



Brevard C.A.R.E.S.

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

Key accomplishment(s) this past month

- Both of our North and South Community MRT teams had the opportunity to continue meeting with law enforcement agencies in their area of the county to build and establish relationships and increase MRT usage. The teams have been meeting with Cocoa Police Department and Palm Bay Police Department. They have trainings scheduled in both Departments with the law enforcement officers and we are looking forward to continuing and expanding our partnership with them.
- We have filled nearly all of our vacant positions, with only one remaining open at this time. Our teams are full and they have been putting a large focus on teambuilding among themselves and building relationships. We were able to come together for an employee appreciation event in late June. Staff expressed appreciation and enjoyed spending time with the larger group of staff and meeting many new faces.
- As of July 1, 2023, we no longer are receiving funding for our Family Systems Trauma team, as the legislature declined to extend the funding into the new fiscal year. We had two staff hired on that team, in care coordinator positions, and they have transitioned smoothly into other care coordinator positions within our agency. We were also able to continue serving the family that was open to services through to the end of their treatment.
- Leadership teams from CARES, Family Allies, and DCF have started working together on an upcoming training series focused on the complexities of working with families with substance exposed newborns. These trainings will be available to all staff, with a focus on providing them to frontline staff throughout all agencies.

Respectfully Submitted,

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