



Brevard C.A.R.E.S.

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

Key accomplishment(s) this past month

- April was Child Abuse Prevention month. Many of our staff participated in planting pinwheels at various locations throughout our community, as the pinwheel represents a healthy, happy child. Our staff attended the reading of the Proclamation by Judge McKibben at the courthouse. We had multiple staff nominated for an award, to be presented at the annual CAPTF Banquet, which was held on 4/28/2023. Our staff had a busy month doing whatever they could to raise awareness of Child Abuse Prevention.
- We had two Brevard Cares staff successfully pass the exam to obtain their Provisional Child Welfare Certification. They officially graduate on 5/11/2023. We are proud of their accomplishments.
- We began collaborating with DCF to receive all of the PNA (Parent Needs Assistance) reports that are screened out each week. These reports would have likely been screened out simply because a parent was not the one to call them in to the hotline. Staff from our Neighborhood Partnership Program will be reaching out to these families to offer services, with the hope that the families will engage and it will prevent any further system involvement.
- During the week of 5/1/23, three of our supervisors traveled to Tallahassee to attend a training on leadership development. Staff spent several days attending workshops and networking with other leaders across the state. This was a great opportunity for our staff, as some of them are newer into their supervisory journey and they enjoyed the opportunity to attend.

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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