

DIRECTOR'S UPDATE--AUGUST 28, 2007-OCTOBER 30, 2007

Coordination of Services

- Staff attended meetings of the Foothills Child Advocacy Center, Albemarle County Poverty Workgroup, Health Department MAPP planning group, Albemarle County Achievement Gap Work Group, Functional Family Therapy Advisory Committee, Creciendo Juntos, the VJCCCA Regional Meeting, VJCCCA Oversight Committee, the Piedmont Workforce Network, the Urban Vision Advisory Council, an OAR Re-Entry Subcommittee Meeting, a meeting of stakeholders looking into Mental Health Initiatives for Adults with Moderate Mental Health Problems, the U.Va. Masters in Public Health Advisory Committee, with U.Va. Institutional Review Board administrators, and attended an event at PVCC to recruit interns.
- CCF and CSA staff as well as other partner agency staff members participated in the Statewide Systems of Care Conference September 16th – 18th.
- Director had meetings with representatives from Youth Motorsports Academy, Evergreen Baptist Church, Alzheimer's Association, and Community Mediation Center, to discuss coordination of services.
- Director met with four residents interested in learning more about CCF.
- Director provided Outcome Measurement Training for Charlottesville DSS administrative team.
- CCF hosted a meeting of stakeholders in adult mental health issues to ask them to go forward with planning on the community planning priority to address moderate mental health needs of adults.
- Juvenile Justice Coordinator met with Ed Bowman, Post Dispositional Coordinator for Blue Ridge Detention Center to discuss the implementation of the new Mental Health reenrollment Regulations.
- Several CCF staff members attended the Best Practice Court Conference in Culpeper on October 30th.

Raising Awareness of Children and Family Issues

- Stay Active website was visited over 700 times in September and 620 times in October.
- Logged just over 4,000 page views each month on www.ccfinfo.org during September and October. There were 10,400 documents downloaded from the CCF website in September. The *Human Services Priorities Executive Summary* was the top download with 161 downloads, the *Parent Rep Fact Sheet* had 124 downloads, and the *After-School Activities for Elementary School* was downloaded 123 times. In October there were almost 8, 400 downloads with top download still being the HSP Executive Summary (157) and the next most popular were the ABRT Instructions and Program Forms with 142 and 132 downloads, respectively.
- Director made a presentation on the Youth Development Network at the August community gang forum.
- Director made presentation on Human Services priorities to Leadership Charlottesville.
- The Coordinator of Research and Planning made a presentation to the TJ Disability Services Board on the Human Service Priorities.

- The Youth Development Network Coordinator and the Juvenile Justice Coordinator met with the Blue Ridge Detention Center staff to coordinate discharge service referrals for residents.
- CCF has had a total of 16 media hits since August from WINA, WCAV, NBC, The Daily Progress, the C-ville Weekly, and an NBC radio program covering everything from the launch of the Youth Development Network, the Gang Awareness Forum, the Human Services Priorities Phase II Executive Summary, and the opening of the Foothills Child Advocacy center, to issues such as bullying, recidivism, and budget cuts.

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.
- Construction has been completed on revised CCF office space.
- Currently, there is one Commission vacancy for a City Citizen Representative.
- Information and Outreach Coordinator assisted Albemarle DSS with formatting report on poverty in the County.
- Two U.Va. undergraduate research assistants and one UIP intern joined us for the semester, as well as one volunteer intern who is a student at PVCC.
- Karen Walker's undergraduate students started a project to help CCF map the local service system for children with emotional disorders.
- Data collection and trends analyses for Stepping Stones were completed.
- A total of 3 presentations were made by staff to two U.Va. undergraduate classes. These presentations outlined general CCF initiatives, research needs, the local human service system, the Systems of Care initiative, and the Human Service priorities.
- The CSA committee partnered with Steve Stern, PhD, to help with the evaluation of the CSA structure and processes. A research team is being convened to advise the process.
- Technical assistance for the FY09 Community Application was provided to 15 agencies by the Director and the Coordinator of Research and Planning.
- The Director, CSA Coordinator, Utilization Review Manager, and Coordinator of Research and Planning attended a 3-day conference on Systems of Care in Roanoke.
- Three U.Va. graduate students and their undergraduate research assistants completed the Juvenile Justice case file review and provided the data to CCF.
- Provided training and orientation ABRT agencies and Team members.

