



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

**Strengthening Families...Whatever It Takes!**

## June/July 2016

Brevard C.A.R.E.S. submitted a proposal for \$60,000 to the Brevard Homeless Coalition for the 2016-17 Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) Grant for Homelessness Prevention services. This is a change in process as the Department of Children and Families will only be awarding grants to the recognized homeless continuum of care across the state. As the recognized homeless continuum of care, Brevard Homeless Coalition reviewed all proposals from providers and select projects to be included in their proposal response to the Department of Children and Families. After reviewing and scoring all the proposal the Brevard Homeless Coalition did not move forward to include Brevard C.A.R.E.S. in their proposal.

Brevard C.A.R.E.S. has received notice from the Council on Accreditation that the re-accreditation application is due on June 2, 2016. The organization's accreditation expires on 11/20/17. Prior to May 2017, the Board will need to review the governance procedures for any needed updates. The site visit has been scheduled for September 25-26, 2017.

Brevard C.A.R.E.S. submitted a proposal to the Brevard Homeless Coalition for the 2016-17 Emergency Solution Grant for Rapid Rehousing and Homelessness Prevention services. This is a change in process as the Department of Children and Families will only be awarding grants to the recognized homeless continuum of care across the state and has set a maximum threshold of \$250,000 per continuum. As the recognized homeless continuum of care, Brevard Homeless Coalition will review all proposals from providers and select projects to be included in their proposal response to the Department of Children and Families. After receiving the proposal the Brevard Homeless Coalition requested C.A.R.E.S. update their proposal to only request funds for Rapid Rehousing in the amount of \$50,000. The updated proposal was submitted to the Coalition on May 31<sup>st</sup> and has been included in the Coalitions proposal to the Department of Children and Families. The Department has not yet released award notices to the Coalitions award notices are expended to be posted through the Vendor Bid System in July.

Brevard C.A.R.E.S. has implemented the new acceptance criteria for our signature wraparound model effective June 1, 2016. Under the new criteria only Level III (high/very high risk) referrals will be accepted for wraparound. Information regarding this change has been communicated at the Department of Children and Families System of Care Meetings, Operation Meetings, Weekly Department of Children and Families/C.A.R.E.S. meetings, Brevard C.A.R.E.S. All Staff Meetings, Brevard C.A.R.E.S. Prevention staff meetings, Brevard C.A.R.E.S./Department of Children and Families Leadership Team meetings, Quarterly Child Protective Investigations/Domestic Violence Leadership meeting, and Strengthening Families Subcommittee meetings. In addition, 211 Brevard has been provided updated information for all of the Brevard C.A.R.E.S. program areas and eligibility guidelines. Brevard Family Partnership Intake unit and Brevard C.A.R.E.S. staff who cover the phones have been provided a short description and eligibility script. Brevard C.A.R.E.S. management team continues to check in with community partners. Due to implementation of the new criteria, referrals for wraparound services decreased from 52 in May 2016 to 24 in June.

Brevard C.A.R.E.S. was awarded a grant from the Heaven's Rays Fund of the Community Foundation for Brevard. The grant will support the purchase of 75 age-appropriate car seats for low-income families who have children ages 0-5 and are participating in Brevard C.A.R.E.S. Case Management or Family Support programs.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Phebe Powell  
Executive Director