



Brevard C.A.R.E.S.

**Executive Director Report
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Strengthening Families...Whatever It Takes!
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Key accomplishment(s) this past month

- Brevard CARES has been working with the system stakeholders to take a look at the continued increase in the number of children coming into foster care. One of the initiatives is adding some specific staff who are training with the Department of Children and Families to work with cases that come in where the maltreatment is around Substance Exposed newborns. Brevard CARES will participate on a team to review all present dangers cases that come into the Department of Children within 48 hours. The team will be comprised of decision makers in the community who will help the department make an effective safety plan. The goal of this team will be to get the needed support to the family as soon as possible.
- Brevard CARES is moving all records to electronic. The Family Support Services Team (Prevention) will begin the training on using the Fidelity EHR system and effective July 1, 2021 they will be recording all of the CARES Model benchmarks in the Fidelity HER system. The Family of Agencies will use ContentVerse to store all documents that require a physical signature and cannot be placed in FSFN or Fidelity EHR. This will also help with recall when the records are needed at a future date for court.
- NCFIE will be submitting the application for the evaluation of the CARES model. If the funding is approved, the CARES model will be evaluated in the hopes that the model can be moved to well supported on the Federal clearing house. NCIFE will work with Brevard CARES clients to complete the study.

Key challenges moving forward

- Brevard CARES in on the last step towards completing the Behavioral Health application through Medicaid. This step requires a medical doctor to agree to attach their license to our agency for Medicaid billing.

Respectfully Submitted,

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