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CCF Releases Fall Quarterly Report; Highlights are:

Safe Schools/Healthy Students Grant – Implementation has begun on the \$5,825,512 Safe Schools/Healthy Students Grant that was awarded to the community to assure a safe school environment and violence prevention by expanding and implementing several programs addressing bullying, alcohol and drug prevention, mental health services and offering early childhood social and emotional supports. These programs will support 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 Update – 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. In addition, the caseworker assists parents and children in a variety of ways to make school a positive learning experience for all.

New CCF Work Group – Work Groups help CCF to address pressing issues. CCF's newest work group, Task Force on Racial Disparity and Disproportionality in Youth Services, was recently formed and charged with identifying whether there are disparities effecting minority children in the community in areas of health, education, and juvenile justice, and if so, to determine the level and scope of disparities, the consequences and causes of any identified disparities, to elicit community input, recommendations and strategies to address identified minority disparities and make action recommendations to CCF.

Commissioner Profile – CCF will begin featuring one Commission from CCF each quarter to spotlight. We are proud to feature Robert A. Cox III, (Buz) as our first. Buz has been a member of CCF since its inception and served as Chair of the Commission in 1998/99 and was the Chair of the CSA Committee from 1996 until 2008. He is one of the most knowledgeable people in the state regarding CSA. Buz has served on many committees and groups and is the epitome of an engaged Commissioner. In March, Buz will be retiring from the CDSS where he has been the director since 1991, with a total of 36 years.

To learn more about any of the topics above, please use the link on the homepage of our website, www.ccfinfo.org, to download the PDF of the full Fall 2009 Quarterly Report.

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