

DIRECTOR'S UPDATE—JANUARY 29, 2007- FEBRUARY 26, 2007

Coordination of Services

- Staff attended meetings of the Foothills Child Advocacy Center, City Alternative School Planning Committee, City Council Strategic Planning Meeting.
- CCF is working to recruit non-profit host sites for the City summer employment program.
- First meeting of Engaged Scholars Work Group was held on February 23, with XX people in attendance
- Safe Schools/Healthy Students grant planning group met to prepare for submission of \$6,000,000 to \$9,000,000 grant in May, 2007.
- Director completed United Way evaluation of Initiative for Effective Non-profits.
- Director met with Johnson School principal and CCS Superintendent about increasing homeless population. Community agencies to meet on March 13 to consider solutions.

Raising Awareness of Children and Family Issues

- Stay Active website was visited almost 450 times.
- Logged over 3,800 page views on www.ccfinfo.org. Over 9,500 documents were downloaded from the CCF website. *Low-cost After School Activities* for high school age youth was the top download with 121 downloads, *Stepping Stones 2006* was downloaded 114 times, and the *After School Activities for High School* was downloaded 112 times.
- Director was interviewed by Newsplex 19 about the Youth Development Network and the *Daily Progress* regarding child wellbeing.

Administration/Research

- Human Services Strategic Plan Advisory Committee held fifth meeting.
- FY08 ABRT report to be released on March 5
- 2 UVA interns began work assisting with research and administrative support.
- UVA undergraduate in Economics was identified to help with the Human Services Strategic Plan.
- Analysis of the System's of Care Survey was completed and submitted to the CSA Program Subcommittee for approval.

Work Groups

- **Agency Budget Review Team** –Report completed. Distributed to City Council on March 5 and Board of Supervisors on March 7.
- **Youth Development Network** – The Youth Development Network had its second meeting on February 12th with 60 people attending to continue the development of the initiative.
- **Comprehensive Services Act Committee** – Completed final revisions to program policy and procedures manual. Staff is in the process of developing a revised reporting format of CSA information for CCF members. Systems of Care reporting is being concluded for presentation to the Program Subcommittee and other partners. Staff engaged in discussions with CCF staff to facilitate the acquisition of grant funds to continue effective development of the truancy team process.

- **Family Violence Work Group** - Child Abuse Prevention Month activities being planned for April. This will include a Child Victim Resiliency and Recovery Workshop on April 23 with National Children's Alliance Director Nancy Chandler as keynote speaker. KidsWatch project started at Walton Middle School.
- **Juvenile Justice Advisory Committee** – The JJAC received three proposals for 2007 JABG funding with final decisions to be made at the March 8th meeting.
- **Partnership for Children**- Smart Beginnings Grant proposal has been submitted on behalf of the Partnership for Children. The Data Management Team worked on completing analysis of the data collected last year, as well as recommendation for ways forward.
- **Human Services Strategic Plan**- 15 focus groups completed thus far, 8 (including 2 public hearings) scheduled, 2 to be scheduled. In February, data from the agency focus groups were analyzed, and progress was made on preliminary identification of priority areas.
- **Outcome Measurement Workgroup**- Met and discussed the FY08 ABRT process, the survey for agencies, and a potential change to the scoring of the applications in FY09.

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. (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).
- **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**- Concept Paper submitted on February 9th in the amount of \$65,000 for a Truancy Case Manager piloted in two elementary schools as decided by the School Superintendents. Invitations for submission of the full application will be sent on February 26th.
- **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.