



**Brevard
C.A.R.E.S.**

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

Key accomplishment(s)

- Brevard C.A.R.E.S. entered into a contract with IMPOWER to provide psychiatric support with a one-time psychiatric evaluation for the Mobile Response Team. The contract also includes the ability for the MRT therapist to consult on a case where the therapist feel they could benefit from additional psychiatric support. This is a contract requirement of the expansion grant from the Managing Entity.
- Brevard C.A.R.E.S. sponsored representatives from the Safe Children Coalition in Sarasota. The C.A.R.E.S. team was able to present details about how we use the High-Fidelity Wrap Around model and why the model is more effective for long term behavioral change in our families than traditional case management.
- After review of the current year fiscal budget, Brevard C.A.R.E.S. was able to add an additional Care Coordinator to the prevention team. This addition will help the team reduce their case load and be able to provide better outcomes for our families.
- The Mobile Response Team was able to finalize a Memorandum of Understanding with Brevard Public Schools so the Mobile Response Team therapist can come on site for a therapeutic crisis response. In conjunction with this, MRT has been asked to participate in a community resource video that will be shown to all middle and high school children to explain the services and how to access the team.
- We have successfully submitted our COA Maintenance on Accreditation that is due annually.
- Brevard C.A.R.E.S. provided staff with a Holiday Breakfast at Kay's Diner.
- Holiday Gift Drive was a success and due to all donations received C.A.R.E.S. was able to provide approximately 300 children with toys for Christmas.

Key challenges moving forward

- Ongoing review of caseloads in prevention they continue to be carrying a caseload over the recommended ratio
 - Oct - 238 kids/6.5 FTE averaging approximately 37 kids per care coordinator (goal 17-20)
- CARES has begun the process to have the agency become a behavioral based agency recognized through Medicaid. The benefit of this is so we can bill for MRT, wraparound services and other clinical services already provided by the agency.

Upcoming Community Events / Any requests of the Board Members

- Brevard CARES has partnered with the Department of Children and Families and will have a float in the Palm Bay parade December 7th, 2019 @ 6:30pm. CARES is also reaching out to community partners to participate on the float with us.

Respectfully Submitted,

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