group** –Domestic Violence Subcommittee presented draft strategic plan to work group. Child Abuse and Neglect subcommittee is developing strategic plan. KidsWatch initiative launched. Member of Child Advocacy Center planning group attended state Child Advocacy Center chapter meeting in Norfolk. Planner/analyst attended statewide domestic violence meeting in Richmond.
- **Juvenile Justice Advisory Committee** – JJ Coordinator submitted Young Juvenile Offender Continuation Grant to DCJS. Information Sharing Subcommittee makes progress on the development of a vision and action steps.
- **Outcome Measurement Work Group** – Compiling summary of existing research on community conditions for children and families as first step toward identifying priority areas for investment. Future research includes identification of “best practices”, mapping of existing resources, analysis of outcomes, and other steps.
- **Teen Pregnancy/STD Prevention Work Group** – Received two proposals for housing the TP/STD Coordinator. Selection to be announced soon.

### **CCF Strategic Plan Issues**

- Executive Committee identified potential ideas for action on issues delegated from the CCF retreat. Final report will be presented to CCF in next couple of months.