



Brevard C.A.R.E.S.

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

Key accomplishments

- In September, our Family Stabilization Support Team had the opportunity speak at the DCF Children and Families Summit, along with Central Florida Cares Health System and Brevard Family Partnership. Various aspects of the program were discussed, to include implementation, partnerships and success rates. They were also able to share positive outcomes from several families recently served in the program.
- The month of September included Child Welfare Worker Appreciation Week. Brevard CARES hosted a “grab and go” lunch for all staff to participate in. Staff gathered in the kitchen area and were able to sit with one another and eat lunch. Staff reported really enjoying and appreciating the event. We are so thankful for the hard work our staff does each and every day!
- We have several supervisors currently going through the process to receive their Supervisor Certification through the Florida Certification Board. Yvette McCain was our first staff to recently complete all of the requirements and pass the exam. She has officially obtained Child Welfare Supervisor Certification! We have additional staff that will be ready for their exam in the near future as well.
- On September 27th, a segment was aired on WFTV highlighting the MPD MRT’s success, including a firsthand account of the impact MRT has had on one client and her family. “WFTV: Melbourne Police tout success of new mental health mobile response team.” We continue to be proud of this team and the impact that they are having in the city of Melbourne.
- Brevard CARES attended “Coffee with Partners,” at the Children’s Advocacy Center, where various system of care and community partners gathered together to discuss ways to continue improving relationships and effectiveness of the work we are all doing. The decision was made to continue these meetings twice annually as well.

Key challenges moving forward

- No immediate known challenges at this time.

Upcoming Community Events / Any requests of the Board Members

- Brevard CARES will be participating in the Community Baby Shower again on October 14th from 10am-12pm at Discover Life Church.

Respectfully Submitted,

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