

DIRECTOR'S UPDATE—JULY 2, 2007-AUGUST 28, 2007

Coordination of Services

- Staff attended meetings of the Foothills Child Advocacy Center, Albemarle County Poverty Workgroup, Albemarle County Achievement Gap Work Group, Albemarle County Website Redesign, Functional Family Therapy Advisory Committee, Creciendo Juntos, and the VJCCCA Regional Meeting
- Director attended meeting of GOSAP group considering statewide youth survey.
- Staff provided technical assistance to three schools regarding 21st Century grant.
- Director met with Buford and Jackson-Via principals to discuss community collaboration.
- Director and Coordinator of Research and Planning met with Robert Johnson at Region Ten about his research needs, grant writing needs, and desire for improved service coordination.

Raising Awareness of Children and Family Issues

- Stay Active website was visited over 800 times.
- Logged almost 4,000 page views on www.ccfinfo.org. Thursday, August 2nd was the date with most pageviews ever for the CCF website; there were 536 pageviews that day. Almost 14,000 documents were downloaded from the CCF website. The *Juvenile Court Guide* was the top download with 184 downloads, the *After-School Activities for Elementary School* had 169 downloads, and the *Human Services Priorities, Phase II* was downloaded 164 times.
- Director and Steve Stern presented Human Service Priorities to Albemarle County Board of Supervisors and City Council accepted it on consent agenda
- JJ Coordinator participated as a presenter and panel member at the “Putting It Together for Youth Job Fair” on June 8th.
- Staff were interviewed by CBS, Channel 19 about conditions for children locally, in response to the release of the 2006 Kids Count Databook.
- Director interviewed on WINA morning show regarding Gang Forum.
- Director presented made a presentation on Risk and Resiliency at the Community Gang Forum

Administration/Research

- CSA Committee continues to recruit up to four parent representatives to serve on the Family Assessment and Planning Team (FAPT) and Truancy Planning Team.
- Construction has begun on revised CCF office space.
- Hamid Kariampour hired as part-time Youth Development Network Coordinator.
- The Albemarle County Board of Supervisors appointed Hannah Langlet as youth representative.
- The Charlottesville City Council appointed Leslie Beauregard to represent the City Manager's office.
- Currently, there is one Commission vacancy for a City Citizen Representative.
- Staff made a presentation at the 4th Annual University-Community Partnership Conference in Blacksburg, VA.

- Coordinator or Research and Planning met with two UVA professors about having their Fall courses centered on research for CCF.
- The new UIP intern starts 8/28/07. We will also have at least one undergraduate intern working with us in the Fall for course credit with Dick Reppucci.
- Coordinator or Research and Planning met with two community partners and UVA regarding the partners' need for research assistance.

Work Groups

- **Agency Budget Review Team** –FY09 schedule and application revisions complete. Staff provided technical assistance to two agencies. Application to be released on August 31, due on October 16.
- **Youth Development Network** – The YDN Steering Committee met on August 3rd to plan for the large group meeting on August 28th and the development of the YDN referral system. The Youth Development Referral Clearinghouse was launched on August 28. Grassroots outreach activities are planned for September.
- **Comprehensive Services Act Committee** – Interns worked on interviewing stakeholders about why they thought there was a cost discrepancy between the City and County. Cost discrepancy information assembled and forwarded to graduate intern for analysis. Stabilization, diagnostic and assessment services discussions held with local CSB. Systems of Care mapping planning and work plan development strategies initiated.
- **Family Violence Work Group- Foothills** CAC received \$67,000 Virginia Department of Health and Human Services grant.
- **Juvenile Justice Advisory Committee** – The JJAC met on July 12th with the focus on the FFT, Truancy Prevention, Violence Prevention and Gang Prevention grants.
- **Partnership for Children-** The Partnership for Children approved a concept paper with a request to CCF on co-location; received an update on Smart Beginnings Grant; formed an ad hoc committee to explore ways to further engage community in our efforts; and set up a process to address and review remaining challenges from our annual analysis.
- **Human Services Strategic Plan-** The priorities were accepted by the Council and Board on the consent agendas in August. We established workgroup membership and an initial meeting date for the new Human Services Strategic Plan Steering Committee. Work on the executive summary and information papers on all priority areas were completed. The cost/benefit research for Youth Services nears completion, thanks to Steve Stern, Nikola Juris, and Dory Stern.
- **Funding Application Advisory Team** – Met and approved FY09 Community Agency Application changes, revisions to the scoring system, and incorporation of the Human Services Strategic Plan Service-Oriented Priorities.
- **Engaged Scholars Work Group** – An intern completed a summary of best practices in engaged scholarship around the US. Surveys for faculty and community agencies were developed to assess positives and barriers to community-university collaborations; the surveys will be administered in August.
- **Teen Pregnancy and STD Prevention** - An intern worked on updating the data in the strategic plan.
- **Substance Abuse Prevention- SAPC** is working with the Teen Pregnancy and STD Prevention Coalition to update the Strategic Plan, now called the Risky Behavior

Strategic Plan. No July meeting for SAPC, next meeting is scheduled for August 29, 2007 @ 12:30, Albemarle County Office Building, conference room C.

- **Systems of Care Leadership Team:** Invitations were sent out for an Information Session to potential members of this new workgroup. Coordinator of Research and Planning consulted with researchers at the University of South Florida about best practices in mapping systems of care and assessing customer's needs and perceptions of the system of care.

Status of CCF Grants:

1. Current grants

- **Functional Family Therapy-** \$100,000 awarded for second year; renewable for three additional years, 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.)
- **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 June, 2007 and it is anticipated that staff will move from being County employees to being non-profit employees in October, 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.
- **Smart Beginnings:** Smart Beginnings Grant proposal was awarded to the Partnership for Children with the United Way as fiscal agent- \$400,000 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.
- **DCJS Truancy case manager-** Formal notification that CCF was awarded \$65,000 for a Truancy Case Manager submitted to be piloted in two or more elementary schools as decided by the School Superintendents. Position has been advertised.

2. Pending grants

- **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.
- **Safe Schools/Healthy Students** grant was submitted to the U.S. Departments of Education, Justice, and Health and Human Services. This \$6,000,000 proposal will address the following:
 - 1) Safe School Environments and Violence Prevention Activities
 - 2) Alcohol/Other Drug Prevention Activities
 - 3) Student Behavioral, Social and Emotional Supports

- 4) Mental Health Services
- 5) Early Childhood Social and Emotional Supports.