

DIRECTOR'S UPDATE—APRIL 29, 2009-JUNE 23,2009

Coordination of Services

- Staff attended meetings of the Foothills Child Advocacy Center, Children's Advocacy Centers of Virginia Board, Smart Beginnings, Partnership for Children, Infant Mortality Work Group, and the OAR Health, Mental Health, Substance Abuse Re-Entry Subcommittee
- Director and CSA School Transitions Committee met with representatives of six vendors to discuss Statement of Community Need for day school/day treatment services.
- Prevention Team Leader and Director attended Chief Longo's community planning forum on gun violence.
- The Director attended planning meetings for Westhaven Day.
- The fifth annual Child Abuse Awareness Forum was held on April 30 with 85 attendees and strong positive response; the Intervention Team Leader made a presentation on Systems of Care and the local Community Practice Model.
- Director attended Albemarle School's Community Recognition Breakfast.
- Director attended Center for Nonprofit Excellence luncheon with business leaders.
- Director attended meeting with community partners to consider applying for an EITC grant.
- Director attended meeting with State Health Commissioner at the Health Department.
- The Intervention Team Leader provided support and consultation to the foster care prevention team at Charlottesville Department of Social Services.
- The Intervention Team Leader provided Systems of Care, service array, and/or Child-Specific Team consultation to a GAL, the Court Services Unit, and Region Ten.
- The Intervention Team Leader participated in a conference call and meeting of the State CORE Transformation initiative with the CDSS team.
- The Intervention Team Leader is working with Judge Berry's Best Practice Court team to develop community-wide trainings that will provide skills needed by service providers/court personnel to support the local community practice model.
- The Intervention Team Leader met with a representative of a local non-profit to talk about perceived gaps in summer programming for youth with disabilities.
- The Intervention Team Leader continues to have conversations with stakeholders about how they feel the system changes are going and what they feel the most pressing issues going forward are.
- The Prevention Team Leader attended meetings of the Runaway Emergency Shelter Advisory Committee, Prevention Coalition, Summer FUNd Committee, VJCCCA Oversight Committee, Juvenile Justice Advisory Committee, United Way, the Racial Disparity Subcommittee and the CHINS Team.
- The CHINS team met on May 6th , June 3rd and June 17th to staff 3 different cases.
- The VJCCCA Oversight Committee met on May 12th for an update on expenditures and program activity.
- The Prevention Team Leader and the CASASTART Coordinator attended the CASASTART dinner on May 28th.

Raising Awareness of Children and Family Issues

- Logged just under 2,600 page views on www.ccfinfo.org in May and 2,037 page views in June. As our CCF website host was changed to Hostway, we upgraded our web stats to Advanced Urchin and will have our top three downloaded documents and the numbers for each in the next Director's Report. However, the top three visited website pages were 1) The Family Assessment Planning Team, 2) About the Commission, and 3) the Guide to Youth Services. The top downloaded document was the Characteristics of Juvenile Offenders.
- CCF received 2 media hits.
- 9 messages were posted to the CCF Listserv since April 29, 2009 and two new members have joined the list.
- Director presented Annual Report to Albemarle Board of Supervisors on June 3. Charlottesville City Council presentation is set for July 6.
- Director met with State Farm Community Relation Director Danny Shepherd regarding service learning.
- The Intervention Team Leader provided orientation to Systems of Care philosophy and implementation to new staff with Community Attention.
- Director met with UVA sociology professor Alison Pugh to provide information about CCF.

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.
- Director provided technical assistance to one agency regarding identifying outcomes.
- Director attended City Council Work Session regarding Agency Budget Review Process.
- Director and Intervention and Prevention Team Leaders met with Virginia Tech Faculty which is consulting with southwest Virginia communities about forming a Commission.
- The Intervention Team Leader participated on a selection committee for Academic Community Engagement course grants through the Office of University Community Partnerships.
- The Intervention Team Leader and two interns are working with the benefits department at CDSS on a program evaluation project.
- The Intervention Team Leader continues to work with RTCSB's Assessment and Diagnostic Services staff, in partnership with VCU, on a program evaluation – and participated in a meeting and conference call to that end.
- The Intervention Team Leader provided a local non-profit with data needed for a grant application.

