

## DIRECTOR'S UPDATE--AUGUST 25, 2008- OCTOBER 27, 2008

### Coordination of Services

- Staff attended meetings of the Foothills Child Advocacy Center, Health Department MAPP planning group, Children's Advocacy Centers of Virginia Board, Smart Beginnings Sustainability Planning Team, the Adult Mental Health Task Force, the joint Departments of Social Services Family Group Decision Making Work Group and, the UVa Academic Community Engagement Course Review Committee,
- Director met with three residents interested in learning more about CCF and community opportunities.
- Director met separately with Director of CYFS, Director of SARA, staff of Center for Non-Profit Excellence to discuss coordination of services.
- Director met with Maurice Jones, Charlottesville Assistant City Manager to provide overview of CCF.
- Director attended two meetings to discuss improved coordination and communication regarding the CARES program.
- CCF completed the needs assessment report for proposal for the Promoting Safe and Stable Families.
- Director presented overview of CCF as part of the Partnership for Children's pilot staff orientation program.
- CCF organized two meetings with Sharon Warren, Hampton Schools Special Education Director and Chair of the Hampton Community Policy and Management Team. Ms. Warren spoke with representatives of both schools systems about the continuum of educational services in Hampton. She met with local CSA representatives about the overall model used in Hampton.
- The Intervention Team Leader attended 2 meetings of individuals involved in care coordination (or care coordination-like activities) at Region Ten.
- The Intervention Team Leader consulted, separately, with the Court Services Unit and Region Ten to plan for creating Systems of Care-informed child-specific teams for specific children.
- The Intervention Team Leader met with members of the Central Virginia Federation of Families for Children's Mental Health to help them plan for developing the local chapter.
- The Intervention Team Leader is participating in the process being developed to evaluate the Assessment and Diagnostic Services at Region Ten (being conducted by faculty and students at VCU).
- The Intervention Team Leader participated in the Region Ten orientation for the new Assessment and Diagnostic Services staff.
- The Prevention Team Leader (PTL) attended the VJCCCA Regional meeting in Fredericksburg on 10/8.
- The PTL attended the Restorative Justice Conference on 10/20.
- The CASASTART Coordinator and the PTL met monthly with the case management teams at Bunley-Moran and Greer Elementary Schools.

### Raising Awareness of Children and Family Issues

- Logged just under 2,950 page views on [www.ccfinfo.org](http://www.ccfinfo.org) in September and 2,686 page views in October. There were over 1,970 documents downloaded from the CCF website from August 25, 2008 through October 27, 2008. *Youth Service Opportunity Guide* was the top download with 252 downloads, followed by *A Profile of Juvenile*

*Offenders 1997-1999* and the *2007 Stepping Stones* with 238 and 237 downloads respectively.

- CCF received two media hits with stories on “Most area school system’s beat State’s graduation rate” and “Making ends meet: City schools adapt to low-income needs”.
- Ten messages were posted to the CCF Listserv since August 25 and three new members have joined the list.
- At the request of Albemarle County Schools, Director made a presentation on Systems of Care and wraparound services to a state joint Commission of Schools Superintendents and Juvenile Court judges.
- The Intervention Team Leader made presentations to the Charlottesville Department of Social Services, the Region Ten Educational Support Services staff, and the Women’s Initiative about systems of care and changes on the horizon in local service provision.
- The Intervention Team Leader was invited to Judge Berry’s foster care docket and the family treatment court docket to observe and provide system of care information.
- In response to the Prevention Team Leader’s Violence Prevention presentation to CCF in September, a Resource Guide was organized and sent to the City Schools.
- The Prevention Team Leader presented the Human Service Priorities to Leadership Charlottesville on 10/15.

