

DIRECTOR'S UPDATE—MAY 30, 2007-JULY 2, 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, St. John the Baptist in the Woods Foundation, Functional Family Therapy Advisory Committee, Albemarle DSS focus group, Charlottesville Parks and Recreation Partnership Planning meeting.
- Safe Schools/Healthy Students grant planning group met weekly to prepare for submission of \$6,000,000, which was sent on June 19, 2007.
- CCF's Teen Pregnancy/STD Prevention and STD Prevention Work Groups met to discuss possible merger to a Risk Prevention Work Group.
- Director consulted with Family Treatment Court Advisory Team about grant opportunities.
- Juvenile Justice Coordinator attended the DCJS Delinquency Prevention Conference in Hampton Roads from June 18th – 20th.

Raising Awareness of Children and Family Issues

- Stay Active website was visited over 817 times.
- Logged a little over 2,700 page views on www.ccfinfo.org. Over 14,000 documents were downloaded from the CCF website. The *Low Cost List (for Summer 2007)* was the top download with 256 downloads, the *Juvenile Court Guide* had 202 downloads, and the *2006 Stepping Stones* was downloaded 154 times.
- Director met with Virginia Organizing Project Intern regarding Youth Development.
- Director met with the Albemarle DSS Board to discuss child care issues.
- JJ Coordinator participated as a presenter and panel member at the "Putting It Together for Youth Job Fair" on June 8th.

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.
- CCF will be entering into a new lease with Albemarle County. The front part of the suite will be occupied by the Voter Registrar. CCF will expand in the back part of the suite and an additional office will be built in the current common area. This is expected to be completed in August, 2007.
- Human Services Strategic Plan Advisory Committee held ninth and final meeting.
- The Charlottesville City Council appointed Hallie Freer as youth representative to the Commission.
- Currently, there are two Commission vacancies; one for a City Citizen Representative and for one youth from the County.
- Staff performance evaluations were completed.

Work Groups

- **Agency Budget Review Team** –FY09 schedule and application revisions under development; member recruitment begun. Staff provided technical assistance to one agency.

- **Youth Development Network** – The YDN Steering Committee met on June 4th and June 25th and developed a Comprehensive Plan with objectives including the development of the referral network. CCF received 26 resumes for the part-time YDN Coordinator position. Interviews will be conducted in July with August as the targeted hiring date.
- **Comprehensive Services Act Committee** – CSA committees and staff have developed local public comments related to foster care prevention policy changes and impact assessments for localities for submission to the State by July 20th. Workgroup on stabilization, diagnostic and assessment services has met with CSB director and staff to explore local partnership options to meet this service need. FY 08 CSA Terms and Conditions was distributed to 300 + vendors. Initial meeting of program cost/financial analysis work group held to begin work plan development. Staff attended statewide CSA Coordinators meeting.
- **Family Violence Work Group**- KidsWatch grant proposal to the Avon Foundation pending.
- **Juvenile Justice Advisory Committee** – The JJAC will meet on July 12th with a focus on oversight of the new delinquency prevention grants.
- **Partnership for Children**- The Partnership for Children heard reports from the Feasibility Work Group and the Data Management Work Group. Data Management's Refinement Proposal, which is intended to help ensure the maximum impact of Partnership services, was approved. Partners will revisit the topic of co-location of the home visiting programs and discuss the recommendations from the Feasibility Group in July. Partners voted on new Executive Committee members who will assume their duties on July 1.
- **Human Services Strategic Plan**- Local priorities adopted at last CCF meeting. Informational papers in development. Work plans for the development of strategic plans, which will specifically address the identified service-oriented priority areas, also are in development.
- **Funding Application Advisory Team** – Met and discussed how to incorporate the priorities from the Human Service Strategic Plan into the FY09 application.
- **Engaged Scholars Work Group** – On hiatus until the Fall Semester.
- **Teen Pregnancy and STD Prevention** - The Work Group, in conjunction with the Substance Abuse Prevention Group will update the 1999 Teen Pregnancy Prevention report and recommendations to include examination of other risky behaviors.
- **Substance Abuse Prevention**- The Substance Abuse Prevention Work Group will be working with the Teen Pregnancy Group on the Risky Behavior Strategic Plan.

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 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.

2. Pending grants

- **DCJS Truancy case manager-** Verbal 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.
- **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.
- **Charlottesville Radio Group (CRG) Community Awareness Grant:** The Partnership for Children was informed that it did not receive the grant.
- **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

See attached abstract and summary.