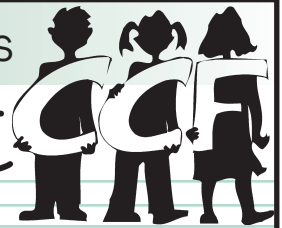




# Quarterly Report

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## NEWS

### COME JOIN US!

CCF meets the first Wednesday of each month at 5:30 p.m. in Meeting Room B, 1600 5th Street, Albemarle County Office Building

5:00-5:30 p.m.  
Refreshments

5:30-7:00 p.m.  
Public Meeting

Agendas are posted online before each meeting at [www.ccfinfo.org](http://www.ccfinfo.org).

### WELCOME!

**Sara Dansey**  
Foothills Child Advocacy Center  
Project Director

### THANK YOU

**Janet Glenn**  
Juvenile Justice Research Assistant

**Megan Oliviero**  
Foothills Child Advocacy Center  
Project Coordinator

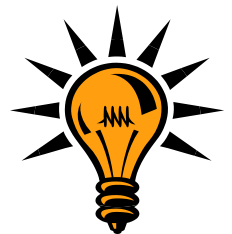
## Collaboration with UVA

An Engaged Scholar's Work Group will to commence in February 2007, and is charged with outlining a necessary University infrastructure needed to support a formal office of Community-University Partnerships for Learning and Research. However, even without a formal structure in place, CCF has continued to build productive partnerships throughout the Fall semester, 2006. We have been fortunate to work on research projects with 6 faculty, 10 graduate students, and 10 undergraduate students, not including additional UVA and PVCC faculty and staff who contribute time and energy to the Commission and its work groups. These partnerships have resulted in one completed research project, one on-going evaluation, best practices research, two planned evaluations/surveys, the revitalization of the Kids Watch program for children who have witnessed domestic violence, office support, and ongoing consultation for the Human Services Strategic Planning process. We are grateful for these collaborations and look forward to their continuation and expansion over the next several months.

For more information on this partnership, please contact **Maryfrances Porter** at (434) 872-4546 or [mporter@albemarle.org](mailto:mporter@albemarle.org).

## Human Services Strategic Plan

CCF is leading an effort to develop a Human Services Strategic Plan. This Plan brings together local information about community needs along with information about where public dollars currently are being spent. As part of developing this Plan, we have been holding discussions asking people what they have experienced as working and not working in our community, and getting input about possible priorities. We have held 14 of these discussions so far, have 2 more scheduled, and are in the process of scheduling at least 9 more (including two community forums – open opportunities for the public to comment). We are grateful to everyone who has participated, who will participate, and those who have worked so hard to help us bring together residents in these discussions! One ultimate goal of this project is to use all this information to advise the local governments on which specific human service issues we should be focusing our attention over the next couple of years. – Watch the Quarterly Report for updates regarding this project, which is expected to be completed in early Summer 2007.



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## Governor's Youth Community Service and Civic Engagement Grant

The City of Charlottesville and the County of Albemarle, in collaboration with the Teens GIVE Program and the Charlottesville/Albemarle Commission on Children and Families, have developed a grant proposal to provide youth at-risk of gang involvement with service learning opportunities. The Teens GIVE Program is an award-winning program that helps prevent delinquency by providing at-risk youth with community service learning opportunities.

City and County youth who are at-risk of gang involvement will be referred to the program by local agencies and organizations that work with this population. Neighborhood associations and churches will also refer appropriate youth through an organized recruitment process developed as part of the outreach efforts of the Commission on Children and Families. The results of the collaborative program will be seen in the lives of the youth involved in the project and in the communities that they serve.

For more information on this partnership, please contact **Rory Carpenter** at (434) 872-45467 or [rcarpenter@albemarle.org](mailto:rcarpenter@albemarle.org).

## Volunteer of the Quarter - Steve Stern!



CCF is pleased to recognize Steven Stern, Ph.D., as the volunteer of the quarter for his dedicated and invaluable service and consultation to CCF. Steve, the Merrill Bankard Professor of Economics at the University of Virginia, has volunteered innumerable hours to Commission projects since its inception. In 1999, Steve co-authored the Community Strategic Plan for Preventing Teen Pregnancies and Sexually Transmitted Diseases, which continues to be the blueprint for the TP/STD Work Group.

More recently, Steve was the Research Director and a member of the Advisory Committee for the Human Services Budget. He developed the research design and provided guidance to project staff at weekly meetings. Steve was instrumental in securing a Double-Hoo grant through UVA to support the work of graduate student, Jose Fernandez, and undergraduate, Danielle Sewell. Currently, Steve is serving as Co-Research Director and on the Advisory Committee for the Human Services Strategic Plan. He meets weekly with CCF staff and the research team to guide this important initiative.

In addition to his dedicated work on Commission projects, Steve also serves on the Region Ten Community Services Board. Previously, he was Chair of the Charlottesville Social Development Commission and the President of the JAUNT Board of Directors. Steve Stern's dedication to public service has greatly benefited CCF and the broader community.



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