

## DIRECTOR'S UPDATE—DECEMBER 22- JANUARY 29, 2006

### Coordination of Services

- Staff attended meetings of the Foothills Child Advocacy Center, City Alternative School Planning Committee, and 2020 Steering Committee.
- CCF convened second meeting of group which developed Summer Employment City; 32 City youth will be provided internship opportunities; CCF to recruit non-profit host sites.
- First meeting of Engaged Scholars Work Group to be held in February; the invitation to faculty went out.
- Safe Schools/Healthy Students grant planning group met to prepare for submission of \$6,000,000 to \$9,000,000 grant in April, 2007.
- Director provided technical assistance to Piedmont Supervised Visitation Center in preparation for their submittal of Safe Havens grant proposal.
- Director assisted United Way with evaluation of Initiative for Effective Non-profits.

### Raising Awareness of Children and Family Issues

- Stay Active website was visited almost 500 times.
- Logged over 3,400 page views on [www.ccfinfo.org](http://www.ccfinfo.org). Over 8,300 documents were downloaded from the CCF website. *Low-cost After School Activities* for high school age youth was the top download with 114 downloads, *Stepping Stones 2006* was downloaded 99 times, and the *Juvenile Court Guide* was downloaded 110 times.

### Administration/Research

- Human Services Strategic Plan Advisory Committee held fourth meeting.
- Coordinator of Research and Planning completed preliminary analysis of Systems of Care report prepared by UVA Department of Psychology. Under review by CSA Program Subcommittee.
- Coordinator of Research and Planning made contacts within the University and advertised to recruit additional undergraduate research assistants to help with various projects; she also spoke to an Engineering class to recruit students interested in doing best practices research in specific areas.
- An intern from PVCC was recruited and brought in to help with administration.
- FY08 ABRT Team meetings completed.
- CCF fiscal agent moved from Charlottesville to Albemarle on January 1, 2007.
- Sara Dansey has been hired as Project Director for the Foothills Child Advocacy Center.
- Ruth Stone appointed as City of Charlottesville Citizen Representative on CCF.

### Work Groups

- **Agency Budget Review Team** – Meetings completed. Report underway.
- **Youth Development Network** –Second meeting of Steering Committee held; subcommittees formed; full meeting scheduled for February 12.
- **Comprehensive Services Act Committee** – Received preliminary Systems of Care survey results and began next steps discussion with subcommittee; met with local vendor to tour and discuss diagnostic/assessment initiative; disseminated legislative information to CSA committees for review; coordinated and conducted training on

CSA and funding approval process for CSU staff; met with CCF staff to develop plans for follow-up truancy prevention training and program development initiative options; interviewed and provided orientation to PVCC administrative intern working with CCF and initially assigned to CSA; participated in CCF program directors' focus group for human services strategic plan; continued work on program compliance protocols.

- **Family Violence Work Group** - Planning continues for April Child Abuse Prevention month. KidsWatch presentation to Albemarle Southern Feeder Pattern principals and all Albemarle Guidance staff; recruitment began for a KidsWatch groups at Walton Middle School and Clark Elementary. Stewards of Children training provided for Girl Scouts and Charlottesville School administrators.
- **Juvenile Justice Advisory Committee** – The CHINS Team has staffed 29 cases since its first meeting on July 26<sup>th</sup>. The Functional Family Therapy Program has 5 active clients with 7 clients on the waiting list. The FFT services are provided by Region Ten CSB. The JJAC met on January 11<sup>th</sup> and heard a presentation about the Youth Violence Prevention Program funded by a DCJS grant administered by CCF.
- **Partnership for Children**- The Partnership for Children is engaging in discussion around identified areas of challenge; we are exploring ways to address these challenges and improve services. The Feasibility Work Group has welcomed an intern from UVA to help them continue with their research. The Data Management Team is meeting in extra sessions to more quickly get a full data analysis report back to the Partnership.
- **Human Services Strategic Plan**- 14 focus groups have been held, 3 more are scheduled, and at least 5 (plus 2 open public hearings) are in the process of being scheduled. The Economics and Psychology research teams have begun working on projects; the focus group data analysis and background research report are underway.