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.

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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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