



# Quarterly Report

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### CCF Commission Meeting

CCF Meetings are held every other month but due to the CCF Retreat on November 4, 2009, our next Commission Meeting will be on

Wednesday, January 6th 2010

at 5:30 pm in Room B in ACOB  
5th Street Extended

### Reminder:

Deadline to submit applications and progress reports for City and County funding is Tuesday, October 13, 2009

### Announcements:

*CCF would like to welcome our Fall Interns from UVa:  
Shanel Beard and Rachael Brand*

*We are extremely grateful to the ongoing support we receive from UVa!*

Implementation has begun on the \$5,825,512 Safe Schools/Healthy Students Grant that was recently awarded to the Charlottesville/Albemarle community. The program will assure a safe school environment and violence prevention by expanding the Olweus Bullying Prevention Program and implementing Restorative Practices in all schools. It will support alcohol and drug prevention activities by expanding in-school prevention and early intervention to seven previously unserved schools using the Pennsylvania Student Assistance Model and Life Skills. The program will provide student behavioral, social and emotional supports by implementing Responsive Classroom in four elementary schools and by implementing Second Step, a character education program. It will improve mental health services providing eight clinicians who will use Teen Intervene and Motivational Interviewing. Finally, the program will offer early childhood social and emotional supports by creating a second three year old High Scope classroom and providing additional family support workers for publicly funded pre-schools.

Based on the Charlottesville/Albemarle community's strong history of collaborative planning and program implementation, Safe Schools/Healthy Students partners are confident that the proposed program will support a comprehensive system of services to assure that all students have structure and support to allow them the very best opportunity to be safe and healthy, and develop to their full potentials.

## CASASStart Truancy Prevention Grant

The CASASStart Truancy Prevention Grant has had a significant impact at Burnley Moran and Greer Elementary Schools. The two year evaluation reports that for the 14 children enrolled in the program, there has been a significant improvement in attendance. Kim Stanton, Truancy Prevention Case Manager, states that not only does she make sure the parents and children are aware of the importance of school, she also assists parents and children in preparing for the school year, shows them the importance of family dinners together, emphasizes a place designated in the home for homework, provides incentives for learning and assists parents in communicating with their children's school and teachers to make school a positive learning experience for all. Her dedication has been instrumental in getting this pilot program off the ground and truly making it a success!

## CCF Announces New Work Group: “Task Force on Racial Disparity & Disproportionality in Youth Services”

Work groups help CCF to address pressing issues, plan and coordinate an improved system of services for children and their families, and advise local government. Our newest work group, Task Force on Racial Disparity and Disproportionality in Youth Services, was recently formed and charged with:

- 1) Identify whether there are disparities effecting minority children in Charlottesville and Albemarle in the areas of health, education, juvenile justice, and if so, to determine the level and scope of disparities;
- 2) Determine the consequences or results of any identified disparities;
- 3) Determine the causes of any identified disparities;
- 4) Elicit community input, reaction, and recommendations related to identified disparities;
- 5) Identify strategies to address identified minority disparities, and
- 6) Make action recommendations to CCF



At the July CCF meeting, the Task Force presented their work plan and they have begun meeting to discuss this important issue. For information on volunteering on the various work groups at CCF, please see [www.ccfinfo.org](http://www.ccfinfo.org) for more information.

## Commissioner Profiles



With this Quarterly Report, CCF will begin featuring one Commissioner from CCF to spotlight. This quarter we are proud to feature Robert A. Cox III, known to us as Buz.

Buz has been a member of CCF since its inception in 1998. He served as Chair of the Commission in 1998/99 and was the Chair of the Comprehensive Services Act (CSA) Committee from 1996 until 2008 (!), and is one of the most knowledgeable people in the state regarding CSA. Buz has served on the Agency Budget Review Team, the Partnership for Children, the Human Services Strategic Plan Committee, the Cost Containment Committee, and numerous ad hoc groups. He is the epitome of an engaged Commissioner.

In March, Buz will be retiring from the Charlottesville Department of Social Services where he has been Director since 1991, with a total of 36 years. Thank you, Buz for your service and dedication.



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