



# Quarterly Report

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## Agency Budget Review Team releases budget recommendations

Members of CCF's Agency Budget Review Team completed their FY05 recommendations in February for the funding of 24 local non-profit agencies and 1 collaborative. Agencies applied for funding for a range of programs including after-school programs, youth development, parent education, and literacy services. The Charlottesville City Council and the Albemarle County Board of Supervisors accepted the team's recommendations to make funding decisions for fiscal year 2005 totaling over 2.4 million dollars.

The City-County application is based on an outcome measurement model which requests information from agencies about the concrete impact they are making in the lives of their beneficiaries, and communicates to funders and agencies the value of the investment of local dollars.

Team members reviewed programs using the outcome-based assessment method, and numerically rated each program in the areas of: Program Context; Program Logic/Approach; Program Outcomes; and Program Budget.

The Report is available online: [www.ccfinfo.org/NewPages/abrt.html](http://www.ccfinfo.org/NewPages/abrt.html).

## Juvenile Court Roundtable attendees identify ways to improve system

On January 29, 2004, 75 participants representing over twenty different public and non-profit agencies met in the County Office Building to discuss the findings of a survey of parents, youth and professionals involved in the Juvenile Court. The survey was undertaken by CCF's Juvenile Justice Advisory Committee.

Attendees focused on improving communication between court professionals, educating court-involved youth about the juvenile justice system, the legal representation of youth, and the impact of court procedures.

Some of the recommendations that came from the Roundtable discussion include: convening a facilitated discussion between the schools, the courts and other agencies regarding client information sharing and confidentiality; designating a contact person in each agency who knows the protocol for sharing information between agencies; hosting a series of peer workshops at locations such as the Juvenile Detention Center and Community Attention about the juvenile court system (using CCF's new *Juvenile Court Guide* as a training tool); and developing ongoing training for attorneys who act as court-appointed lawyers for delinquent youth.

The full report is available on the CCF website: [www.ccfinfo.org](http://www.ccfinfo.org).

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## Assets for Youth work group begins Youth Engagement Study

CCF's Assets for Youth work group members began conducting youth-led focus groups in April asking youth about their out of school activities in local schools and programs. The goals of the focus groups are to:

- Gather information about current participation, barriers to participation, and gaps in opportunities from youth who are and are not participating in programs outside of traditional school hours;
- Test adult hypotheses about youth needs and opinions, as well as geographic areas of most need in the City and the County, against the reality

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## Youth Engagement Study (continued)

experienced by youth; and

- Involve youth in the work group’s planning process to assure that there is youth ownership of the findings, as well as accurate information about youth beliefs.

The work group has recruited and trained a group of local middle and high school-age youth to plan for and conduct focus groups with representative students in the schools, in existing programs and in neighborhoods. These focus groups are being led by youth (with adult supervision) to gather youth opinions and observations about the availability of activities, interest levels, desired activities, barriers to access and other topics.

Groups are underway, and a final report will be released in the summer of 2004.

For questions regarding research, contact Gretchen Ellis at 970-3554; for questions regarding youth involvement, contact Heather Kellams at 970-3334.

### PLEASE JOIN US!

CCF meets the first Wednesday of each month at 5:00 p.m. at the Albemarle County Office Building, 401 McIntire Road, Room 235

May 5, June 2, July 7

4:30-5:00 p.m.  
Refreshments

5:00-6:30 p.m. Meeting

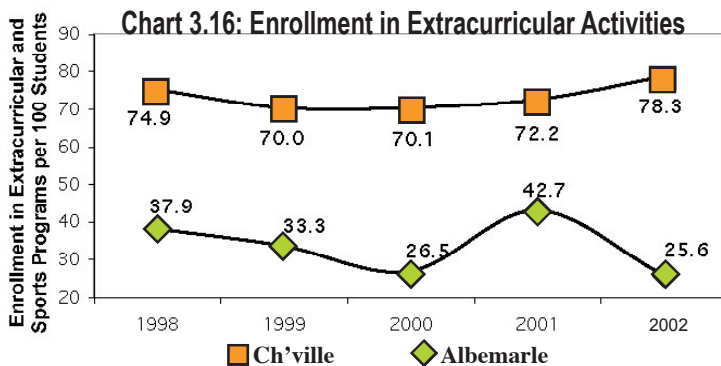
Agendas are posted online before each meeting at [www.ccfinfo.org](http://www.ccfinfo.org).

### WHAT’S NEW?

The Outcome Measurement work group has released the **Priority Areas Phase 1 Report**, available online at [www.ccfinfo.org](http://www.ccfinfo.org). The report identifies focus areas for investing in services to children and their families. This document will be updated as we receive new data. Community members are invited to e-mail us with comments or relevant data at [feedback/ccf@charlottesville.org](mailto:feedback/ccf@charlottesville.org). We are especially interested in emerging issues facing local children and their families.

### 2003 Stepping Stones Profile

The number of public school students in grades 9-12, who participate in Virginia High School League sports, drama, and forensics programs, represented as a percentage. One student may be counted several times if enrolled in more than one activity; therefore the ratio is inflated. However, the number does not include students who participate in non-school sponsored sports programs.



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