

Quarterly Report

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CCF Commission Meeting

Wednesday, May 14th

5:30 pm in the Totier Room at ACOB Main

Note: CCF meetings are now being held every other month!

Youth Development Network BBQs

6-8pm every Wednesday in April!

April 2nd - Friendship Court
 April 16th - South First Street
 April 23rd - Westhaven
 April 30th - Southwood

Come to a BBQ at your Community Center to learn more about the Youth Development Network and other organizations working with kids and what activities and resources are available to help your child succeed in school, stay busy after school, and have fun over the summer!

CCF is looking for a **dedicated, motivated TEEN** to serve as a Youth Representative on the Commission.

Apply to be a CCF Youth Commissioner!

Visit www.ccfinfo.org for more information.

Youth Development Network Update



The goal of the Youth Development Network is to create a collaborative network that increases the capacity of community agencies and organizations to provide prevention and intervention services and activities for all youth. The next YDN meeting is scheduled for Monday, April 21st at 12:00 p.m. at the Carver Recreation Center in downtown Charlottesville.

In August 2007, the YDN established the Youth Development Network Referral System, a free local resource that you can call anytime between 9:00 am and 5:00 pm Monday through Friday at 800-YDN-2021 to locate resources for youth. Hamid Karimianpour, the YDN Coordinator, will help the caller locate the needed service or activity. Hamid has received 82 calls and made 82 referrals since the hotline became operational in August 2007. He has never left a referral "open" and always follows through until he has completed the process, sometimes meeting with the caller and doing whatever is necessary to help them find the activity or service they need.

The Youth Development Network, in collaboration with the Charlottesville Parks & Recreation Department and other organizations and local residents, is sponsoring Neighborhood Outreach Barbecues in four local communities in Charlottesville and Albemarle. The purpose of these barbecues is to provide organizations working with children and families a chance to reach out to the local residents and talk to them about available services and activities in the communities.

Systems of Care Family Dinner



The Systems of Care Leadership Team hosted a Family Dinner at Mt. Zion First African Baptist Church on Monday, March 10. We were excited to have the company of 12 families including 18 adults and 16 wonderful children. We ate well, shared experiences, and talked about the needs and vision for the local care systems for children with serious emotional problems. Families noted needs for specialized after school programming, respite care, early crisis intervention services, and supports for parents, among other service gaps; they also specifically mentioned the successes and benefits of the Strengthening Families and Teens Give programs. Several families expressed an interest in working with the Leadership Team and/or participating in other ways as we move forward to improve and enhance local service provision. We are grateful for the time and input of these individuals, and are looking forward to keeping families directly involved as we go forward.

Contact Maryfrances Porter, mporter@albemarle.org for more information on the Systems of Care philosophy and/or the Leadership Team.

UVa Office of University Community Academic Partnerships

CCF partnered with UVa's Office of Public Service and Outreach in February 2007 to establish a joint work group charged with making recommendations regarding the infrastructure necessary to support community-university partnerships for research, service, and learning. After a great deal of research, in October, 2007, the work group submitted an interim report to the Commission on the Future of the University. Less than a month later, UVa dedicated resources to establishing the Office of University Community Academic Partnerships (UCAP) in the Provost's Office for Academic Affairs. Directed by a long-time CCF partner, Megan Raymond, this office will now be developing opportunities for community-University partnerships to respond to the community's research/evaluation questions, promote mutual learning, and provide needed service capacity. This is a significant step in fostering productive partnerships that produce meaningful results for the community and are beneficial to student learning and faculty priorities. The work group will continue to be active, advising and supporting UCAP and completing their final report.

To learn about grants available to faculty and students who would like to participate in community engagement through UVa please visit the UCAP office website, www.virginia.edu/provost/public. If you are interested in finding out more about the work group and/or joining the Partnership network, please contact Maryfrances Porter at mporter@albemarle.org.

Volunteer of the Quarter - Charles Johnson!



CCF is thrilled to recognize Charles Johnson as our Volunteer of the Quarter! Charles currently works at Buford Middle School as an 8th grade math tutor, preparing kids for the SOLs this spring. Prior to that he served as an Americorps VISTA with the UVA Day in the Life Program. Charles has been on the Youth Development Network Steering Committee since fall 2006 and has also served as a co-chair of the Engagement Subcommittee. Charles is an active volunteer with his church youth group where he leads a group of senior high school boys and he has also served as an assistant boys' soccer coach at The Covenant School.

Charles has worked very hard to help organize the YDN Neighborhood Outreach Barbecue events this April. "If you can help even one organization connect children and youth in the community, the effort is worthwhile", he stated after the very successful barbecue event in Friendship Court on April 2nd. The Youth Development Network is grateful for all his effort. We would like to wish him best of luck with his job hunting and, more importantly, with his plans to get married this fall! Congratulations Charles!



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