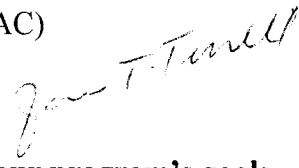


FY10 United Way 12-Month Report 7/21/10

Program: Foothills Child Advocacy Center (FCAC)
Agency: Foothills Child Advocacy Center
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- 1 For the current funding period, please highlight your program's goals, activities, and results, noting any changes to your original plan/proposal. Include any relevant budget and/or financial information. Limit your response to no more than one page.**

In our 4th full year of operation, FCAC continued to provide a culturally sensitive, coordinated community response to allegations of child abuse in a dedicated, child friendly setting. Through the multidisciplinary team (MDT), FCAC coordinated the work of all of the agencies and organizations in the Charlottesville and Albemarle communities that were involved in child abuse investigation and treatment. The goal of FCAC was and will continue to be to decrease trauma and promote healing among these child victims and their non-offending family members or caregivers by providing early intervention services and improved prosecution and to increase the number of children in our community who would benefit from these services each year.

During the 12 months of FY10, 130 children and their families have been served through the MDT and 111 forensic interviews have been conducted at FCAC. 29 cases have been accepted for prosecution. Through a grant from BAMA Works, we offered our space and forensic interviewer's service free of charge in 8 cases to outlying counties who do not have a CAC of their own. Through our training funds, FCAC provided 522 hours of training to MDT and FCAC staff members. A one time gift of \$20,000 from a private foundation allowed us to begin offering Darkness to Light's Stewards of Children Program free to the community. This program is a revolutionary evidenced-based sexual abuse prevention training program that educates adults to prevent, recognize, and to react responsibly to child sexual abuse, and motivates them to courageous action. Since 3/31/10, we have had held 6 workshops with 57 participates. Currently, there are 15 more scheduled workshops on the calendar for groups such as CHIP, YMCA, PTOs, and City and County employees.

We ended our fiscal year with a surplus due to better than projected donations and fundraising activities. Our budget for the year was re-adjusted in March to include the one time gift and corresponding expenses for implementation of the Stewards of Children program. Though we are cramped for space and have no room for expansion, the move to the CYFS building helped us hold down occupancy costs and to put more funds into maintaining our excellent level of program delivery through the work of our Project Coordinator/Case Manager. In addition, it has been very helpful to be located in the same location as one of our multidisciplinary team members to whom we refer children for counseling.

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2. **Please share a success story from your program. We are especially interested in stories that show a long-term impact on a person or family, and stories that show collaborations or referrals with other community programs in meeting a client’s multiple needs.**

A report came into Charlottesville Police Department stating that a 13 year old, Hispanic girl had disclosed to her mother that her stepfather had been sexually abusing her. She came in to FCAC for a forensic interview. The Program Coordinator did the forensic interview while the CPS Social Worker and P.D. investigator observed the interview. The child disclosed during the interview. The victim advocate spoke to the mother about counseling services for herself and her daughter and in-home services due to her 5 year old son who was exhibiting behavior consistent with witnessing domestic violence. The team developed a safety plan with the mother. The stepfather confessed and charges were brought against him. There has been a plead agreement and sentencing is pending. CPS has on-going services in place.

3. **Complete the following Outcome Measurement update (based on your application for funding) for the fiscal year to date.**

Revised Projected Number of Intended
of FY10 Primary Beneficiaries: 135
FY10 Secondary Beneficiaries: 120

YTD Actual Number
Primary Beneficiaries: 130
Secondary Beneficiaries: 57

Projected FY10 Outcomes	FY10 Indicators Tracked	FY10 Outcome Results
Child safety & protection from re-victimization enhanced through multidisciplinary investigations	# of MDT Investigations	130
	# of safety plans	130
	# of prosecutions	29
Adequate information received from single forensic interviews	# of forensic interviews	111
	# of repeated interviews	0
Children and non-offending families receive support through interagency communication and coordination	# of children receiving case management services	130
	# of cases reviewed at MDT meetings	130
	# of agencies represented at MDT meetings	14
Professionals working with FCAC have improved knowledge of best practices and enhanced skills in providing services	# of MDT members who attended CAC sponsored trainings	25
	# of survey’s received	2
	# of positive survey responses by training attendees	2
Provide Stewards of Children Workshops free to our community	# of workshops completed	6
	# of participants	57
	# of workshops currently scheduled	15

