ARLINGTON COUNTY, VIRGINIA

County Board Agenda Item
Meeting of June 12, 2010

DATE: May 21, 2010

SUBJECT: National Children's Alliance Grant

C. M. RECOMMENDATION:

Appropriate a $9,983 National Children's Alliance grant from the Children's Advocacy Centers of Virginia (101.350970) to the Department of Human Services (101.56305) in FY 2010 for Arlington's Child Advocacy Center.

ISSUES: This is a request to accept grant funds. No net tax support is required and no issues have been identified.

SUMMARY: The Arlington County Child Advocacy Center (CAC) coordinates the investigation of reported allegations of child sexual abuse and/or severe physical abuse in collaboration with community partners. Funds will be used to purchase client psychological testing materials, child sexual abuse prevention outreach materials, programmatic supplies and client transportation.

BACKGROUND: The National Children's Alliance (NCA) is the national umbrella organization for Child Advocacy Centers. Arlington began a pilot Child Advocacy Center program in January 2005 with $55,000 in NCA grant funding. The CAC team includes representatives from the Department of Human Services, Arlington County Police, the Commonwealth Attorney's Office, the County Attorney's Office, and the INOVA Fairfax Hospital Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner (SANE) program. The primary goal of this program is to reduce trauma to children exacerbated by the investigation process. As a fully accredited member of NCA since October 2008, Arlington is eligible to receive an additional $9,983 in program support funds for FY 2010.

FISCAL IMPACT: None. All expenditures are covered by the grant. No local match is required. This grant is for the period of January 2010 through December 2010.

County Manager: MB

County Attorney: SAM

Staff: Graciela Cerda, Child & Family Services, DHS

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