



**Brevard C.A.R.E.S.
Board Report April 2016**

Strengthening Families...Whatever It Takes!

February 2015

In October 2013 Brevard C.A.R.E.S. was approved as a Medicaid Provider for Targeted Case Management (TCM) with a Provider Specialty Type to serve Children at Risk of Abuse and Neglect. This was an incorrect code as the application was submitted for Mental Health Targeted Case Management. In accordance with Florida Medicaid: Targeted Case Management Services for Children at Risk of Abuse and Neglect Coverage and Limitations Handbook Brevard CARES was precluded from billing TCM services under the designated Provider Specialty Type for Brevard County residents. Under this Specialty Type services can only be provided in counties with a funded Children's Service Council: Broward, Duval, Hillsborough, Martin, Miami-Dade, Palm Beach, and Pinellas. As a result of not billing before within eighteen (18) months, or prior to April 2015, of becoming a Medicaid Provider Brevard C.A.R.E.S. status as a Medicaid Provider was terminated. A new point of contact with AHCA has been established and Brevard CARES will be submitting a new application to serve a Provider for Mental Health Targeted Case Management. This Specialty Type will allow C.A.R.E.S. to bill for TCM serves as part of our current wraparound model. Networking has occurred across the state with Wraparound providers (Wraparound Orange, Henderson Behavioral Health and Success 4 Kids and Families) and collaboration to bill for Wraparound codes (once approved) and any applicable training updates for staff.

In February, we were closely monitoring Family Support referrals from Department of Children and Families Child Protective Investigators and community referrals to ensure they were appropriate for the CARES Prevention Program and Family Team Conference Process. Overall, the number of Child Protective Investigator referrals received during February were 62 referrals which decreased significantly since last January. We believe this is more representative of the number of cases moving forward.

Brevard C.A.R.E.S. staff have been diligently working with the Brevard Child Abuse Prevention Task Force to plan for Child Abuse Prevention Month awareness and outreach activities. The kickoff event is scheduled for April 2 at Squid Lips in Melbourne. Once again Squid Lips will be giving a portion of the dinner proceeds to the Brevard Child Abuse Prevention Task Force. These funds are used to produce the Resource Cards that are distributed to Child Protective Investigators, law enforcement agencies, and during other outreach activities to let families know about the variety of services and supports that are available throughout the county. During the week of April 4th Pinwheel Gardens will be planted throughout the county and a Community Resource Bag Walk will take place on April 22 to generate community awareness. This year's capstone event will be the 20th Annual Child Abuse Prevention Awards Banquet at the Crown Plaza on April 28th.

Respectfully Submitted,
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