Work Groups

- **Agency Budget Review Team** – Director attended City Council work session The Funding Application Advisory Team will meet in July and FY10 applications will be released in August.
- **Youth Development Network** – The YDN Steering Committee met on May 4th to develop the agenda for the 6/1 YDN meeting. Approximately 32 people attended the 6/1 YDN meeting with a panel presentation on Adolescent Sexuality.
- **Child Abuse Prevention-** The fifth annual Child Abuse Prevention Forum was held on April 30, 2009. Over 85 people attended and the evaluations were quite favorable
- **Comprehensive Services Act Committee** – The IFSP Redesign Ad Hoc Group continues to meet to develop recommendations regarding streamlining the IFSP. The Training Ad Hoc Group continues to meet and develop recommendations regarding facilitating interagency communication about existing and needed local trainings/orientations, as well as supporting CCF in developing standard CSA and Systems of Care/Community Practice Model trainings for new agency staff. The CSA Committee approved a Outcome Report which establishes a baseline and reporting format for monitoring the progress of the local CSA system. The CSA Committee approved an Update to the Process Improvement Team’s report that marks progress in system changes to date and makes recommendations for going forward. The Day School/Day Treatment Ad Hoc Committee completed interviews with six potential service providers to present information on community need; received and responded to questions on services that might be provided in order to develop a report and provide feedback to vendors and Program Subcommittee. Annual vendor Terms and Conditions have been edited and forwarded to attorney for approval. CSA Coordinator attended quarterly State meeting with Director of OCS, CORE advisor and ICC work group advisor.
- **Juvenile Justice Advisory Committee** – The JJAC met on May 14th to review the Truancy/Dropout Prevention report developed by the Prevention team Leader.
- **Partnership for Children**– In March, the Partnership for Children began a discussion on an identified challenge from the recently published Annual Analysis. One of the goals of early intervention is to identify children as early as possible who are at risk for developmental delays and then work with the parent to ensure the child is on target developmentally. It was noted that the number of children in CHIP and CYFS’s Healthy Families/Family Partners programs who were typically developing, as measured by the Ages and Stages Questionnaire, had decreased by about 14% over the last four years. CYFS, CHIP and ARC presented information regarding what is working well with the developmental screenings, what is not working well and barriers to successful outcomes. The Partners identified several possible strategies to address the barriers including 1) training on talking with parents and child care center staff about screening results, 2) identifying and training “coaches” to assist staff in communicating with parents, 3) utilizing the Seal process to assist child care providers, 4) creating parent advocates to support parents/children in the IEP process, and 5) addressing identified system problems with Partner agencies. Strategies will be discussed with three PFC workgroups (Family Support, Early Care and Education and Parent Education) for implementation. In May The Partnership for Children approved a recommendation to adopt Virginia’s new Quality Rating Improvement System (QRIS), a 5 point quality rating scale for child care centers. The new system will be adopted effective July 1, 2009. Partners received copies of the Smart Beginnings “I’m Getting Ready for Kindergarten” booklets. 3,000 copies have

gone out the door in less than one month! Contact Miriam Rushfinn for additional copies at 972-1702. In June, the Partnership for Children heard an update from their Early Care and Education workgroup; the presentation included a geographical map of child care locations in Charlottesville/Albemarle and mention of an early childhood education training calendar which is anticipated to be completed this fall. Partners also voted for this year's new Executive Committee members; new officers will begin their term in July. Kathy Ralston, finishing out her two year term as PFC Chair, highlighted a variety of Partnership accomplishments from the past two year's including the partnering with the Health Department to continue addressing prenatal care issues in our community, the cultivation of sustaining funds for our Smart Beginnings grant initiatives and the development of a comprehensive action plan for children's early care and education.

- **Human Services Strategic Plan-** The Steering Committee met in June to review progress reports from the Youth Service and Early Child Care and Education Action Teams. This marked the first formal update to the Steering Committee by these Teams.
- **Prevention Coalition-** The Prevention Coalition met on April 29th and May 27th. They agreed to a merger with the Teen Pregnancy Prevention Work Group.
- **Youth Service Work Group-** Had their year-end wrap-up meeting in May. The next meeting is scheduled for August 7th.

Status of CCF Grants:

1. Current grants

- **Functional Family Therapy-** \$75,000 awarded for third 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. The FFT Continuation Grant was submitted on May 4th for a fourth year of funding.
- **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 third year of funding in January 2009.
- **Smart Beginnings:** The Smart Beginnings Continuation grant was awarded a \$100,000 challenge grant.
- **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. The CASASTART Continuation Grant was submitted on May 4th for a third year of funding.
- **Summer Scholarships-** \$5,000 from the Charlottesville Area Community Foundation (CACF) and \$2,000 from the Party Parade Fund of the CACF has been awarded to the Summer FUNd. As of 6/22, approximately \$4,794 has been spent to fund summer activities for 26 children.
- **Charlottesville Area Community Foundation:** \$5,000 to provide stipends for parent representatives at FAPT and/or for family advocates to participate in local policy and program development meetings.

2. Pending grants

- **Safe Schools/Healthy Students** The \$6,000,000 grant request was submitted on March 3.
- **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.
- **One Time JABG Grant** – The Intervention Team Leader and the Prevention Team Leader submitted a One Time JABG Grant for \$9,855 to help fund the Juvenile Court Best Practices Training in service delivery and planning.