



## ARLINGTON COUNTY, VIRGINIA

**County Board Agenda Item  
Meeting of November 15, 2008**

**DATE:** November 15, 2008

**SUBJECT:** Child Advocacy Center Development Grants

**C. M. RECOMMENDATION:**

1. Appropriate \$68,110 from the Commonwealth of Virginia Office of the Secretary of Health and Human Resources (101.364701) to the Department of Human Services (101.56305) for a contract bilingual social worker and state-approved training for Arlington's Child Advocacy Center.
2. Authorize the County Manager or his designee to accept the grant and execute the agreement.

**ISSUES:** County Board approval is needed to accept and appropriate \$68,110 for specified activities. No issues have been identified.

**SUMMARY:** These grant funds will be used for Arlington's Child Advocacy Center (CAC). The CAC provides a coordinated investigation and comprehensive response to families whose children are alleged victims of sexual abuse and/or severe physical abuse. A grant of \$57,000 will support a part-time bi-lingual victim support social worker (\$39,000), as well as equipment and other program support. The social worker is a contract position with no benefits, which will terminate upon expenditure of state funds. A second grant in the amount of \$11,110 will be used specifically for state-approved training.

**BACKGROUND:** The Commonwealth renewed the \$1 million funding statewide for CAC development. Arlington County has been awarded \$57,000 for program support for FY2009 and an additional \$11,110 to be used for training. This represents an increase over FY2008 funding (\$39,300). Arlington began a pilot CAC in January 2005 with grant funding from the National Children's Alliance. Four County agencies participate in the Multidisciplinary CAC Team: the Department of Human Services, the Police Department, and the Commonwealth Attorney's and County Attorney's Offices. Grant funding supports a part-time bi-lingual victim support social worker, which is a contract position. The social worker provides support services to child victims and non-offending parents. Approximately 25 percent of the children interviewed at the CAC are Spanish speakers or have parents/siblings who do not speak English.

**FISCAL IMPACT:** None. There is no impact to net tax support. No local match is required.

County Manager: \_\_\_\_\_

Staff: Graciela Cerda, DHS, Child and Family Services Division