

DIRECTOR'S UPDATE—OCTOBER 27, 2008-DECEMBER 19, 2009

Coordination of Services

- Staff attended meetings of the Foothills Child Advocacy Center, Children's Advocacy Centers of Virginia Board, Smart Beginnings/Partnership for Children meeting planning team, Albemarle County Achievement Gap Team, the UVa University Community Partnership Office's grant review committee meeting for the Academic Community Engagement grants, Creciendo Juntos, the Offender Aid and Restoration Mental Health and Substance Abuse Re-entry Subcommittee, the Charlottesville and Albemarle County Departments of Social Services Family Group Decision Making Work Group, and a consultation group hosted by Region Ten Community Services Board for staff working in a Care Coordinator capacity .
- Director met with two residents interested in learning more about CCF and community opportunities.
- Director met with staff from AIDS Services Group and representatives from Charlottesville and Albemarle DSS Foster Care to discuss possible transitional housing project.
- CCF hosted the first two of four meetings with school staff and key stakeholders to identify the educational needs for children currently in congregate care and determine additional capacity to provide successful transitions.
- Director and Intervention Team Leader met with Region Ten staff to discuss planning for a large Systems of Care grant in fall of 2009.
- The Safe Schools/Healthy Students grant planning team to organize and plan for submission in spring of 2009.
- The Intervention Team Leader participated in Region Ten's panel interview process to hire an Intensive Care Coordinator.
- The Intervention Team Leader facilitated two strengths-based, family-focus initial Family Team Meetings with community partners and provided additional consultation to one team.
- The Intervention Team leader participated in the Louisa/Culpeper Best Practices Court trip to Hampton to learn about their system of care implementation.
- CCF staff attended the Juvenile Court Best Practices Training in Culpeper on 10/29.
- The VJCCCA Oversight Committee met on 11/25 to discuss the FY09 VJCCCA budget cuts.
- The Prevention Team Leader will meet with the Albemarle County Dropout Prevention Committee in February representing the Youth Development Network and the CASASTART Truancy Prevention Program.

Raising Awareness of Children and Family Issues

- Logged just under 2,300 page views on www.ccfinfo.org in November and 1,838 page views in December. There were over 2,217 documents downloaded from the CCF website from October 27, 2008 through December 19, 2008 . *The Profile of Juvenile Offenders 1997-1999* was the top download with 341 downloads, followed by the *A Guide to Youth Service Opportunities* and the Parent Rep Fact Sheet with 231 and 227 downloads respectively.
- CCF received three media hits.
- Six messages were posted to the CCF Listserv since October 27 and four new members have joined the list.

- The Intervention Team Leader made presentations to Community Attention and Children, Youth, and Family Services, Inc., as well as the Juvenile Justice Advisory Committee, about systems of care and changes on the horizon in local service provision. Additionally, she made comments about systems of care at the Best Practices Court Conference for the 16th District Juvenile and Domestic Relations Court.
- Director met with new Commissioners Sean McCord, Hadya Abdul Satar, and Maurice Walker to provide orientation to CCF.
- The Director and Intervention Team Leader spoke with UVa Today about community-university partnerships.
- The Intervention Team Leader helped the Albemarle County Department of Social Services host the quarterly, regional meeting of localities offering Family Group Decision Making.
- The Intervention Team Leader made a presentation to City Schools guidance counselors on Attachment-Informed Interventions.
- The Intervention Team Leader coordinated a day of training in the implementation of the systems of care with the local FAPT, a child specific team, and the Region Ten CSB's Assessment and Diagnostic Services staff.
- The Prevention Team Leader and the CASASTART Coordinator presented information about the CASASTART Program to the Virginia Juvenile Justice Association on 11/5.
- The Youth Development Network hosted a meeting of 50 professionals and citizens on 11/10 with discussion groups focused on holiday activities, stress and giving. CCF Intern, Anthony Haro developed and distributed a list of holiday resources to all those who attended.
- The Prevention Team Leader and the CASASTART Coordinator participated in the Thanksgiving Celebration at the Westhaven Community Center with the CASASTART families on 11/19.
- The Summer FUNd Scholarship Committee met with staff from the Charlottesville Area Community Foundation to discuss the Summer FUNd grant application to CACF.

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.
- Agency Budget Review Team meetings were completed on December 18. Many thanks to team members for their diligent work.
- Director participated in interviews consultants conducting an Albemarle County efficiency evaluation.
- The Intervention Team Leader participated in the development of the VCU evaluation project of the Region Ten CSB Assessment and Diagnostic Services.
- The Intervention Team Leader provided assistance to UVA's University Community Partnership Office in connecting two students with potential community partners to conduct needed research.
- The Intervention Team Leader provided assistance to Albemarle County Department of Social Services in getting connected with UVA researchers to work on a project.
- Three faculty, eight undergraduate students, and nine graduate students gave almost 900 hours of service to CCF between September and December 2008, and worked on numerous projects for the CSA Process Improvement Team, YDN, the Systems of Care Leadership Team, the Partnership for Children's Early Childcare and Education

work group, the CSA Utilization Review office, the KidsWatch work group, and CASASStart. A semester report is forthcoming. In the Spring 09 semester we will have 3 faculty, 2 graduate students, and 4 undergraduate students working with CCF.

- The Intervention Team Leader met with the Director of the University Internship Program to provide feedback on the Program.
- The Intervention Team Leader interviewed 3 students for possible Research Assistant positions in the Spring 2009 semester. CCF will have one UIP intern and two Research Assistants in the Spring 2009 semester.
- The UIP intern, Anthony Haro, has been trained and is helping to respond to the YDN Hotline calls.

