



# **Brevard C.A.R.E.S.**

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

## **Key accomplishment(s) this past month**

- Palm Bay Police Department would like to begin a Mobile Response Team joint response model. The Managing Entity is working with Palm Bay Police Department to secure the funding for the project. If funded there will be a position for a Program Manager who will be responsible for both Adult Mobile Response Team programs. The current funding request for the team is \$448,196.
- The founder of Parenting with Love and Limits, Dr Scott Sells, asked if we would like to partner with him on a Department of Juvenile Justice grant with to provide therapeutic interventions for children who are involved in the DJJ system and the foster care system. The proposal was submitted and if approved is for \$500,000.
- Brevard CARES and the entire Family of Agencies is partnering with the Department of Children and Families to have a one-day job fair. It will be hosted at Career Source in Rockledge on February 24, 2022. The idea is that we will have staff there that can interview, fingerprint, begin background check and present an applicant with a job offer in the same day. We have noticed that by the time we finish this process applicants have already accepted other positions.
- The application for Parents as Teachers has finally been approved and the team will begin training for that within the next few months. Parents as Teachers is a well-supported evidence-based model that will be used with our families.
- The allocation for Motivational Interviewing being funded by the Department of Children and Families has been allotted and the training for our team for this will also be within the next few months.

## **Key challenges moving forward**

- Brevard CARES is starting to feel the impact for staffing issues. Hiring and retaining employees is a challenge based on the wages we can offer versus other industries. Brevard CARES has six different positions with nine staff members needed. Unfortunately, our greatest need is in the Non Judicial In Home Services Units.

Respectfully Submitted,

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