



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

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

## March/April 2016

March 30<sup>th</sup> concluded the six month post services period for the Child Trends evaluation. A final data pull was completed the first week of April and supplied to Child Trends for evaluation. Child Trends has provided very preliminary findings regarding recidivism and are beginning to analyze the results from the Protective Factors Survey to determine if there are any differences between the treatment group and the control group in the outcome of recidivism, Results from the Protective Factors Survey (pre and post tests) are also being evaluated. . Additional variables are also being considered for inclusion.

Brevard CARES management team has been working to leverage the power of interns. For the month of March Brevard CARES provided supervision for two MSW interns and one BS intern. The interns are providing support for Post Adoption Services and Prevention cases by assisting with follow up calls on inactive cases, referrals, initial homeless services screenings and other Family Partner duties. This support has not only offered relief to staff but has provided over \$13,000 in valuable in-kind match dollars for the agency.

The Mobile Response Team expenditures are over budget and three months remain in the contract year. Brevard CARES Management Team has been exploring options to reduce contract fees in the next fiscal year. The Mobile Response Team has initiated collaboration with the BFP Foster Parent Navigator to identify training and support needs of foster parents, in to ensure support for foster parents in an effort to advert crisis escalations. The Executive Director is working with finance to scrub the current CARES budget to ensure funding is available for this valuable service.

Brevard CARES staff have been instrumental in the development and implementation of the Child Abuse Prevention Month community awareness and outreach campaign. The campaign and Brevard CARES were featured in the April edition of Space Coast Living Magazine. The kick-off event held at Squid Lips on April 2<sup>nd</sup> was well attended and raised over \$300 just in raffle sales and donations for the Child Abuse Prevention Task Force of Brevard. Throughout the month Pinwheel Gardens were in bloom throughout the county to help raise awareness.

Brevard CARES will serve as the Title Sponsor for the National Wraparound Conference hosted by the National Center for Innovation & Excellence to be held June 7 -9, 2016. As the title sponsor Brevard CARES will benefit from extensive exposure through multi-media campaigns and promotional efforts before, during and after the conference. The agency will have primary logo placement or recognition in all event communications and marketing, primary banner placements during the conference, inclusion of company promotional items and information, complimentary vendor display table and general admission for 7 representatives to attend the conference.

Respectfully Submitted,  
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Executive Director