

## **DIRECTOR'S UPDATE—FEBRUARY 26, 2007-MARCH 30, 2007**

### **Coordination of Services**

- Staff attended meetings of the Foothills Child Advocacy Center, City Alternative School Planning Committee, City Council Budget Work Sessions (2) and Board of Supervisors Work Sessions (3), and Creciendo Juntos.
- CCF recruited 16 non-profit host sites for the City summer employment program.
- Second meeting of Engaged Scholars Work Group was held on March 16
- 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 submitted United Way evaluation of Initiative for Effective Non-profits.
- Director met with Johnson School principal and community agencies on March 13 to develop a community support system for children from homeless and troubled families.
- Director joined Albemarle County Local Government/Schools Joint Committee on the Achievement Gap.
- Director joined Albemarle County study group on poverty.
- Director and Juvenile Justice Coordinator met with Region Ten staff regarding expansion of Functional Family Therapy.
- Director met with committee considering submission of a grant proposal for housing for homeless youth.
- Director met with resident considering development of low-income Montessori Pre-school.
- Director and Coordinator of Planning and Research met with UVA, PVCC and the public schools to talk about submitting a grant to support expanded science learning in the schools.
- Director and Coordinator of Planning and Research met with representatives of the Women's Initiative.
- Director attended forum on Re-entry of Prisoners. CCF to provide technical assistance in structure of ongoing work.

### **Raising Awareness of Children and Family Issues**

- CCF Director and Chair presented CCF Annual Report to City Council on March 19
- Stay Active website was visited almost 553 times.
- Logged over 4,360 page views on [www.ccfinfo.org](http://www.ccfinfo.org). Over 8,300 documents were downloaded from the CCF website. *ABRT FY08 Final Report* was the top download with 164 downloads, the Public Forum flier had 124 downloads, and the *After School Activities for Elementary School* brochure was downloaded 121 times.
- Human Services Strategic Plan Public Hearing held on March 24, with 18 people in attendance. Media coverage by NBC29 at the event (prior to the event the WCAV (Channel 19), WINA, and NBC 29 covered the event).
- CCF staff provided a Truancy Prevention Training at the Monticello Event and Conference Center on 3/29 for CHINS Team members and Truancy Officers.

## Administration/Research

- CSA Committee has recruited up to four parent representatives to serve on the Family Assessment and Planning Team (FAPT) and Truancy Planning Team.
- Human Services Strategic Plan Advisory Committee held sixth meeting.
- County Board of Supervisors to interview five applicants for two Commission slots.

## Work Groups

- **Agency Budget Review Team** –Director and ABRT members attend City Council and Board of Supervisors work sessions.
- **Youth Development Network – The Youth Development Network Steering Committee met on March 5<sup>th</sup> to continue the work of the subcommittees and to prepare for the large group meeting on April 16<sup>th</sup>.**
- **Comprehensive Services Act Committee** – Completed procurement approval for issue of letter of interest related to stabilization, diagnostic and assessment facility; completed finalization of Systems of Care recommendations for approval; facilitated and hosted quarterly statewide CSA Coordinators' meeting; completed follow-up planning and training sessions for CHINS Team truancy/attendance officers; conducted program orientation and follow-up meeting for Albemarle family support workers.
- **Family Violence Work Group** - April is Child Abuse Prevention Month. Activities will include a Child Victim Resiliency and Recovery Workshop on April 23 with National Children's Alliance Director Nancy Chandler as keynote speaker. Preparing grant application to expand KidsWatch.
- **Juvenile Justice Advisory Committee – The JJAC met on 3/8 to approve the 2007 JABG Allocation Plan and to hear a presentation on Local Truancy Patterns.**
- **Partnership for Children-** The Partnership for Children is exploring ways to increase enrollment and provide services earlier to prenatal clients; a subcommittee has formed to discuss capacity and potential strategies. The Data Management Team continues to work on a report to the Partnership which will summarize the data so far and outline ways of improving the data in the future.
- **Human Services Strategic Plan-** The Advisory Committee began to select preliminary priority areas to present to CCF and on which the UVA research teams will conduct cost/benefit and best practices research.
- **Outcome Measurement Workgroup-** Met to discuss ABRT agency feedback and the adoption of a new scoring system to be used in FY10.
- **Youth Service Workgroup:** Third annual Celebration of Youth Service and presentation of United Way Student Service Awards scheduled for April 16 at 4:30-6:30 at Dickenson Building at Piedmont Virginia Community College.
- **Substance Abuse Prevention Work Group:** Information and Outreach Coordinator prepared materials for Social Norms Marketing Program at Albemarle High School. Third version of First Response Community Connection Card distributed.

## 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).
- **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-** Application for \$65,000 for a Truancy Case Manager submitted to be piloted in two or more elementary schools as decided by the School Superintendents.
- **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.