Work Groups

- **Agency Budget Review Team** – All reviews completed on December 18. Report to be submitted to City Council and Board of Supervisors in February
- **Youth Development Network** – The YDN Steering Committee met on 11/03 and 12/01 and they accepted the Action Plan developed by a subcommittee for addressing the youth development priority from the Human Services Strategic Plan. They also received a presentation of the evaluation of the YDN Hotline completed by UVA graduate students who interviewed past users of the hotline showing an 83% satisfaction rate among hotline users. The Prevention Team Leader, the Intervention Team Leader and Chelsea Henderson, our CCF Youth Rep., facilitated a focus group of students at Monticello High School regarding ways to get students involved in positive activities. CCF Commission member, Maurice Walker, has volunteered to rework the Stay Active Website as a tool for the YDN Hotline.
- **Child Abuse Prevention-** The fifth annual Child Abuse Prevention Forum will be held on April 30, 2009. A save-the-date flyer will be sent out in early January.
- **Comprehensive Services Act Committee** – The CSA Committee accepted the recommendations of the Process Improvement Team in their November meeting and planning is underway to facilitate the transition to the new CSA structure to begin February 1, 2009, including logistical planning for splitting FAPT by jurisdiction and making changes to the way meetings are scheduled; training for all FAPT members, presenters and supervisors on the structural changes and the new role of FAPT; changes in the structure of the Program Subcommittee meetings and the development of ad hoc committees to address staff roles and outcome measurement; and preparation for the dissolution of Fiscal Subcommittee.

The Program Subcommittee established ad hoc task groups to facilitate implementation of structure changes. Staff have developed training modules to be presented to stakeholders during the month of January.

Local stakeholder staffs have begun the certification process for implementation of the new State uniform assessment instrument and designated Super Users have completed the certification process.

CSA Committee members and staff met with the First Lady and local judiciary to discuss new initiatives and practices for delivery of services to children and families.

- **Juvenile Justice Advisory Committee** – The JJAC met on 11/13 to develop the Juvenile Justice Truancy Prevention Objective; to accept the 2009 JABG award and to hear a presentation from the ITL on Systems of Care
- **Partnership for Children**– The Partnership for Children’s Early Care and Education work group presented their Action Plan on expanding programming and access to

affordable, early care and education for children from birth through age 5, which meets an agreed upon standard of quality. The action plan was adopted by Partners and will be sent to the Commission on Children and Families; work group members will continue to work on prioritizing the steps in the plan. The Partnership for Children 2007-08 Annual Analysis will be available online in January. The Smart Beginnings survey, "Employee Perspectives: Child Care and Workforce Impact" is currently being conducted at several local community businesses. Additionally, the Partnership for Children is pleased with the Smart Beginnings programming relating to Quality Child Care, Family Support, Developmental Screenings, and Public Awareness in our community; Partners are working with the Smart Beginnings Leadership Council on strategies for sustaining our grant funded programs and initiatives.

- **Human Services Strategic Plan-** The Steering Committee did not meet, but was updated electronically about the completion and acceptance of the two Action Plans.
- **Community University Research and Service Partnership** - Worked on their task list, including planning networking events and exploring best practices in models for Advisory Committees to partnership offices around the country. The work group also hosted a focus group of community stakeholders interested in community-university partnerships to provide input in the development of the Jefferson Public Citizen's Program.
- **Substance Abuse Prevention Coalition-** The Prevention Coalition met on 11/19 to discuss the Be There Campaign grant application and the Strengthening Families Program.
- **Systems of Care Leadership Team** – Graduate research assistants helped to collect surveys from families regarding their experiences with service provision locally. The team did not meet in November or December.
- **Youth Service Work Group-** The annual youth service celebration and UW student service awards will be held on 4/20/09 at CHS. The Work Group has asked Congressman-elect Tom Perriello to be the key note speaker. Student nominations will be due by mid March. The Work Group decided on goals for the year. Projects include; updating youth service opportunity guide, revising and updating tool kit developing a marketing plan for the tool kit and the guide and implementing that plan Meetings are held the first Friday of each month at 12:30 at C'ville Coffee

Status of CCF Grants:

1. Current grants

- **Functional Family Therapy-** \$75,000 awarded for second year; renewable for two additional years, 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-** A renewal proposal for \$80,000 was awarded by the Virginia Department of Health and Human Services
- **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 second year of funding in January 2008. These grants will be funded for a third and final year in 2009.

- **Smart Beginnings:** Smart Beginnings has been selected to receive \$36,000 in Women United in Philanthropy funds, for September 08-August 09. A formal announcement will be made on September 9th.
- **DCJS Truancy Case Manager-** The CASASTART Truancy Case Manager Program received a second year of funding at \$65,000. In the first year of operation the program was piloted at Burnley-Moran Elementary School in Charlottesville and Greer Elementary School in Albemarle County.
- **Summer Scholarships-** The Summer FUNd raised and provided \$2,500 in summer camp scholarships for County youth this summer and they have received a \$2,000 grant from the Party Parade for Summer FUNd 2009. They have also applied for a \$2,500 Junior League grant and a \$10,000 CACF grant for 2009.

2. Pending grants

- **Safe Schools/Healthy Students** The Planning Team held its first meeting on December 8. The next meeting, on January 9, 2009, will be a facilitated discussion to develop an overarching theme for the proposal.
- **Youth Offender Transition Grants** CCF will convene a planning group to consider submission of a \$300,000 planning grant or a \$3,000,000 implementation grant Department of Labor grant in fall of 2009.
- **Systems of Care Grant** CCF will convene a planning group to prepare for submission of this four year \$12,000,000 grant in late 2009 or early 2010.
- **VJCCCA Reappropriation Grant:** Community Attention, in partnership with CCF, submitted a grant to DJJ to fund a family Teens Give Program using reallocated FY08 VJCCCA funds.