



**Brevard C.A.R.E.S.
Report July 2018**

Strengthening Families...Whatever It Takes!

June 2018

Brevard C.A.R.E.S. leadership is working in partnership with Family Allies Leadership to develop a transition plan for Non Judicial In Home Services, moving from oversight by Brevard C.A.R.E.S. to Family Allies. Current target date for first shift of duties is October 1st, 2018 with full transfer as of March 30th, 2019. This will affect over 100 families with over 200 children as well as the 8 C.A.R.E.S. staff members who work with this population.

The Brevard C.A.R.E.S. Executive Director has updated the statement of work and signed the Brevard County School Head Start contract. This unique partnership is designed to promote school readiness of children under 5 from low-income families through education, health, social and other services. This contract allows families who would not normally be eligible for prevention services due to a lack of DCF involvement to receive tailored Wraparound services and training support to the school based family advocates.

The Brevard C.A.R.E.S. Executive Director has submitted her resignation effective July 13th. Brevard C.A.R.E.S. Community Services Manager, Heather Howlett, will be Interim Executive Director during the search for a new Executive Director. A calendar of standing meetings and reports has been created and shared with Ms. Howlett.

The Brevard C.A.R.E.S. Post Adoption Quarterly Newsletter for June has been published to over 300 families and included information on preventing the “Summer Slide,” which refers to how children can slide backwards in academic achievement over the summer months. Additional articles on low cost summer activities and camps were also included.

The new Parenting with Love and Limits therapist started June 11. She has been completing training and will go through full certification training July 16-20. The new cohort begins July 17. Staff who have been filling in during the gap are wrapping up the final coaching from previous cohorts.

The C.A.R.E.S. prevention program is working to prepare for the Impending maternity leave of two employees in July by focusing on closures; their leave will create a gap in coverage that remaining staff will have to cover.

Respectfully Submitted,
Heather Howlett
Interim Executive Director