



**Brevard C.A.R.E.S.
Board Report March 2015**

Strengthening Families...Whatever It Takes!

February 2015

Targeted Case Management training for the Targeted Case Management Supervisor has been scheduled for the first week of March 2015. The training will be provided by Evelyn Clegg, ACHA approved Targeted Case Manager trainer. In addition, the Targeted Case Manager announcement has been posted. This role is a sub-contracted position. In the preliminary stages of the Targeted Case Management Program, referrals will come to an email which will be checked daily by the Executive Director. Services will be provided to children who are already receiving services through Brevard C.A.R.E.S. with an Axis I diagnosis. The children must have Medicaid or be Medicaid eligible.

The Executive Director is working closely with Jennifer Secor, Senior Director of Advancement, to apply for an additional grant for the Sleep Safe Program. Under this program, Brevard C.A.R.E.S. served 211 families with training on sleep safety, risk assessments and referrals for fiscal year 2013-2014. This grant amount is for an additional \$5000.00 and if granted, would be awarded July 1, 2015. The Executive Director will provide any pertinent information needed for the grant to Ms. Secor. These additional funds will assist the agency in the continued expansion of Cribs for Kids.

The Brevard C.A.R.E.S. journal article: Reducing Risk: Families in Wraparound Intervention was accepted for publication on Monday, February 16, 2015 with the Families in Society Journal. Brevard C.A.R.E.S. can now move forward with the process in becoming an Evidence Based Practice with the California Evidence Based Clearinghouse.

Brevard C.A.R.E.S. has been selected to pilot a diversion program titled the "Safety Management Services Team" effective April 1, 2015 to reduce the amount of children coming in to the dependency system. The major goal of the program is to stabilize the family unit, prevent removal and provide the necessary supports and services needed to maintain the child in the home while ensuring the immediate and long-term protection of the child's permanency, safety, and well-being. The pilot program will consist of two Family Engagement Specialists and a Family Advocate Specialist.

Brevard C.A.R.E.S. recently made a Special Appropriations request for \$1.3 million to target families with ungovernable youth who are at risk of entering the juvenile justice and child welfare systems and to keep these youth safely with their families in the community. There have been an increasing number of high risk family referrals received by Brevard C.A.R.E.S., which has increased by nearly 60 percent over a 12 month period. In fiscal year 2013-14, there were nearly 1,000 referrals of high risk families, compared to only 411 referrals in fiscal year 2012-13. A large percent of the referrals received by Brevard C.A.R.E.S. has been for ungovernable youth. This includes youth who are at high risk for entering foster care due to unmanageable behaviors and paternal abandonment following juvenile commitment. Identifying and serving these youth in the community early on has better outcomes for the youth and his or her family and is much more cost effective and less traumatic than after judicial system involvement and the entry of youth into the child welfare system. Additional services would also be made available to families who have adopted children out of the dependency system to prevent adoption disruption. Over a third of the funds would be for services for children and families, and for respite care for crossover youth, with the remainder for necessary operational overhead. The cost differential on average is \$250 per child per month through Brevard C.A.R.E.S vs. \$2,500 per month once in the judicial system.

In partnership with Eckerd Youth Services, Brevard C.A.R.E.S. has made a Special Appropriations request for \$500,000 to provide homelessness prevention and rapid rehousing services to children and their families in Brevard County. \$250,000 of this amount was requested by Brevard C.A.R.E.S. to specifically provide rapid rehousing and prevention assistance for a minimum of 150 families. The primary focus of this program will be to prevent children and families from entering the child welfare system.

