

## DIRECTOR'S UPDATE—DECEMBER 19, 2008-FEBRUARY 25, 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, Albemarle County Achievement Gap Team, 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 and Intervention Team Leader met with representatives from IMPACT to provide information and data about early childhood services and needs.
- Director met with representative of PB and J Fund.
- The Safe Schools/Healthy Students grant planning team met twice weekly to prepare for submission of the 2009 proposal.
- The Intervention Team Leader facilitated one strengths-based, family-focus initial Family Team Meeting with community partners, as well as met with one team at a private day school and helped that lead agency/family to pull together the child-specific team.
- The Intervention Team Leader also provided consultation to the Region Ten CSB Care Coordinator.
- The Intervention Team Leader provided training to the CPMT in Fluvanna on Systems of Care practices and running Child-Specific Team meetings.
- The Intervention Team Leader provided meeting facilitation to the TJ Health Department to help stakeholders develop a strategic plan for addressing infant mortality and racial disparity in infant mortality.
- The Intervention Team Leader met with Commissioner Amy Laufer to help her begin a parent support network.
- The Intervention Team Leader accompanied Charlottesville Department of Social Services to the Virginia's Council on Reform (CORE) Meeting.
- The Intervention Team Leader went with Region Ten CSB staff to the DMHMRSAS Intensive Care Coordinator Networking Meeting.
- The Intervention Team Leader continues to provide intensive care coordination to one youth/family and their child-specific team.
- Director attended a meeting to consider creation of a Community Health Center for underserved local residents.
- The VJCCCA Oversight Committee to meet on March 3 to discuss the FY10 VJCCCA budget cuts.
- The Prevention Team Leader met 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 3,200 page views on [www.ccfinfo.org](http://www.ccfinfo.org) in January and 2,756 page views in February. There were over 2,585 documents downloaded from the CCF website from December 19, 2008 through February 25, 2009. *A Guide to Youth Service Opportunities* was the top download with 305 downloads, followed by the *Summer 2008 Low Cost Activities List* and *Stepping Stones 2008* with 304 and 297 downloads respectively.

- CCF received two media hits.
- 14 messages were posted to the CCF Listserv since December 19, 2008 and three new members have joined the list.
- The Intervention Team Leader provided orientation to Systems of Care philosophy and implementation to staff at Albemarle County Department of Social Services, Albemarle County Public Schools (Special Education Department), the Youth Development Network, Charlottesville Public Schools, Love INC, AIM/CARES, Ragged Mountain, and Family Preservation Services. The Director, Intervention Team Leader, and CSA Coordinator also met with Judge Johnson about Systems of Care and changes in the local CSA processes.
- 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 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 report released on February 17. It may be viewed at [http://www.ccfinfo.org/PDFs/abrtfy10\\_final\\_report.pdf](http://www.ccfinfo.org/PDFs/abrtfy10_final_report.pdf)
- UVA Professor David Phillips Urban Planning class is conducting a mapping project for CCF related to youth development activities. Director and Prevention Team leader presented to the class.
- Director provided technical assistance to three agencies regarding identifying outcomes.
- Director and Intervention Team Leader met with CDSS regarding research on TANF/VIEW and child welfare.
- The Intervention Team Leader provided consultation to Whisper Ridge in developing projects to present to the University Community Partnership (UCP) Office at UVa.
- Four student interns are working at CCF this semester: Anthony Haro (UIP intern working with the YDN referral line), Catherine Worrel (research assistant working with CASASStart), Shanel Beard (research assistant working to collect surveys from families), and Brittany Witt (research assistant working with the CSA office).

### Work Groups

- **Agency Budget Review Team** – Report released on February 17.
- **Youth Development Network** – The YDN Steering Committee met in January to plan for the 1/26 YDN meeting and they met in February to begin planning for the next large group meeting to be held on 3/30
- **Child Abuse Prevention-** The fifth annual Child Abuse Prevention Forum will be held on April 30, 2009.
- **Comprehensive Services Act Committee** – Four trainings were held to orient case presenters, FAPT members, and CHINS members to the recommendations from the Process Improvement Team and the resulting changes in procedures and FAPT role. The Program Subcommittee charged an Outcome Ad Hoc Group to develop outcomes to monitor the progress of system changes and success (the Group has met twice), and another Ad Hoc Group to understand community training needs and

develop recommendations for on-going community trainings is scheduled to start in March. Additional ad hoc groups related to the development of system outcomes, family voice and support and staff roles have been established to facilitate the implementation of SOC initiatives and PIT recommendations. Two separate FAPT teams have been established. Albemarle meets on Monday afternoons and Charlottesville on Friday mornings.