Work Groups

- **Agency Budget Review Team** –Applications were received from 26 agencies representing 54 programs. Teams have begun to meet.
- **Youth Development Network** –The Youth Development Referral Clearinghouse was launched on August 28 at the YDN summer meeting held at the Zion Baptist Church. Grassroots outreach activities were held in September. A committee has been formed to consider raising funds for summer and youth activity scholarships.
- **Comprehensive Services Act Committee** – Hosted Statewide CSA Coordinators meeting with updates on DMAS Demonstration Project and EPSDT Project. Reviewed program Terms and Conditions for liability assessment and practices congruency. Submitted annual State reports on service gap assessment, trust funds

and parent and private provider representation. Gathered and provided information to trends analysis intern on financial trends. Worked with CCF and CSA staff and committees to continue efforts on systems development, evaluation and CHINS Team evaluation and truancy prevention initiatives. Held first SOC Leadership team meeting. Staff attended State sponsored SOC Evidences Based Practices conference and Central Virginia Roundtable on Evidenced Bases Practices.

- **Family Violence Work Group-** Foothills CAC received 501c3 tax exempt designation and held an open house in the new space. KidsWatch services have been started at Jackson Via Elementary School.
- **Juvenile Justice Advisory Committee** – The JJAC met on September 13th to discuss the YDN Network; to review the implementation of the Truancy Prevention Grant, the Functional Family Therapy Grant, the GOSAP Gang Prevention Grant and the JABG Grant; and to receive an update on the activities of the FY 2007 CHINS Team.
- **Partnership for Children-**
 - In August, The Partnership for Children approved a concept paper with a request to CCF on co-location and formed an ad hoc committee to explore ways to further engage community in our efforts. Partners set up a process to address and review remaining challenges from our annual analysis.
 - In September, discussion was initiated on child care regulations including clarifying the differences among the types of child care available. Children, Youth & Family Services, Inc. (CYFS) has been selected as a pilot for the Quality Rating Improvement System (QRIS) and will be working with Bright Stars, Head Start, and private centers to pilot the instrument in their three and four year old classrooms.
 - In October, Partners agreed to develop an action plan around one of CCF's identified priorities, to 'expand programming and access to affordable, early care and education for children from birth through age five, which meets an agreed upon standard of quality.' We're also looking at foster care data to see if there are interventions we can put in place to help prevent kids from entering foster care.
- **Human Services Strategic Plan-** The new Steering Committee has met twice.
- **Funding Application Advisory Team** – No meetings. The next meeting will be at the end of the application review process.
- **Engaged Scholars Work Group** – The Steering Committee met once, and the whole work group met three times. The work group completed research on best practices, community/university research/learning partnership assets and barriers, and is in the process of completing a progress report; the work group continues to help facilitate partnerships by matching community needs with U.Va. resources.
- **Substance Abuse Prevention-** New page on CCF launched for the Substance Abuse Prevention Coalition, check it out and let us know what you think. SAPC moves meeting to every other month, next meeting is November 28, 2007. Special recognition for many on the CCF Substance Abuse Prevention Coalition, Strengthening Families Program will recognize many who have been instrumental in its creation and supported them for the seven years. The recognition dinner and celebration is in November. Social Norms Marketing is alive and well at Albemarle High School. Check out our web page for more information about Social Norms Marketing, the primary focus for SAPC.

- **Systems of Care Leadership Team:** Had its initial meeting, and one additional meeting. The team is in the process of reviewing best practices in national Systems of Care and planning to meet short-term goals.

Status of CCF Grants:

1. Current grants

- **Functional Family Therapy-** \$100,000 awarded for second year; renewable for three additional years, 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.
- **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.
- **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. The Partnership applied for and received additional funds totaling \$59,000 from the Virginia Early Childhood Foundation (VECF), available to Smart Beginnings Grantees, for special projects relating to infants and toddlers.
- **DCJS Truancy case manager-** Formal 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. The position has been advertised and hired. Kim Stanton began work on October 22nd. A two-day CASASTART Case Management Training will be held on November 7th and 8th. Burnley-Moran Elementary School in Charlottesville and Greer Elementary School in Albemarle County are the schools selected for the pilot program.

2. Pending grants

- **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 grant was not awarded
- **Safe Schools/Healthy Students** grant not awarded by the U.S. Departments of Education, Justice, and Health and Human Services. We have received the reviewers' specific comments and will convene the planning team to review them and determine next steps.