



Brevard C.A.R.E.S.

**Executive Director Report
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Executive Director

Strengthening Families...Whatever It Takes!

Key accomplishments

- Several members of our leadership team continue to be part of the transition team assisting with our merge with Embrace Families. We continue to meet with them regularly, build relationships and learn from one another. We are working with their diversion teams and are assisting with organizing a Wraparound training for them to participate in later this month.
- For the past few years, Cares has worked the Dependency cases that were considered to be a conflict. These were typically the cases where a Family Allies employee was the placement for a child in care. Since Cares is no longer its own entity and is a division of Family Partnerships of Central Florida, we will no longer be working these cases. They will be sent to one of our out of county partners. The staff working these cases have transitioned into other similar roles within the agency.
- Our MRT managers continue to partner with police departments to increase their utilization of MRT. This past month, Tommy Shoriak completed a training for Titusville Police Department. It went very well and they expect to see increased calls coming in from the officers due to their training.
- We are moving forward with expanding our MRT Melbourne Police Department Team and have hired an additional therapist within the last month. We now have three therapists and a vacancy for one more. Once hired, this team will provide 24/7 coverage from Monday-Friday.

Key challenges moving forward

- None at this time.

Upcoming Community Events / Any requests of the Board Members

- 5/18/2024 Community Baby Shower at Discover Life Church

Respectfully Submitted,
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