

DIRECTOR'S UPDATE--SEPTEMBER 25-OCTOBER 24, 2006

Coordination of Services

- Staff attended meetings of the Albemarle County Department of Social Services Strategic Plan meeting, St. John the Baptist in the Woods Foundation, Foothills Child Advocacy Center, 2020 Plan Steering Committee, Voices for Virginia's Children Self Sufficiency Standard training, Albemarle County Survey presentation, Center for Non-profit Excellence, and United Way Funding Committee for youth development programs.
- Comprehensive meeting of all youth development and prevention work group members and community agencies scheduled for October 30.
- Assisted City of Charlottesville Budget Manager in revision of grants procedures.
- Volunteer recognition reception being planned for December 15.
- Preliminary Functional Family Therapy Training held at COB Fifth Street on 10/24.

Raising Awareness of Children and Family Issues

- Stay Active website was visited over 350 times.
- Logged over 4,195 page views on www.ccfinfo.org. Over 8,800 documents were downloaded from the CCF website. *Low-cost After School Activities* for elementary age youth was the top download with over 128 downloads, ABRT FY08 forms and instructions comprised the next most popular downloads, and the *Human Services Investments* full report was downloaded 113 times.
- Interactive Guide to Youth Services formal release occurred on October 18.
- After-school brochures delivered to all City and County Elementary and Middle School.
- Meetings with Pastor Lehman Bates, Ebenezer Baptist Church, Wendy Brown of the Center for Non-profit Excellence, and Public Housing Association of Residents regarding CCF.
- Articles in the Hook and Real Estate Weekly regarding Foothills CAC.

Administration/Research

- Human Services Strategic Plan Advisory Committee held first meeting on October 19.
- Systems of Care surveys released in partnership between CSA Committee and UVA Psychology Department planned.
- Five graduate, and 12 undergraduate UVA students continue research projects related to CCF work.
- FY08 ABRT Team Orientation held.
- CCF and UVA's Provost's Office hosts a round table discussion on October 27 with UVA faculty to discuss student and faculty research at CCF.
- Presentation of Human Services Budget to Albemarle County Board of Supervisors scheduled for November 1.
- Staff presented the Juvenile Offender research to a UVA Education class on 9/28.

Work Groups

- **Agency Budget Review Team** – Technical assistance provided to fifteen agencies preparing for FY08 process. On October 17, CCF received funding applications from 25 agencies representing 52 programs.

- **Youth Development Network** – Former Assets for Youth Work Group and representatives from other prevention work groups are in the process of creating a network to share information, encourage youth engagement and avoid duplication of services.
- **Comprehensive Services Act Committee** – The Secure Facility subcommittee will issue a letter of interest to gauge the interest of vendors in developing a local crisis stabilization/diagnostic/assessment center. Systems of Care overviews provided to CSA partner staffs. Staff assessing ability to apply for Innovative Community Services grant from OCS; hosted and attended pre-proposal conference. Developed initial process for review of FAPT exempted cases.
- **Family Violence Work Group** - Cultural Proficiency Training scheduled for November 29. Planning begins for April Child Abuse Prevention month. Meeting with KidsWatch team, UVA Curry School, and southern feeder pattern schools to discuss pilot project.
- **Juvenile Justice Advisory Committee** – Juvenile Justice Coordinator wrote and submitted a GOSAP Gang Prevention grant featuring the Teens GIVE Service Learning Program.
- **Outcome Measurement**- Approved Focus Areas, August 2006 update for release on web once references are complete. Approved new ABRT scoring form to be piloted this season.
- **Teen Pregnancy and STD Prevention**- Working with community psychology on position paper and community survey. Continued dissemination of information about school sexuality education.
- **Youth Service Work Group**- Work group will be producing an annual guide of Youth Service Opportunities in the Charlottesville/Albemarle community. Work group hopes to have a local newspaper underwrite this project. Work group will also continue to host the annual Community Youth Service Celebration and United Way service Awards.
- **Substance Abuse Prevention Coalition** The Coalition is currently pursuing the implementation of a Social Norms Marketing campaign in a local high school. After receiving a presentation on Environmental Strategies from Gail Taylor, Coordinator of Prevention Services in Henrico, the SA Prevention Coalition is considering how best to pursue this strategy locally, as well as the most appropriate target audience . These prevention strategies will continue to be discussed and a plan of action for the coalition will continue to be on the agenda for future meetings. The Coalition will be participating in the the newly launched Youth Development Taskforce initiative spearheaded by CCF on October 30thcommunity concerns.
- **Partnership for Children**- Completed their initial data analysis and Annual Report . Continued, more detailed data analysis is planned. The Partnership Work Groups are reconvening. Our Feasibility Work Group has established meeting times and, using an outside facilitator to guide the process, will to explore the possibility of co-location for our home visiting programs. Recommendations from this group are expected by December 19. Last year the Seal of Good Child Care program was piloted at CYFS. This year we received a grant for a half time position for the program. Currently two centers have received awards for the Seal of Good Child Care: one level one and one level two.