



Brevard C.A.R.E.S.

**Executive Director Report
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Strengthening Families...Whatever It Takes!

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Key accomplishment(s) this past month

- Brevard CARES has working with the Department of Children and Families to provide prevention support to the Substance Exposed Newborn cases. There is a new team created at the Space Coast Health Partners that provides specific support to these mothers by providing a peer mentor, a housing and employment specialist and a care coordinator. Brevard CARES submitted for an additional \$400,000 to help support this team as well as increase support provided to CARES, Family Allies, and the Child Protective Investigators. This was awarded which brings the totally funding for housing to \$440,000.
- Brevard CARES has completed the submission of the Council on Accreditation self-study. The Council on Accreditation provided notice that they will do the site-visit on site, it was previously discussed that it would be virtually. Brevard CARES will continue to monitor this and keep the board updated as there may be a requirement to do an interview with COA.
- Brevard Family Partnership has applied for additional funding from the Managing Entity to increase direct collaboration with the department of Children and Families when assessing for risk at the onset of an investigation. The design of this program would be to joint respond with DCF and provide an additional layer of support in engagement with the goal of reducing the need for immediate removal when appropriate. The ask is for an additional \$352,000 which would be for Brevard CARES to provide the service delivery.

Key challenges moving forward

- Brevard CARES in on the last step towards completing the Behavioral Health application through Medicaid. This step requires a medical doctor to agree to attach their license to our agency for Medicaid billing.

Respectfully Submitted,

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