



Brevard C.A.R.E.S.

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

Key accomplishment(s) this past month

- Brevard CARES was awarded the full COA accreditation that is good until November 30, 2025. Thank you to the board members who were able to provide their time to be interviewed by the team that came onsite. We have not received the accompanying report, but it will be shared once it is received.
- The Brevard Family Partnership Family of Agencies participated in a Christmas Tree decorating contest. The trees were then given to Brevard CARES families to enjoy for the holiday season. Six donated trees were provided in all. Over the holiday season we were able to provide gifts to over 475 children. It is a labor-intensive process but one our team looks forward to every year. We have high hopes that next year we may be able to return to the annual party we had for families.
- Central Florida CARES Managing Entity has awarded Brevard CARES an additional \$61,192.61 in reoccurring funding to our existing contract. This takes the contract from \$522,481 to \$588,674. The goal of this funding will give us the ability to increase clinical services and begin the process of applying to private insurance panels for these services.
- I was asked by the Department of Children and Families to present to their graduating class of Child Protective Investigators. I was specifically asked to impress the value of Prevention and providing services to the families as soon as possible. There were 13 graduates in this class but even with that many new people their current need has not been met.

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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