



Quarterly Report

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CCF Releases 9th Annual Stepping Stones



CCF's annual report on trends documenting the well-being of local children and families has been released.

It can be viewed on our website at www.ccfinfo.org in PDF form and there are limited printed copies available.

Stepping Stones continues to include sufficient data to identify positive and negative trends on a growing percentage of indicators chosen to measure child and family well-being. 2008 trends include:

- The percentage of Grade 3 and 5 students who pass English, math, and science SOL's has significantly increased in the County and City since 1998.
- Births to teens have significantly decreased in the County and City since 1998.
- Alcohol arrests for youth under the age of 20 have significantly increased in the County and City since 1998, with a slight decrease in the City in the last 2 years.

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Community Practice Model

For the last few months, community partners have been implementing changes in the local structures, processes, and operations of the Comprehensive Services Act (CSA), aimed at creating a more efficient, effective, and responsive local CSA system. One critical change has been establishing common vision, mission, and values to drive community service planning. These values come from the values of the Virginia Children's Service System Transformation project.¹ This project aims to transform how services are delivered to children and their families across the Commonwealth and to promote youth in foster care being in permanent family arrangements, as well as the Systems of Care values and beliefs.²

The local vision is that children live safely and productively with their families and in their communities. The local mission is that the CSA system uses highly collaborative, responsive, and cost effective policies, procedures, and structures to flexibly and creatively support children and their families.

Below, are a few of the values that drive the local CSA service planning and delivery processes:

- * Children are best served when families are provided the supports necessary to raise them safely.
- * Every child has a right to connections with biological family and other caring adults.
- * Residential placement should focus on children's needs, be family-focused, temporary, and prepare them for return to family and community life.
- * Preserving children's safety is a first priority.
- * The voices of children and families are heard, valued and considered in the decision-making process.
- * Families are experts about their own families.
- * Each unique family is served with innovation, flexibility, creativity, and responsiveness.
- * The local service array is developed to ensure comprehensive and least restrictive services are available in our community.

See http://www.ccfinfo.org/PDFs/csa_community_practice_model.pdf for the full set of values.

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¹ see <http://vafamilyconnections.com/>

² see http://www.ccfinfo.org/PDFs/soc_ataglance.pdf

Summer FUNd 2009

The Summer FUNd received two grants from local foundations to provide 2009 summer camp scholarships for approximately 21 Albemarle County children from low income families. The program is administered by CCF in partnership with the Family Support Workers of the Albemarle County Department of Social Services and Children, Youth & Family Services (CYFS). The grants are:

- \$5,000 grant from the Charlottesville Area Community Foundation
- \$2,000 grant from the Party Parade Fund

Family Support Workers and others in County schools will identify and refer children to the application committee and CYFS will provide financial administration of the funds.



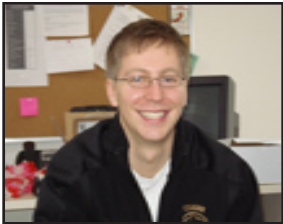
JOIN US!

CCF Commission Meeting

Wednesday, May 6th
at 5:30 pm in Room B in ACOB
5th Street Extended

Volunteer of the Quarter - Anthony Haro!

CCF is pleased to recognize Anthony Haro, one of our awesome UVA Interns, as the Volunteer of the Quarter. Anthony has gone above and beyond the call of duty as an intern to take on the role of Youth Development Network Coordinator.



The YDN Coordinator position became available after previous individuals left the position for other jobs and the Peace Corps. At this point, Anthony put on his Super Intern Cape and took over the role of YDN Coordinator. His duties include oversight of the YDN Hotline to connect local youth with activities and services such as sports and tutoring. The YDN motto...You Call – It Works...has

proven true with Anthony at the helm. CCF is very appreciative and thankful for Anthony's service to us and especially to the children and families of the community. All the staff members at CCF wish Anthony the best as he graduates from UVA this spring. We know that he will be successful at whatever he attempts and we suspect that service to others will continue to play a major role in his future.

Announcements:

Agency Budget Review Team releases budget recommendations.

Annual Report to be presented to Council & Board

County FAPTs now held on Mondays at 1:00pm; City FAPTs on Friday at 9:00am.



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