

DIRECTOR'S UPDATE---MARCH 30, 2010-MAY 26, 2010

Coordination of Services

- Staff attended meetings of the Foothills Child Advocacy Center, Smart Beginnings, Partnership for Children, Community Obesity Task Force, KidsWatch, Teen Health Coalition, Burnley-Moran and Greer School Case Management teams, Runaway Emergency Program and the Improved Pregnancy Outcomes Work Group, Reentry Council, Adult Mental Health Task Force, Westhaven Community Day Planning Committee, Masters of Public Health Advisory Board.
- The Safe Schools/Healthy Students Core Management Team has met every two weeks to plan for coordinated implementation of the grant.
- Director met with and continues to consult with leadership of the Community Obesity Task Force on development of a work plan.
- Director met with two individuals seeking human services employment in the area.
- At the request of the Charlottesville Redevelopment and Housing Authority and the Westhaven Nursing Clinic, Director convened a meeting of the more than 30 community organizations providing services in that community.
- The Task Force on Race Disparity and Disproportionality and Safe Schools/Healthy Students staff continued to develop strategies to address group violence.
- Director visited new Boys and Girls Club facility
- The Prevention Team Leader completed work with the After School Subcommittee of the Obesity Task Force to assess the nutrition and physical activity practices of local after school programs.
- The CASASTART Coordinator and the Prevention team Leader provided a family dinner for the CASASTART Program families on May 20th, 2010.
- Director provided facilitation for development of an Adult Mental Health Work Plan.

Raising Awareness of Children and Family Issues

- Logged just under 3,100 page views on www.ccfinfo.org in April, and 2,061 page views through May 24, 2010. There were 15,294 documents downloaded from the CCF website from March 30 to May 25, 2010. The Low-Cost or Free Summer Opportunities for Young People (Summer 2010) is the top download with 249 downloads, followed by the Characteristics of Juvenile Offenders, 1997-1999 and The CSA Vendor Information List with 243 downloads and 118 respectively .
- 20 messages were posted to the CCF Listserv since March 30, 2010 and five new members have joined the list.
- CCF received one media hit.
- Director met with two resident interested in learning more about CCF.
- Director met with three interns interested in working with CCF
- CCF sponsored two ROSMY Institute on Equality full day trainings on working with gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgender youth. Over sixty people attended the two forums.
- Director and Outreach and Information Coordinator worked with community partners from the Departments of Social Services, Foothills CAC, CYFS, SARA, Shelter for Help in Emergency to deliver a number of programs for April's Child Abuse Prevention month. Activities included brown bag lunches, forums, and opportunities to participate in Stewards of Children training on how adults can protect children from sexual abuse.

Administration/Research

- CSA Committee continues to recruit up to four parent representatives to serve on the Family Assessment and Planning Team (FAPT).
- CCF, Agency Budget Review Team members and funded agencies received a report from Suzanne Morse Moomaw's UVA Planning Class on graduate class on possible methodology for setting local human service priorities; analysis of the process of local human funding decisions historically; and alternative strategies for human service decision-making by localities.
- CCF will be convening a work group to develop human service prioritization strategies.
- Staff is working with CSA partners to transfer CSA Administration to the Departments of Social Services.
- Director provided technical assistance to two ABRT agencies