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- 4. Impact Report: We are looking for issues and statistics specific to our local area; you are also welcome to include some general issues that set the framework for the local statistics. Under the Actual Results heading, we are looking for impact, especially long-term results, not just numbers served. For the Financial Impact section, have each example highlight a different thing.**

Community Need and Issues Your Program Addresses.

In calendar year 2008, there were a total of 823 (20% increase over 2007) reported cases of child maltreatment to the City of Charlottesville and Albemarle County Child Protective Services (CPS) and law enforcement agencies combined. For law enforcement, these cases included all “reports” of child victimization, defined as aggravated assault or a sex offense. For CPS, the numbers represent cases of child physical abuse, child sexual abuse, child psychological abuse, and child neglect. This figure includes all reported cases, whether or not the case was investigated or only referred for family assessments. 590 reports received family assessments and 233 were investigated, of which 148 (64%) were referred to the MDT (FCAC annual evaluation). The discrepancy between all investigated cases and those reviewed by the MDT is primarily explained by the fact that the MDT accepts only cases that involve sexual abuse, physical abuse, and neglect with physical injury. Our overall goal is to make sure that every child in our community has access to an accredited FCAC and the services and resources we offer. FCAC as an organization and as a space enhances the ability of our community to respond to child abuse allegations, reduces the trauma that the victims experience, and provides hope and healing to victims and their families.

Your Program’s Solutions that United Way Community Impact Funds Support

Our program supports the United Way impact area of “Successful Kids in Strong Families”. We believe that all children are entitled to be safe, healthy, nurtured and valued. Foothills Child Advocacy Center envisions a unified and just community whose members are knowledgeable about and invested in assuring that all child victims receive the benefit of a range of services available in the community. Foothills Child Advocacy Center will provide a system where intervention and prosecution in cases of child abuse/neglect and victimization are well-coordinated and effective in a child and family friendly environment which is as non-traumatic to children as possible and which contributes to prevention of child victimization and the safety of all children. National data indicates that negative outcomes such as physical injury, psychological problems, academic failure, inappropriate behavior and interpersonal difficulties are a direct result of children’s exposure to domestic violence, as well as other forms of child abuse. Fortunately, with the right kind of help, these children can recover completely and live normal and happy lives.

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Actual Results

For the fiscal year ending 6/30/10, Foothills conducted 111 forensic interviews, and our Case Manager coordinated 130 cases with the MDT. 130 children and their non-offending family members received services. 14 agencies routinely participated in MDT meetings and 25 members received training in best practices using our training dollars. 29 perpetrators were prosecuted. Since 3/31/10, we provided 6 Stewards of Children workshops, free of charge, to the Charlottesville/Albemarle community. 57 adults received training in how they can recognize and more importantly how they can prevent child sexual abuse.

Financial Impact of Donations:

With State and Local budget cuts a reality, every donation big or small will help Foothills CAC continue this needed work in our community and to expand services. Using the CAC model will reduce stress and trauma to our child victims, and provide early and effective intervention services and improved prosecution of perpetrators.

In 2005, the National Children's Advocacy Center undertook a research initiative to determine the actual cost benefit of utilizing the CAC response to child abuse cases and determined that on a per-case basis, traditional investigations were 36% more expensive than CAC investigations. Recent research conducted by the University of New Hampshire Crimes Against Children Research Center concluded that police in CAC communities were involved in 81% of child protective service investigations of sexual abuse as compared to only 52% of cases in comparison communities. In addition, more than double the number of child victims received a forensic medical exam and 60% of CAC cases included a referral for mental health services versus only 22% in comparison community cases.