



## ARLINGTON COUNTY, VIRGINIA

**County Board Agenda Item  
Meeting of January 21, 2012**

**DATE:** December 21, 2011

**SUBJECT:** Child Advocacy Center Social Worker Authorization

**C. M. RECOMMENDATION:**

Authorize 0.875 FTE grant-funded position for the Department of Human Services supported by a Virginia Department of Social Services grant.

**ISSUES:** This is a request to authorize a 0.875 FTE grant-funded position using Virginia Department of Social Services (DSS) funds. No local match is required.

**SUMMARY:** DSS has granted DHS approval to use \$35,727 out of a \$94,035 Child Advocacy Center grant to create a 0.875 FTE grant-funded position. The funding is already included in the FY 2012 adopted budget. Authorization of this FTE request ensures that the requirements of the grant are met and personnel costs are covered.

**BACKGROUND:** DSS awards annual grants to implement Child Advocacy Centers throughout Virginia. Child Advocacy Centers provide comprehensive services to victims of child abuse and neglect throughout the investigation, intervention, treatment and prosecution of reported cases. The requested FTE authorization will create 35 hour a week bilingual social worker to act as the clinical coordinator for the program.

DHS has been a recipient of this DSS grant award for more than 10 years. In past years the funds supported a contract social worker with no benefits. Keeping this position filled has been a challenge. DSS has approved the creation of a 0.875 FTE position with benefits in an effort to ensure continuity of services. Funding is already included in the FY 2012 adopted budget. DHS will use \$35,727 out of a total \$94,035 grant to fund the position through FY 2012.

The Arlington Child Advocacy Center has a Memorandum of Understanding signed by the Child Advocacy Center Multidisciplinary Team which includes the Special Victims Unit of the Arlington Police Department, DHS, the Commonwealth Attorney's Office and INOVA Fairfax Hospital. In FY 2011, the Arlington Child Advocacy Center served approximately 200 victims of sexual and physical abuse.

County Manager:

County Attorney:

Staff: Lakeisha Flores, Child and Family Services Division, DHS

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**FISCAL IMPACT:** No local match fund is required. All expenditures are covered by grant funds. The position will terminate if grant funds are not renewed. The grant renewal takes place on July 1<sup>st</sup> of each year. When Notice of Award from DSS arrives in 2012, funds will be utilized to fund the position through Fiscal Year 2013.