

# Quarterly Report

SUMMER 2000



## City, County, and United Way-TJA Adopt Outcome Measurement

The **Outcome Measurement Work Group** of CCF and United Way will adopt a revised application and funding review process this year for all community agency applicants, after completing a successful pilot year.

In this unprecedented collaboration, the City and County (represented through CCF) and the United Way will co-sponsor all training, provide technical support to community agencies, review applications jointly and have a common due date. Final funding decisions will be made separately.

Outcome measurement is a method of measuring progress toward intended outcomes in order to increase program effectiveness and communicate a program's

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## 2nd Annual Report Released

CCF presented its Second Annual Report to the Albemarle County Board of Supervisors and the Charlottesville City Council on August 2 and 7.

Richard Merriwether, new Chair of CCF, explained that in this second year CCF focused on implementing the plans it set forth in 1998-99. Projects came about through the combined efforts of the twenty-member commission, the ten Work Groups, sub-committees, and the staff—together over 120 people.

Dr. Michael Dickens released *Stepping Stones*, the community's first annual report card on the condition of families and children which answers the question, "When it comes to nurturing children and families, how is our community doing, and is it headed in the direction we desire?" CCF hopes that collection of *Stepping Stones* data over time, as well as its new Outcome Measurement funding review process (see article), will assist Charlottesville/Albemarle leaders and providers in making informed decisions about the community services.

Jacki Bryant described the Partnership for Children's implementation of measures to build a supportive community where children are nurtured in healthy families and arrive at school ready to learn.

Buz Cox and Jim Peterson thanked the many people involved in CCF's work and encouraged Council/Board members to call on CCF as a resource.

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## Early Intervention Key in Dealing with Children Needing Extensive Services

When the **Children Needing Extensive Services Work Group** (CNES) met in July of 1999, they asked themselves what they could do to help a small group of children with severe behavioral, social, and mental health issues who require the most human service and financial assistance from the City and County.

These children, described as "children needing extensive services," are much like 15-year old "Travis" who lived his first nine years under conditions of chronic abuse and neglect. He has been identified as emotionally disturbed and diagnosed with multiple social and behavioral disorders such as Depressive Disorder and Attention Deficit/Hyperactivity Disorder. Though Travis has been placed in a variety of homes with relatives and therapeutic foster families, Travis' consistent fire-setting, cruelty to animals, and aggressive behavior force his removal

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## Outcome Measurement Training (cont.)

value. With Outcome Measurement, funders and agencies invest in human service programs with specific outcomes, or results, that can be measured each year.

Five community agencies participated in the pilot and seven additional agencies served on an advisory committee. A survey of pilot agency staff found that that 100% saw outcome funding as a positive approach to human service funding and would recommend it to the community. Call **Gretchen Ellis** at 970-3554 for training and application information.

## COME JOIN US!

### CCF MONTHLY MEETINGS

*Albemarle County Building  
401 McIntire Road, Room 235*

*4:30-5:00 p.m., refreshments  
5:00-6:30 p.m., public meeting*

**September 6, 2000**

**October 4, 2000**

## NEW FACES

Welcome to two new CCF members and two new CCF staff.

**Happy Darcus**, a rising senior at Albemarle High School, joined CCF in July as the county's youth representative.

**Ruth Stone**, the Executive Director of Piedmont CASA, joined CCF in May as the private provider representative.

**Gretchen Ellis** joined CCF in July as the Planner/Analyst.

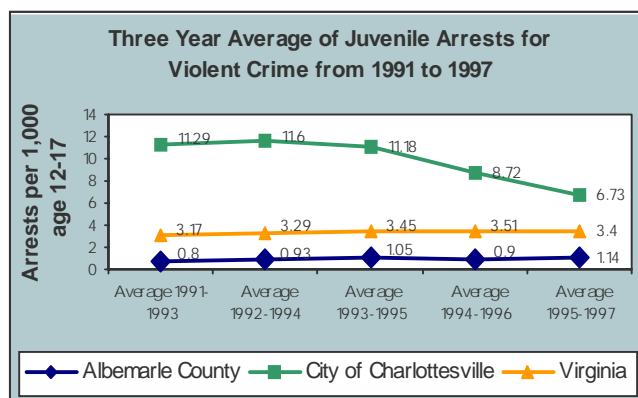
**Terrilynn Platt** joined CCF in July as the Project Assistant.

## Stepping Stones Profile #1 (p.22)

This graph represents the total number of arrests for person under 18 for murder, forcible rape, robbery, and aggravated assault for the calendar year, divided by the population of 12-17 year olds per 1000, from 1991-1997.

- Juvenile arrests for violent crime declined from 1991 to 1997 in the City of Charlottesville, and remain low in Albemarle County and Virginia.

- Information Source: Charlottesville and Albemarle County Police Departments and *Kids Count in Virginia, 1997 & 1999 Data Books.*



## Children Needing Extensive Services (cont.)

to clinical treatment centers: hospitals, psychiatric residential programs, and other such treatment facilities.

After a year of study and data collection, the CNES Work Group decided upon a two-pronged approach. First, they recommended that early identification and intervention in children's lives can help prevent children from reaching the point Travis has. Second, the difficulties the community has in dealing with children like Travis can be eased, though not remedied, through a "wake-up" call to the public about these problems and dialogue with service providers to explore more cost-effective methods of helping these truly needy children.

A special thanks to Kathy Ralston for chairing this committee and compiling the final report.

Look for a community meeting in the fall. To participate, contact **Debbie Stone** at 970-3652 or stone@ci.charlottesville.va.us.

## WEB LINKS

Register at [www.egroups.com/group/c-ayouthfamserv](http://www.egroups.com/group/c-ayouthfamserv) to join the CCF list serve. Receive and send the latest resources on grant information, best practices and model programs, special events, legislative issues, and resource guides.

Visit the CCF web site at [www.ccf.ci.charlottesville.va.us](http://www.ccf.ci.charlottesville.va.us) to read the Annual Report, the Spring 2000 Quarterly Report, the Information Exchange Research Executive Summary, and other recent publications. Also, read up on CCF's latest activities, see the CCF schedule, and link to local and national resources for youth and families.