- **Juvenile Justice Advisory Committee** – – The JJAC met in January to discuss the 2009 JABG grant and the development of the Truancy/Dropout Prevention Objective.
- **Partnership for Children**– In January, The Partnership for Children heard highlights from the 2008 Stepping Stones Report including overall improvements in infant and early childhood health as well as improvement in student readiness for school. Additionally, Smart Beginnings updates were made and Partners discussed and ranked priorities for sustaining Smart Beginnings programming; overall ranking will be brought to a joint meeting with the Smart Beginnings Leadership Council and the Partnership for Children. In February, the Partnership for Children heard an update on three Smart Beginnings focus areas. These three areas include enhance quality child care, increase community awareness, and measure school readiness. We are excited about the release of a School Readiness report, anticipated for April as well as an upcoming national speaker event (the speaker is Art Rolnick - 4/29, 6 p.m. at Darden) to support and highlight local Smart Beginnings efforts. The Partnership for Children also heard an update on the status of past identified challenges (from their Annual Analysis); Partners are pleased with the progress that has been made in the areas of prenatal care and early care and education. New challenges were identified for future Partner discussion and follow up.
  - The Partnership for Children Annual Analysis (2007-08) is posted online! Please visit: [http://www.ccfinfo.org/partnership/PDFs/pfc\\_annua\\_analysis\\_07\\_08.pdf](http://www.ccfinfo.org/partnership/PDFs/pfc_annua_analysis_07_08.pdf). Thanks to Data Management Workgroup members for helping draft the report!
  - The Preschool Network, a collaborative between County preschool and County Head Starts have been working together to develop a single preschool application process; the City Preschool Program is also working with City Head Starts to align their applications. The group announced to the Partnership for Children that major progress has been made in aligning the overall recruitment processes and two applications are available online:
    - ◆ For the County go to: <http://schoolcenter.k12albemarle.org>, click on Departments, Intervention and Prevention, Preschool Programs, Preschool Application. This will get you to the cover letter and midway down the page is an instruction to click on HERE. This will pull up the application in English. The cover page has a way to access the Spanish version.
    - ◆ For the City go to: [www.ccs.k12.va.us](http://www.ccs.k12.va.us) and click on the link to “Apply for Preschool by March 31” which is listed under "Latest News".
- **Human Services Strategic Plan**- The Steering Committee met, reviewed the progress on the Early Care and Education, as well as the Youth Service Action Plans, and requested brief progress reports from both Action Planning Team on June 1, 2009.
- **Community University Research and Service Partnership** - The Partnership is in the process of creating recommendations to send to the University Community Partnership (UCP) Office for the development of an Advisory Committee to that office. They have also helped the UCP office organize and host a community-university Networking Event held on 2/20/09.

- **Systems of Care Leadership Team** – The Leadership Team met for the last time in January, 2009, and requested that the Program Subcommittee continue the Leadership Team’s work toward promoting family voice and support in service delivery and policy development, as well as to monitor and report on the surveys being given to families (regarding their experiences with local service provision).
- **Youth Service Work Group-** Is planning for their April 20, 2009 Celebration of Youth Service and United Way Student Service Awards at the Charlottesville High School Atrium from 4:30pm to 6:00pm. Congressman Tom Perriello is the invited keynote speaker. Deadline for nominations is March 16. Invitations and programs are being designed. The work groups’ *A Guide to Youth Service Opportunities* is in the process of being updated and will be distributed at the event. The 2005 publication of *The Youth Service in Charlottesville/Albemarle: A Tool Kit for Best Practice* will be revised and distributed in the Fall of 2009.

## 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.
- **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:**
- **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 \$6,000,000 grant request will be 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.
- **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.