

## DIRECTOR'S UPDATE--MARCH 30, 2007-APRIL 25, 2007

### Coordination of Services

- Staff attended meetings of the Foothills Child Advocacy Center, City Alternative School Planning Committee, Albemarle County Poverty Workgroup, Albemarle County Achievement Gap Work Group, TJPD Disabilities Services Board meeting, UVA Institute's On Aging/JABA Presentations, PVCC luncheon to discuss student internships.
- Safe Schools/Healthy Students grant planning group met to prepare for submission of \$6,000,000 grant due June 11, 2007.
- Juvenile Justice Coordinator met with Johnson School principal and community agencies on April 16 to continue development of a community support system for children from homeless and troubled families.
- CCF provided technical assistance to Adult Corrections Reentry Team in structure of ongoing work.
- Director asked to serve on Albemarle County Web Site Review Team; Coordinator of Research and Planning asked to sit on Urban Vision's Advisory Council and the UVA Master's in Public Health's Advisory Committee.

### Raising Awareness of Children and Family Issues

- CCF Director presented CCF Annual Report to the Albemarle Board of Supervisors on April 3.
- Stay Active website was visited 585 times.
- Logged almost 4000 page views on [www.ccfinfo.org](http://www.ccfinfo.org). Over 9,000 documents were downloaded from the CCF website. The Commission's County Youth Vacancy flier was the top download with 357 downloads, the *Low Cost List* had 140 downloads, and the *2006 Annual Report* was downloaded 139 times.
- Foothills CAC and Family Violence Prevention Committee hosted third annual Child Abuse Prevention Conference on Recovery and Resilience on April 23 with 60 attendees.
- Foothills CAC hosted VCU training on Working with Children with Disabilities.
- CCF hosted a Truancy Prevention Training at the Monticello Event and Conference Center on Thursday, March 29<sup>th</sup>.

### Administration/Research

- CSA Committee is recruiting up to four parent representatives to serve on the Family Assessment and Planning Team (FAPT) and Truancy Planning Team.
- Human Services Strategic Plan Advisory Committee held seventh meeting.
- County Board of Supervisors appointed citizen representative Carolyn Lawlor to the Commission.
- Currently, there are three Commission vacancies; one for a County youth and for a citizen representative each from the City and County.
- Chair, Madison Cummings appointed Buz Cox and Kathy Ralston to serve as the nominating committee for the CCF Executive Committee.
- Two UVA interns applied for external grants (\$5,000 total), which were awarded, and will work with CCF over the summer for a total of 30-40 hours/week.

- Coordinator of Research and Planning fielded inquiries from 6 UVA students interested in potential internships for the Fall.
- One potential intern for the Fall was interviewed.
- The UVA Office of Public Service and Outreach made \$5,000 available to support the student research efforts for the Human Services Strategic Plan.

## Work Groups

- **Agency Budget Review Team** –City and County adopted budgets.
- **Youth Development Network** – The Youth Development Network met on April 16<sup>th</sup> to continue the development of the Network. The focus of the meeting was networking and resource sharing.
- **Comprehensive Services Act Committee** – Albemarle Purchasing has issued notice seeking statements of interest in the provision of stabilization, diagnostic and assessment services with staffing forwarding written notification to 29 identified vendors of services; deadline for submission is April 27<sup>th</sup>. CSA Committee has endorsed Systems of Care recommendations from Program Subcommittee. CSA Committee has completed and adopted revisions to local policy and procedures manual, now ready for publication. CSA committees and staff have participated in review and discussions on the state and local level related to foster care prevention policy changes and impact assessments for localities.
- **Family Violence Work Group**- The Work Group and the Foothills CAC hosted two forums in April; Resiliency and Recovery and Working with Children with Disabilities. KidsWatch is offering a group at Walton Middle School. The Foothills CAC will be moving from CCF offices to its own space in May.
- **Juvenile Justice Advisory Committee** – The JJAC finalized the 2007 JABG Allocation Plan allocating funds for: cameras for the City Police Department; training for Court Service Unit staff ; and funding for Restorative Justice services.
- **Partnership for Children**- The Partnership for Children has begun a discussion on how to better link early childhood programming services with preschools. The Partnership's pages on the CCF website have been updated.
- **Human Services Strategic Plan**- made recommendations to CCF regarding preliminary priority areas; UVA research teams are initiating research into these areas.
- **Outcome Measurement Workgroup**- Is making a recommendation to adopt a new scoring system for the FY09 funding cycle. Will be asking CCF to change the work group name and charge.
- **Youth Service Workgroup**: Third annual Celebration of Youth Service and presentation of United Way Student Service Awards was held on April 16 at Dickenson Building at Piedmont Virginia Community College. The well-attended event recognized outstanding youth volunteers from area public and private high schools, and featured *Daily Progress* columnist Brian McKenzie as the keynote speaker.
- **Engaged Scholars Work Group**: Held their third meeting; will be asking CCF to adopt an amended charge; divided into sub-committees and established chairs.

## Status of CCF Grants:

### 1. Current grants

- **Functional Family Therapy-** \$100,000 for first year; renewable for four additional years, at full funding the second year, up to 75% of the initial award in the third year, 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. First renewal grant submitted in March (DCJS funded)
- **Foothills Child Advocacy Center-** \$75,000 for Project Director and other costs (Virginia Department of Health and Human Services -renewable July); \$50,000 for case manager (National Children's Alliance- expires 12/31/07- must meet specific certification criteria to renew). The program will move into rented space in May, 2007 and it is anticipated that staff will move from being County employees to being non-profit employees in July, 2007.
- **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.

## 2. Pending grants

- **DCJS Truancy case manager-** Application for \$65,000 for a Truancy Case Manager submitted to be piloted in two or more elementary schools as decided by the School Superintendents.
- **Smart Beginnings:** Smart Beginnings Grant proposal has been submitted on behalf of the Partnership for Children by the United Way- \$500,000 grant to be distributed over 2 years for the purpose of expanding and improving service provision to the local early childhood system with a focus on early childhood and school readiness.
- **KidsWatch:** CCF Executive Committee approved submission of a \$50,000 proposal to the Avon Foundation to expand KidsWatch, with the Shelter for Help in Emergency as fiscal agent. The funding would support efforts to provide groups in the schools for children who have witnessed domestic violence. This is an extension of the group-therapy project that was piloted at Clark in 2003, which focuses on safety planning and helping kids learn prosocial conflict resolution skills.