Respectfully Submitted,
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Executive Director

Brevard C.A.R.E.S. Data	July	August	September	October	November	December	January
Total Number of Children Served by the Agency	1005	1091	1286	1416	1554	1654	1851
Total Number of Families Served by the Agency	415	507	589	651	705	750	834
Prevention Data							
Number of Children Served in Prevention	841	919	936	1247	1381	1448	1589
Number of Families Served in Prevention	342	411	429	567	617	649	711
DCF Referrals	51	60	76	67	43	23	60
Cross Over Youth Referrals		1	21	13	3	0	4
Self-Referral	26	23	24	21	7	32	31
Community/211 Referrals	2	10	16	19	32	7	8
Lead Agency Referrals	0	3	0	0	1	0	0
Head Start	0	0	5	10	17	9	5
Family Engagement							
% of Level 3 Families Engaged within 24-48 hours	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Families re opened	14	16	12	18	15	10	12
Case Closure Reasons							
Total number of FSFN closures	153	13	32	4	25	3	72
Case with Children entered into a Non Shelter Dependency Case	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Cases where Children were Sheltered	4	11	1	1	1	3	1
Unable to offer additional services	0	0	1	1	0	1	1
Family closed due to in activity	30	2	15	1	12	1	27
Family completed bypass services	101	2	4	0	2	0	6
Family moved out of area	2	1	2	1	0	0	5
Family refused services	2	2	4	1	1	0	11
Successful closure/graduation (0)/Family Engaged (0)	14	0	7	0	24	0	21
Caseload Data							
Monthly Average Per Care Coordinator (# of Families)	32	37	49	61	69	70	79
Monthly Average Per Family Partner (# of Families)	34	41	45	47	51	52	55
Average length of Participation	199	155	271	140	396	103	279
Number of Cribs for Kids Pack and Plays Distributed	31	35	39	21	32	22	37
Number of Children served with Relative Caregivers	23	17	18	23	20	20	26
Number of Ungovernable Youth Served	101	104	106	108	113	109	114
Number of Children Served in Post Adoption (out of state)	42	42	20	19	21	21	18
Percent of Families with a Transition	82%	N/A	20%	N/A	44%	N/A	80%

Plan							
Family Team Conferencing Data							
Number of Strengths Discoveries	94	133	100	84	81	39	62
Number of Family Team Conferences	201	61	182	171	125	115	116
Number Successful Closures with Required Number of Informal/Natural Supports	11	2	0	5	22	8	20
Number of Satisfaction Surveys Received	59	89	104	106	56	88	48
Diversion Team Data							
Number of new NJHS cases	12	4	11	9	13	11	12
Number of Families Served in Non Judicial In Home Services	71	73	59	53	63	72	60
Number of Children Served in Non Judicial In Home Services	184	137	130	116	134	157	140
Number of Families Served in Post Adoption (in state)	14	16	16	19	21	21	22
Number of Children Served in Post Adoption (in state)	24	27	27	31	33	33	36
Case Closure Reasons							
Total number of FSFN closures	1	5	6	3	1	2	5
Cases with Children entered into a Non Shelter Dependency Case	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Cases where Children were Sheltered	3	5	1	1	3	2	1
Family did not respond to multiple requests for contact	0	0	0	0	1	0	1
Family closed due to inactivity	1	0	0	0	2	0	0
Family completed bypass services	0	1	2	0	0	0	2
Family moved out of area	1	0	0	0	1	0	0
Family transitioned/stepped down to Prevention	1	3	2	0	4	0	3
Family refused services	1	0	0	1	0	0	0
Successful closure/graduation engaged in services	1	5	4	2	1	1	1
Caseload Data							
Monthly Average of Families Per Care Coordinator	18	18	14	14	9	9	12
Monthly Average of Children Per Care Coordinator	46	32	30	28	19	19	26
Average length of Participation	144	172	190	197	147	168	132
Percentage of Home Visits Completed Timely for the Month	97%	99%	99%	100%	96%	98%	100%
Number of ongoing Family functioning assessments submitted	TBD	5	5	6	16	27	38
Percent of Families with a Transition Plan (Successful closures)	100%	60%	50%	60	100%	100	100
Family Team Conferencing Data							
Number of Strengths Discoveries	16	12	15	12	10	18	17
Number of Family Team Conferences	32	29	29	36	24	29	43
Number Successful Closures with Required Number of	1	0	2	2	1	1	1

Informal/Natural Supports							
Number of Satisfaction Surveys Received	12	19	8	32	8	14	27