Work Groups

- **Agency Budget Review Team** – Team members attended the presentation described above..
- **Youth Development Network** – The Website Subcommittee met to continue development of the Youth Development Network Website. The YDN Steering Committee will sponsored a very well-attended luncheon meeting on 4/15 with summer programming as the major focus of the meeting. The Website Subcommittee plans to have the updated Stay Active Website ready for use by 6/30.
- **Comprehensive Services Act Committee** – Annual vendor terms and conditions have been reviewed and forwarded to County Attorney for approval and subsequent distribution. Coordinator facilitating quarterly State CSA Coordinators meeting in June; staff continues to explore the implementation of a web based system for FAPT document submission with the City and County IT departments; Staff have continued to provide regular and ad hoc work group support while working internally and with stakeholders to facilitate transition of administrative functions July 1st. **Juvenile Justice Advisory Committee – deferred**
- **Human Services Strategic Plan** – deferred
- **Prevention Coalition – deferred**
- **Partnership for Children** - The Partnership for Children had a discussion about kindergarten transition and will be putting together a list of suggestions and strategies for our community to improve the transition for children.
- **Task Force on Race Disparity and Disproportionality**- The Task Force has had eight meetings. A final report by University of Virginia student researchers has been completed, and the Task Force has developed recommendations in the areas of health, mental health, and juvenile justice. **In future meetings, the Task Force** will work on recommendations related to child welfare and education.
- **Stepping Stones** – Michael Marquardt, UVA intern, has begun collecting information for the 2010 publication of *Stepping Stones*. We are incorporating 12 new indicators from the Thomas Jefferson Area Health District MAPP – Community Health Status Assessment - publication into this year's *Stepping Stones*.
- **Youth Service Work Group** – *Collaborated with the Charlottesville Area Community Foundation and held the Celebration of Youth Service and presentation of the United Way Student Service Awards in conjunction with the CACF Youth Service Award on*

May 3rd at City Space. It was well attended and David Toscano helped present the awards.

Status of CCF Grants:

1. Current grants

- **Partnership for Children:** The Partnership for Children received a \$500 grant from the Albemarle County Rotary Club.
- **Safe Schools/Healthy Students** The almost \$6,000,000 grant was awarded effective July 1, 2009. The Core Management Team has held five meetings.
- **Functional Family Therapy-** \$50,000 awarded for fourth year; renewable for one additional year for \$25,000. Provides training and purchase of services for evidence-based treatment for high risk youth and families.
- **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. Community Attention in partnership with CCF received a third and final year of funding in 2009.
- **Smart Beginnings:** The Smart Beginnings Continuation grant was awarded a \$100,000 challenge grant.
- **DCJS Truancy Case Manager-** The CASASTART Truancy Case Manager Program received a third and final year of funding at \$65,000. The program is located at Burnley-Moran Elementary School in Charlottesville and Greer Elementary School in Albemarle County. Ashley Keefe began on 12/1 as the new CASASTART Coordinator. Recent evaluation results show that children who have been in the program for two years show a 64% decrease in absences.
- **Summer Scholarships-** \$5,000 from the Charlottesville Area Community Foundation (CACF), \$2,000 from the Party Parade Fund of the CACF and \$550 from Topeka Steakhouse was awarded to the Summer FUNd in 2009. Approximately \$7,190 was spent in 2009 to fund summer activities for 41 children. The committee is currently writing grants and seeking funds for next summer's program.
- **Charlottesville Area Community Foundation:** \$5,000 to provide stipends for parent representatives at FAPT and/or for family advocates to participate in local policy and program development meetings.

2. Pending grants

- **Bama Works Grant** – The Scholarship Committee applied for a Bama Works Grant to fund Summer FUNd 2010.
- **Byrne Juvenile Assistance Grant** – The Prevention Team Specialist, in conjunction with a subcommittee sponsored by Albemarle Department of Social Services, submitted a grant application to DCJS to fund an After School Program serving the Wilton Farms neighborhood.
- **Virginia Department of Criminal Justice Services-** The Prevention Team Leader prepared and submitted two proposals- one to extend CASASTart funding and one to support Community Attention Teens Give.
- **US Department of Justice Children Exposed to Violence Demonstration Grant-** Director has convened community partners to plan for the \$160,000 Demonstration Grant-Phase 1.
- **Safe Schools/Health Students Mentoring Grant-** Safe Schools and CCF staff are preparing a proposal for a \$300,000 mentoring grant for high risk children.

- **America's Promise Neighborhoods-** Director has been asked to provide technical assistance with this grant by the City of Charlottesville.
- **Project LAUNCH-** Director reviewed the Request for Proposals for this early childhood grant. Community partners decided to wait until 2011 to submit. Director will convene a planning team in September.