



**Brevard C.A.R.E.S.
Report October 2019**

Strengthening Families...Whatever It Takes!

Oct 2019

Key accomplishment(s) this past month

- Our first quarter data report revealed some very exciting outcomes
 - We keep track of individuals who complete our CARES program and review if they have a verified or some indicators of abuse.
 - 96% did not after 6 months (goal=90%)
 - 96% did not after 12 months (goal=90%)
 - 92% did not after 12-18 months (goal=80%)
- Because of a quick acting and aware MRT Therapist (Tommy Shoriak) a youth was taken to be treated medically for a suicide attempt instead of Baker Act. This step saved her life.
- PLL Care Coordinator (Paula Creed-Smith) received the PLL Intermediate Model Adherence Award. Very Proud of her consistent and persistent work!
- Attended the two-day Criminal Justice, Mental Health & Substance Abuse Planning Grant-Sequential Intercept Mapping Oct. 3-4.
 - MRT expansion using a co-responding model was identified as the #2 priority.
- Presented MRT at the Brevard County Police Chief's meeting Oct. 16. Very well received.
 - Invited to assist with some on-site briefing with the Melbourne Police Department
 - Invited to help create a process that will allow for best practice in our MRT/law enforcement relationship.

Key challenges moving forward

- Ongoing review of caseloads in prevention they continue to be carrying a caseload way over the recommended ratio
 - Sept- 261 kids/5.5 FTE averaging approximately 47 kids per care coordinator (goal 17-20)

Upcoming Community Events / Any requests of the Board Members

- Thank you for supporting the work that we do to keep children and youth safe, in their community and out of the foster care system.

Respectfully Submitted,

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