



Brevard C.A.R.E.S.

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

August 2020

Key accomplishment(s) this past month

- We had our initial intake call with COA to start our reaccreditation process. Our preliminary self-study is due June 14, 2020, self-study due August 9, 2021 and our site visit starts on October 3, 2021.
- We are happy to report three employees, Aisha Missick, Kirsten Larson and Sandy Gotwalt recently passed their wraparound certification exam and will receive their Wraparound Certification from The National Center for Innovation & Excellence.
- We celebrated three employees who have been with the agency for 5 years. Aisha Missick is a Family Engagement Specialist on the Safety Management Team. Karen Menges is a supervisor for the Non-Judicial Team in the South part of the county and Christine Williams-Kelly is our Clinical Director.
- We celebrated Osha Goodwin's 15 Year Anniversary. Osha is our Executive Office Manager and Board Liaison.
- Brevard County Government has received the Substance Abuse Mental Health Association grant to expand community services for Brevard County. This grant will provide \$1,000,000 in funding a year for the next four years. Brevard Family Partnership will manage the services provided to meet the establish goals. Brevard C.A.R.E.S. is working with Brevard Family partnership to establish services such as the Mobile Response Team and Parenting with Love and Limits, that we can receive funding for.
- The Department of Children and Families is starting to shift their focus from the top down in regards to using federal dollars for prevention services. There is current legislation that will address well supported programs that are evidence based. Brevard C.A.R.E.S. is in the beginning phases of evaluating implantation of additional programs that would meet the federal requirements. Wraparound has been submitted for review by the federal government but has not yet been fully evaluated.
- The Department of Children and Families quickly changed their position in regards to home visits for children that include the children that are safe. This primarily impacted our Prevention staff as they were completing virtual visits only. The Department of Children and Families requested that all children be seen in person at a minimum once every ninety days. We are happy to report, as of August 31, 2020 all of the children in the care of Brevard C.A.R.E.S. are being seen in person every 30 days.

Key challenges moving forward

- We have had some challenges with our staff have personal struggles along with work struggles. We are working to develop additional resources for our staff to help them feel supported through this time. Part of this includes working with Insperity to explore benefits already offered just as the Employee Assistance Plan.

Respectfully Submitted,

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