### **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.
- CCF staff held a retreat to examine how CCF’s programs and initiatives fit into the Systems of Care philosophy.
- Agency Budget Review Team meetings have begun. CCF received applications from 18 agencies representing 27 programs, as well as progress reports from 10 agencies representing 24 programs.
- A UIP intern (Anthony Haro) and a general research assistant (Catherine Worrell) are providing about 10 hours each of work to CCF to complete the update of the Characteristics of Juvenile Offenders Report, to provide administrative capacity to the CSA Office, and to work on developing the CASASStart evaluation database.
- A graduate student class is helping to conduct research on (1) local consumer families’ perception of the implementation of systems of care values and principles in local service provision for children with mental health needs, (2) the successes and impact of the YDN hotline, and (3) best practices in non-traditional child care.
- An undergraduate class is developing a database to capture the data collected by the UR staff.
- A draft of the Human Services Strategic Plan Cost/Benefit and Best Practices executive summary was completed.
- The Intervention Team Leader participated in the Cultural Competence in Systems of Care Conference hosted by Virginia DMRSAS.
- The Intervention Team Leader participated in the 9<sup>th</sup> National Outreach Scholarship Conference: Innovation and Leadership for Engagement, at State College, Pennsylvania, and made a presentation on the process of developing, and the accomplishments of, the Engaged Scholars/Community University Research and Service Partnership work group.
- The Intervention Team Leader participated in a meeting for the University Internship Program.

- Volunteer Coordinator attended PVCC Volunteer Fair on October 8<sup>th</sup> to recruit volunteers for CCF and YDN.
- CCF held a staff retreat at the Virginia national Bank on 9/18.
- In preparation for the development of the CCF Prevention Plan, the Prevention team leader met with the Prevention Coalition, the YDN Engagement Committee, the Youth Services Committee.
- The Prevention Team Leader worked with the Prevention Coalition to submit the Be There Parent Involvement Campaign grant to the Bama Works Fund.
- The CHINS Team met on 9/3 to staff truancy cases.

## Work Groups

- **Agency Budget Review Team** – The FY10 Funding application was released on August 29, with 18 agency applications received on October 14. Agency orientation was held on September 12 and Team orientation was held on October 6. ABRT meetings have begun. Director provided technical assistance to 16 agencies.
- **Youth Development Network** – Completed a draft of an Action Plan addressing the identified Youth Service Priority. Hosted the YDN Luncheon on 8/25 for 60 people with the focus on agency information sharing. The Steering Committee met on 9/8 and 10/6 and the Prevention Team Leader conducted YDN outreach at the City's Safe Halloween Event on 10/25.
- **Child Abuse Prevention-** Planning has begun for April Child Abuse Prevention Month activities.
- **Comprehensive Services Act Committee** – The Process Improvement Team continued to work on recommendations for structural and process changes to the local CSA system. Staff continues to work with designated workgroups and subcommittee to facilitate implementation of Systems of Care initiatives; disseminate information on implementation of new Uniform Assessment Instrument (CANS), availability of assessment and diagnostic services and revised funding approval request processes and forms; completion of annual critical service gap survey and recruitment and program overview presentations to potential parent representatives. Staff hosted the quarterly statewide CSA Coordinators meeting.
- **Juvenile Justice Advisory Committee** – The JJAC met on September 11<sup>th</sup> to develop the FY09 juvenile justice objectives and to hear a presentation from Kim Stanton, the CASASTART Coordinator.
- **Partnership for Children**– Completed a draft of an Action Plan addressing the identified Early Child Care and Education Priority, and this draft was presented to the Partnership's Executive Committee.
- **Human Services Strategic Plan-** Met and reviewed the drafts of the Youth Service and Early Child Care and Education Action Plans, and amended the work plan/time line for project completion by pushing it back two years (to be completed in 2011) so as to allow sufficient time for Action Plan implementation and to account for other logistical concerns; the renewal of the Human Services Strategic planning process is now set to begin in 2011 (with the Budget Research on FY10 budgets).
- **Community University Research and Service Partnership** - Met and reviewed the work plan for this year: work is being conducted on researching and making recommendations for an Advisory Committee to the University Community Partnership Office, and for creating formal and informal networking events for faculty and community members interested in partnerships.

- **Substance Abuse Prevention Coalition-** In the process of merging with Teen Pregnancy/STD Prevention workgroup-to coordinate interventions targeting adolescent high risk behavior
- **Systems of Care Leadership Team** – Continues to work on collecting surveys from parents/guardians receiving services for children with mental health needs locally, and to provide support to the developing Central Virginia chapter of the Federation of Families.

## **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.
- **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 9<sup>th</sup>.
- **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 Team will begin to meet in November to plan for the next submission.
- **Virginia ABC Community Coalition Grant.** The Substance Abuse Prevention Coalition submitted a proposal to implement the “Be There” parental involvement campaign. This was not funded, however, the proposal has been resubmitted to BAMAworks.