



Brevard C.A.R.E.S.

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

Key accomplishments

- As of July 1st, we had the Diversion team from Seminole County officially join our Cares team. We have an upcoming meet and greet for our prevention staff to meet with them and begin building relationships. The staff in Seminole have attended Wraparound training through the NCFIE and we will begin implementing the Cares model with the families that they are serving in the near future.
- In recent months, we have had the ability to send several staff to conferences to expand on their knowledge and relationships within the community. We had a staff attend the national SAMSA conference in Washington DC, a staff attend the Crimes Against Children conference in Orlando and several staff attend the Florida Coalition for Children conference in north east Florida. Our staff have thoroughly enjoyed these experiences and we have plans for additional staff to attend the upcoming Children and Families conference in September.
- At the end of August, our Brevard Behavioral Health Expansion Grant will be ending. We have five staff that are a part of that team and all five will be transitioning to other positions within the Family of Agencies. We have a plan in place to transfer any open cases to another care coordinator and there will not be any disruption to the families being served. Additionally, we have recently had to eliminate four other positions within Cares due to budget constraints. I am happy to report that three out of the four staff are also transitioning to other positions within the Family of Agencies. Despite these recent changes and challenges, our staff have demonstrated their resilience and commitment to our agency. They have remained incredibly positive and continue to provide the best support possible to the families we serve.

Key challenges moving forward

- We continue to have a vacant position for a therapist on our Melbourne MRT team that we are hoping to fill. The position covers an evening shift, which is proving challenging to find a candidate for.

Upcoming Community Events / Any requests of the Board Members

- None at this time.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Circuit 18 Prevention and Diversion Director