



Brevard C.A.R.E.S.

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

March 2020

Key accomplishment(s) this past month

- Six Brevard C.A.R.E.S. employees attended Nurturing Parenting training. Nurturing Parenting is an evidence-based program that provides evaluation and parenting curriculum to families. Previously this program was exclusively used by the Safety Management Team. With the addition of the extra staff, we will be able to offer this program to all of the agency's programs. The team has ordered all the materials and will begin offering this service this month.
- Brevard C.A.R.E.S has five employees that were nominated for a Child Abuse Prevention Task Force Award. They are: Kirsten Larson, Sarah Mooney, Sandy Gotwalt, Julie Thornton and Cathleen Allen. Although the banquet will be postponed, nominees will be recognized on the CAPTF Facebook page throughout the month of April.
- Christine Williams-Kelly, the Clinical Director, attended recertification for the Non-Abusive Psychological and Physical Interventions training. This training is used for all foster parents and employees in the Family of Agencies and heavily focuses on being one step ahead of a potential escalation.

Key challenges moving forward

- COVID-19 is a key challenge moving forward. We have shifted our workforce so that we can close the office and have employees work remotely from home. However, some employees are still required to facilitate home visits which means we have 20 employees with approximately 4 home visits weekly for a total of 80 home visits per week. We are in need of masks, gloves and hand sanitizer to equip our staff with the appropriate protective equipment needed so that they can remain safe while facilitating visits. Dr. Malbran provided some home sewn masks but we are in need of more.

Upcoming Community Events / Any requests of the Board Members

- The Department of Children and Families is reporting a decline in calls to the Abuse Hotline. DCF Secretary Poppell reported a decrease in call from 1700 to 500 daily. CARES is working with CAPTF to work on a virtual campaign we would love for you all to participate in.

Respectfully Submitted,

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