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PRESS RELEASE:

Four Grants Awarded to the Charlottesville/Albemarle Commission on Children and Families

CHARLOTTESVILLE, VA— The Charlottesville/Albemarle Commission on Children and Families (CCF) was notified of an award for grand funding through the U.S. Department of Education, Justice, and Health and Human Services and three grants through the Department of Criminal Justice Services.

The *Safe Schools/Healthy Students (SS/HS) Structure and Support Program* received a second year of funding from the U.S. Department of Education, Justice, and Health and Human Services. The grant will provide program funding for evidence-based services at all area public schools to address student safety, mental health, social/emotional/behavioral well-being, substance abuse prevention, and early childhood support. The second year of grant funding was awarded in July.

CCF was awarded the *Byrne Justice Assistance Grant – Albemarle After-School Education and Delinquency Prevention Program*. In partnership with the Albemarle County Department of Social Services, the Piedmont Family YMCA, Albemarle County Public Schools, and the Broadus Memorial Baptist Church, the grant will fund to open and operate an after-school program for students at Stony Point Elementary Schools. The goal of this public/private partnership is to provide a safe after-school setting that will prevent juvenile delinquency and promote healthy youth development by utilizing the evidence-based PATHS curriculum in conjunction with the YMCA School-Age Care Program. CCF will receive \$71,250 over four years and a match of \$3,750 from the YMCA of Albemarle County as grant administrator.

The *CASASTART Truancy Prevention Program* and *Teens GIVE Service Learning and Life Skills Program* will both continue to be funded from separate Department of Criminal Justice Services two-year grants, each totaling \$65,000. The *Title II Formula Grant – Sustained Program – CASASTART Truancy Prevention Program* funding will maintain case management services to Albemarle County and Charlottesville City elementary and middle school students between the ages of 8 and 13 years old identified by the Court Service Unit, the Family Assessment Planning Team, and the respective schools. The *Title II Formula Grant – Sustained Program – Teens GIVE Service Learning and Life Skills Program* funding will sustain the award winning Teens GIVE Program of Community Attention to prevent delinquent behavior by engaging at-risk youth in service learning activities.

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CCF is a 28-member planning board that advises the Charlottesville City Council and the Albemarle County Board of Supervisors on improving outcomes for children and their families.
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