

DIRECTOR'S UPDATE--NOVEMBER 27, 2006-DECEMBER 22, 2006**Coordination of Services**

- Staff attended meetings of the Foothills Child Advocacy Center, 2020 Plan Steering Committee, Charlottesville Community Scholarship Foundation, Governor's Task Force on Early Childhood, and the Southern Feeder Pattern Principal's Meeting.
- Youth Development Network steering committee held first meeting on December 4.
- Volunteer recognition reception held on for December 15.
- CCF convened group to develop Summer Employment proposal for City Manager's consideration.
- First meeting of Engaged Scholars Work Group to be held in January.
- \$20,000 DCJS Gang Prevention Grant received.
- Staff met with representatives of UVA Medical School to discuss Service Learning Collaboration.

Raising Awareness of Children and Family Issues

- Stay Active website was visited almost 500 times – a 66% increase over last month!.
- Logged over 3,200 page views on www.ccfinfo.org. Over 8,800 documents were downloaded from the CCF website. *Low-cost After School Activities* for elementary age youth was the top download with 136 downloads, *Stepping Stones 2006* was downloaded 125 times, and the *Condensed Guide to Services for Limited English Proficient Populations in Charlottesville* was downloaded 95 times.
- Postcard advertising Interactive Guide to Youth Services was released in late November. Coverage in the Daily Progress and on WINA
- Cultural Proficiency training held on November 29. 85 people attended. On-line six week class to start in January.
- Human Services Budget presented to Charlottesville City Council in December
- Staff presented information about the Youth Development Network at the County SRO meeting on 12/20/06.

Administration/Research

- Human Services Strategic Plan Advisory Committee held third meeting.
- Systems of Care preliminary report received from UVA Department of Psychology. Under review by CSA Program Subcommittee
- A draft CHINS Team evaluation was received from UVA Department of Psychology. Under review by the Juvenile Justice and CSA coordinators.
- Research on best practices in community sex education, as well as a draft survey of local practitioners was received from UVA Department of Psychology. Under review by the STI/Teen Pregnancy Workgroup.
- Research on coordinated youth development initiatives was received from UVA Department of Psychology. Under review by the Youth Development Network.
- Five graduate, and 12 undergraduate UVA students completed research projects related to CCF work.
- FY08 ABRT Team meetings completed.

- Board of Supervisors approved transfer of Fiscal Agent status to Albemarle County on December 6. Staff met with County Human Resources and Finance Department in anticipation of January 1 switch.
- Foothills Child Advocacy Center coordinator resigned. Position currently being advertised.
- Ruth Stone appointed as City of Charlottesville Citizen Representative on CCF.

Work Groups

- **Agency Budget Review Team** – Meetings completed. Report underway.
- **Youth Development Network** –First meeting of Steering Committee held on December 4.
- **Comprehensive Services Act Committee** – Received preliminary Systems of Care survey results; initiated Infoshare enhancements discussions with City IT; disseminated JLARC report and other legislative information to CSA committees for review; began development of additional training agenda for CSA partner staffs; staff attended Cultural Proficiency Training; continued work on program compliance protocols.
- **Family Violence Work Group** - Planning continues for April Child Abuse Prevention month. Meeting with KidsWatch team, UVA Curry School, and southern feeder pattern schools held on December 12. KidsWatch Groups to be held at Walton Elementary during second semester. Cultural Proficiency Training held on November 29.
- **Juvenile Justice Advisory Committee** – **The JJAC received notice of approval of the Juvenile Accountability Block Grant (JABG) funds from DCJS for 2007. The CHINS team has expanded its hours to handle increased referrals.**
- **Youth Service Work Group**- Continued work on developing criteria for the annual student service awards. This year, the work group will be judging the student winners so work group is coming up with set criteria for the student winners. Work group also continued dialogue on an annual youth service opportunity guide
- **Partnership for Children**- The Feasibility Work Group, in their preliminary report, made a recommendation for continued research on co-location for the home visiting programs. Their proposed date for task completion is May 15, 2007. A planning committee has formed to position ourselves for application to the Early Childhood Grant coming from the Governors' office; this grant would be an excellent opportunity to expand service provision to the local early childhood system.
- **Human Services Strategic Plan**- Steering Committee held third meeting. Four of 20 focus groups completed.