

DIRECTOR'S UPDATE--APRIL 25, 2007- MAY 30, 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, Health Department MAPP Team, Mental Health Initiative, Functional Family Therapy Advisory Committee.
- Director attended JABA Viable Futures meeting.
- Safe Schools/Healthy Students grant planning group met weekly to prepare for submission of \$6,000,000 grant due June 19, 2007.
- A meeting of CCF's prevention focused workgroups staff and/or chairs was held on May 14 to discuss coordination.
- CCF hosted an OJJDP site visit to review the OJJDP grant programs that we administer.

Raising Awareness of Children and Family Issues

- Stay Active website was visited over 500 times.
- Logged a little over 3,200 page views on www.ccfinfo.org. Over 9,000 documents were downloaded from the CCF website. The *Low Cost List (for Summer 2006 and Summer 2007)* was the top download with 332 downloads, the Parent Rep Fact Sheet had 126 downloads, and the *2006 Stepping Stones* was downloaded 118 times.
- Director met with new Commissioner and Region Ten Director, Robert Johnson.
- CCF staff participated in County Open House.

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.
- Human Services Strategic Plan Advisory Committee held eighth meeting.
- County Board of Supervisors appointed citizen representative Ralph Chester to the Commission.
- Currently, there are three Commission vacancies; one for a City Citizen Representative and for one each youth from the City and County.
- Psychology graduate student, Mandy Steiner and undergraduate intern Ann Emery began summer internships. Each brought \$2,500 of her own external funding to support her summer work with CCF.
- CCF welcomes new Region Ten employee, Tom Harrison as the Utilization Review Clinician in the CSA Office.
- Staff performance evaluations are underway.
- Coordinator of Research and Planning participated in a conference call: "Beyond the University IRB: Understanding Alternative Models for Human Protection - Part I: Supplementing the IRB for Community Protection with a Community Advisory Board" sponsored by Community-Campus Partnerships for Health.

Work Groups

- **Agency Budget Review Team** –FY09 schedule under development; member recruitment begun.

- **Youth Development Network** – The YDN Steering Committee met on May 7th and recommended the development of a YDN Comprehensive Plan to guide the work of the group. The YDN Coordinator position has been advertised with the goal of hiring a Coordinator by mid to late June.
- **Comprehensive Services Act Committee** – CSA committees and staff have completed review and discussions on the state and local level related to foster care prevention policy changes and impact assessments for localities. Interim guidelines with local policy clarification have been issued to CSA partners. Albemarle Purchasing has forwarded statements of interest in the provision of stabilization, diagnostic and assessment services. Work group and staff have reviewed responses and are in the process of drafting summary and recommendations for Program Subcommittee. Albemarle County Attorney has completed review and approval of FY 08 CSA Terms and Conditions for dissemination to vendors. Utilization Review Clinician has been hired under contract with Region Ten Community Services Board.
- **Family Violence Work Group**- KidsWatch has submitted a grant proposal to the Avon Foundation.
- **Juvenile Justice Advisory Committee** – The JJAC met on May 10th . They received a report from the Functional Family Therapy Program ; an update on the Juvenile Offender Research that will begin in June ; and an update on the CHINS Team .
- **Partnership for Children**- Charlottesville Radio Group Community Awareness Grant proposal submitted on behalf of the Partnership for Children.
- **Human Services Strategic Plan**- Identified local priorities and will bring them to CCF in June for comment/approval.
- **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** - Met for the 4th time, established sub-committees, identified summer projects (and the means to complete those projects), and drafted basic work plans for the coming year.

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 May, 2007 and it is anticipated that staff will move from being County employees to being non-profit employees in July, 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-** 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.
- **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:** CCF Executive Committee approved submission of grant proposal on behalf of the Partnership for Children to increase Public Awareness efforts. The grant is for a year long series of radio announcements (valued at \$87,360.00). A total of sixty (60) commercials would be broadcast across CRG radio stations over the course of the broadcast week (including WCNR, WINA, WQMZ, WVAX, and WWWV). 4 recipients are chosen.