



Brevard C.A.R.E.S.

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

Key accomplishment(s) this past month

- In February, our MRT Co-Response team with MPD had the opportunity to present at the Brevard Association of Human Services with Vice Mayor Mark LaRusso. The team shared information about the successful partnership with MPD and the difference it is making in the community.
- Brevard Cares had the opportunity to attend a community baby shower which was put on by Discover Life Church. This event served over 50 pregnant, single women throughout the community. Brevard Cares was able to provide pack and plays to 24 women through our Cribs for Kids program and provided education on safe sleeping.
- On February 24th, the Cares team came together and had an in person potluck gathering. Our team enjoyed coming together in our new office space and spending time getting to know one another.
- Our community MRT teams have officially filled all vacancies at this time. Both our North and South units are now comprised of a program manager, four therapists, one care coordinator and one peer specialist. We are excited to have the teams fully staffed and able to serve additional clients in the community.
- Director of Prevention and Diversion Heather Gibb attended the Leadership Expo in Bradenton on 2/16, which was a presentation held to demonstrate significant changes coming to the training department and the child welfare certification process. This new process will include modernization and a focus on wellness for new trainees.

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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