



Quarterly Report

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Safe Schools
Healthy Students

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CCF Commission Meeting

Wednesday, February 3, 2010
at 5:30 pm in Room A in ACOB 5th Street Extended

Announcements:

CCF would like to welcome: June Jenkins, Project Director, and Lois Wallenhorst, Project Assistant for the Safe Schools/Healthy Students Program and Ashley Keefe, Truancy Prevention Case Manager for the CASASStart Truancy Prevention Program.

CCF continues to recruit up to four parent representatives to serve on the Family Assessment & Planning Team (FAPT).

The City of Charlottesville and Albemarle County are accepting applications for a Private Provider Rep for CCF.

The Prevention Coalition Work Group is now known as the Adolescent Health Coalition. The group has merged with the Teen Pregnancy Prevention Work Group to form this new group that will focus on the overall health of adolescents.

Working To Make Schools Safer in Albemarle & Charlottesville

The Albemarle/Charlottesville community is working hard to prevent school violence and to promote a healthy environment in our schools and community through an innovative program called the Safe Schools/Healthy Students Initiative.

Albemarle/Charlottesville was awarded a four-year, \$5.8 million grant this year by the U.S. Departments of Education, Health and Human Services, and Justice. Out of an applicant pool of more than 400, only fourteen sites were selected for these grants to improve the way schools, families, and the community work together in response to rising concerns about youth violence and school safety. This Federal grant recognizes that violence among young people is the outcome of a multitude of factors—including early childhood experiences, family life, mental health, and substance abuse issues—and that no single action can be sufficient to prevent it.

Building on the Initiative's collaborative framework, Safe Schools/Healthy Student Albemarle/Charlottesville's mission brings together a team of community-based organizations—including the Commission on Children and Families, Albemarle and Charlottesville Schools, Albemarle and Charlottesville Police Departments, 16th District Juvenile Court Services Unit, Region Ten Community Services Board, Albemarle and Charlottesville Departments of Social Services, Thomas Jefferson Area Community Criminal Justice Board, Children, Youth & Family Services, Central Virginia Restorative Justice, University of Virginia's Curry School and Youth Violence Project—to work together on violence prevention. The Safe Schools/Healthy Students Albemarle/Charlottesville Project is designed to: create a safe school environment that addresses prevention and intervention needs for violence and substance abuse; provide mental health services to students in need; offer early childhood development services; and, establish safe school policies using evidence-based practices.

June Jenkins was recently hired as the Director of Safe Schools/Healthy Students Albemarle/Charlottesville and she is working hard to develop a solid foundation for the program to be successful over the next few years. If you have any questions contact June at 872-4567 or jjjenkins@albemarle.org.

Task Force on Racial Disparity and Disproportionality in Youth Services



CCF's Task Force on Race Disparity and Disproportionality in Youth Services recently received a comprehensive report on five key service areas including child welfare, education, health, juvenile justice, and mental health. The report provided current data and well-researched information on best practices. In the coming months, Task Force members will work to develop policy and action recommendations for presentation to the Commission in late Spring.

The student researchers were Lindsay Doswell, Myles Durkee, Elizabeth Gale-Bentz, Faiza Jamil, Joshua Richards, and Todd Warner, working under the supervision of Barbara Oudekerk, M. A., Maryfrances Porter, Ph.D., and N. Dickon Reppucci, Ph.D. Many thanks to them for their excellent work.

Commissioner Profiles

This quarter we are proud to spotlight Maurice Walker. Maurice was appointed to the Charlottesville/Albemarle Commission on Children and Families in October 2008. He is a former Upward Bounder who started working for the Upward Bound Program as a volunteer tutor while completing his undergraduate work. After receiving his B.A., Maurice continued tutoring for Upward Bound while developing their program's website. Before becoming the Program Coordinator for Upward Bound, Maurice worked for the Information Systems Department at the University of Virginia Community Credit Union and Community Attention. In addition, he has been volunteering since 2004 for Computers4Kids. Maurice has been a valuable member of the Task Force on Racial Disparity and Disproportionality in Youth Services, the Youth Service Learning Work Group and the Youth Development Network Steering Committee, especially in his role on the Website Subcommittee where he has been the driving force behind the transformation of the inactive "Stay Active Website" into the interactive YDN Website/Blog that will help youth get connected with positive activities.

Thank you Maurice for your dedication!



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