



## Quarterly Report to Steering Committee / Co-Chairs June through September 2005

### I. Committee Updates

- A. **Minority Over-Representation / Gender-Specific / Special Needs Sub-Committee.** [April Corie, Facilitator] . This Sub-Committee met three times during the quarter on June 3, 2005, July 29, 2005, and September 1, 2005. The next meeting is scheduled for October 3, 2005.

One of the goals of the Community Conferencing training held in September is to use Community Conferencing to help address the issue of minority over-representation. This community-based-approach to dealing with accountability and resolution has been proven to reduce minority over-representation in the criminal justice system.

The Sub-Committee applied and was awarded a technical assistance grant from the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention to train up to 50 community volunteers and professionals on the gender relevant issues for juveniles in the justice system, as well as in the facilitation of Girls Circles. This training will be held in December of 2005.

The Sub-Committee plans to address the issues of truancy and the specialized needs of sexual offenders during the next quarter.