



# **Brevard C.A.R.E.S.**

**Executive Director Report  
April 10th, 2024**

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**Strengthening Families...Whatever It Takes!**

## Key accomplishments

- In the past month or so, we have implemented a Cares weekly email. This is something sent out every Friday and includes announcements, resources, Cheers for Peers, and any other relevant information needing to be shared. This has been a great way to keep open communication with staff and has also led to staff sharing their appreciation for one another more frequently.
- Brevard Cares has been a distributor of Narcan for the past several years. However, in March, we distributed 39 boxes, which is the highest amount to date. We are hopeful to continue that trend and be able to provide it more people in the community.
- Earlier this year, BFP conducted their quarterly file review. Our Prevention, Safety Management and NJIHS teams did a wonderful job and received nearly 100% across the board, with only one area under. We are proud of their hard work!
- Our MRT teams continue to build relationships with community partners and encourage the usage of their service. Below is a recent kudo that was shared that speaks to the great work they are doing.
  - “I was at a community health fair this past Saturday and I ran into Jeremy Weiss of the Rockledge Fire Department. Syrian and I had a previous meeting with him regarding the Mobile Response Team assisting with employee trauma due to difficult calls where deaths have occurred. Tommy recently met with the Ocean Rescue Team after a difficult call and they were so thankful and grateful to the point that the Chief exclusively wants to use the MRT team instead of another peer to peer system they were using. They said that they were able to share feelings about the current trauma call as well as past trauma calls that were still bothering them. Tommy created a safe space for them and they are more than thrilled to utilize MRT in the future.” – From Jessica Miles

## Key challenges moving forward

- None at this time.

## Upcoming Community Events / Any requests of the Board Members

- April is Child Abuse Prevention Month. Please join CAPTF at many of the various pinwheel plantings and events that will be held throughout the month. (attached)
- 5/18/2024 Community Baby Shower at Discover Life Church

Respectfully Submitted,

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**APRIL IS CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH!**

- 4/1 **Pinwheel Planting** with Sheriff Ivey and BCSO Special Victims unit at 340 Gus Hipp Blvd. in Rockledge at **10:30 am**.
- 4/2 **Pinwheel Planting** at the **State Attorney's Office**, 2725 Judge Fran Jamieson Way, Building D in Viera at **10:30am**.
- 4/3 **Pinwheel Planting** will be held at **10:30 am** at the **Children's Advocacy Center of Brevard**, 1100 Rockledge Boulevard, Rockledge. **Remember to Wear Blue!!**
- 4/3 **Pinwheel Planting** at the **State Attorney's Office**, North Brevard Government Center, 400 South Street, Titusville at **9:00 am**.
- 4/3 Join us at **Texas Roadhouse** for our **Dine Out Event!** Please join us for dinner at **Texas Roadhouse, 1975 Viera Boulevard, Rockledge from 5-8 pm**. 10 % of the proceeds go to the Child Abuse Prevention Task Force of Brevard.
- 4/4 **Pinwheel Planting** will be held at the **Parrish Children's Center**, 5650 South Washington Avenue, Titusville at **11:00 am**.
- 4/5 **Official Wear Blue Day!!!!**
- 4/5 **Pinwheel Planting** will be held at **LOVE INC of Brevard**, 830 N Apollo Boulevard, Melbourne, FL 32935 at **11:30 am**.
- 4/8 **Pinwheel Planting** will be held at the **Brevard County School Board**, 2700 Judge Fran Jamieson Way, Viera at **9:00 am**.
- 4/9 **Proclamation Reading** at the **Brevard County School Board Meeting**, 2700 Judge Fran Jamieson Way, Viera at **5:30 pm**.
- 4/10 **Pinwheel Planting** with the **Brevard FAPA** at the **Allies In Wellness Office**, 1825 Riverview Drive, Melbourne at **9:00 am**.
- 4/12 **Walk in My Shoes – Brevard County in Partnership with Laurens Kids Foundation** will take place at Dunkin Donuts 1220 N Highway A1A, Indialantic 32903 at **12:00 pm**. Lauren's Walk is in held to fight to prevent abuse and protect childhood!
- 4/16 **Pinwheel Planting** with the Rockledge Department of Children and Families staff, 375 Commerce Parkway, Rockledge at **10:00 am**.
- 4/16 **Proclamation Reading and Pinwheel Planting with Judge Kelly McKibben** at the Brevard County Courthouse at **12:15 pm**. **Remember to Wear Blue!!**
- 4/19 **CAPTF Banquet** will be held at the Holiday Inn Viera at **12:00 pm-2:00 pm** to celebrate the wonderful prevention work being done around Brevard County. Please join us in celebrating your colleagues!!
- 4/20 **Superhero Run** will be held Saturday, April 20<sup>th</sup> starting at **7:30 am** at The Avenue in Viera. This is a family friendly and chip-timed 5k race and 1-mile fun run. 100% of the proceeds benefit local abused and neglected children in Brevard and support the Guardian Ad Litem Program.
- 4/22 **Pinwheel Planting** at the Department of Children and Families, 6100 Minton Road, Palm Bay at **11:00 am**.
- 4/23 **Brevard County Commissioner** will be reading the Child Abuse Prevention Proclamation at the Brevard County Commissioners Meeting at **9:00 am**, 2725 Judge Fran Jamieson Way, Building C, Viera, **Wear Blue**
- 4/27 **Bingo** at **Seaside Succulent** at 105 B Brevard Avenue, Cocoa 32922 from **6:00 pm-8:00 pm**.

**Want a pinwheel?** Email either [sarria.kelly@brevardschools.org](mailto:sarria.kelly@brevardschools.org) or [Jessica.miles@brevardcares.org](mailto:Jessica.miles@brevardcares.org) to schedule

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