



Brevard C.A.R.E.S.

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

Key accomplishment(s) this past month

- On January 9th, our staff officially returned to working in the office on a hybrid schedule. Many of our staff have been hired within the past two years and have not yet had the ability to work from an office. It has been exciting to return and to have the ability to once again interact with one another on a frequent basis.
- We welcomed Abby Pease as our new Community MRT Program Manager. This position oversees our MRT unit that is partnered with Melbourne Police Department. Abby is a licensed clinical social worker and brings a wealth of experience along with her for this position. We are excited to have her!
- Various members of our team attended both the North and South DCF office's all staffs in an effort to increase collaboration and utilization of Cares services, with the ultimate goal of reducing the number of shelters. We continue to also attend bi-weekly meetings with DCF staff on a regular basis.
- We have officially completed the training for our new Family Systems Trauma team. Our Clinical Services Director, along with our two FST Care Coordinators, attended the training and we are hoping to begin implementation in the near future. We are still interviewing for our two FST therapist positions and hope to fill them soon as well.

Key challenges moving forward

- We still have vacant positions that we are actively interviewing for and hope to fill in the near future.

Respectfully Submitted,

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