



## ARLINGTON COUNTY, VIRGINIA

**County Board Agenda Item  
Meeting of December 12, 2009**

**DATE:** November 19, 2009

**SUBJECT:** Child Advocacy Center Development Grant

**C. M. RECOMMENDATION:**

1. Appropriate \$25,405 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 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 \$25,405 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. The funds will support a part-time bi-lingual victim support social worker. The social worker is a contract position with no benefits, which will terminate upon expenditure of state funds.

**BACKGROUND:** 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: BMD

County Attorney: SAM

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