



**Brevard C.A.R.E.S.
Board Report February 2016**

Strengthening Families...Whatever It Takes!

December 2015

As you know Brevard C.A.R.E.S. submitted a 1 time special appropriation request for 1.3 million dollars last that was approved by the Legislature and later vetoed by the Governor. This year we will be resubmitting the request for 1.58 million dollars to Senator Altman and Representative Goodson. I will keep members apprised of the progress of this request and may call upon you if needed to support it if necessary.

Staff from Brevard C.A.R.E.S. and Brevard Family Partnership attended the Rally in Tally. Rally in Tally is dedicated to educating foster youth, families, and child welfare workers on advocating their needs with Florida's lawmakers. During the event the team had the opportunity to meet with legislators and share their stories and experiences. The team met with Senator Thad Altman, Representative Tom Goodson, Speaker Crisafulli's Aide and Representative Hukill's Aide. As part of these meetings we the team provided information about the Brevard C.A.R.E.S. program and the special appropriations request for 1.58 million.

Brevard C.A.R.E.S. held its annual Winter Wonderland for the families receiving services on December 16. This year's event was a huge success with over 250 in attendance. We are very thankful for all of our donors who provided gifts for our children for the holidays. The Brevard CARES Management Team has begun reviewing and editing current Operating Procedure for updates to include alignment with Safety Decision Making Methodology, new programs, and new requirements for Family Support Cases.

Respectfully Submitted,
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