



**Brevard C.A.R.E.S.
Board Report March 2017**

Strengthening Families...Whatever It Takes!

February 2017

Representative Rene Plasencia and Representative Tom Goodson visited Brevard C.A.R.E.S. on February 1st to learn about our programs and services. During the visit Representative Harrell was able to hear from families served by the C.A.R.E.S. High Fidelity Wraparound program and learn about the C.A.R.E.S. model and potential for replication. Representative Harrell was impressed by the improved outcomes for families and the significant cost savings the program provides to the formal child welfare system.

The Executive Director attended two days of Intensive COA Accreditation training and one day of COA Performance and Quality Improvement (QPI) training in Ft Lauderdale. The two day training provided a basic overview of COA's Private Edition Standards, the COA process, and the fundamental organizational requirements for achieving accreditation status. The training included instructions on how to develop the self-study document as well as tips and tools to facilitate a successful accreditation experience. The QPI training is designed to help the agency develop a comprehensive approach to a quality improvement process that will advance an efficient, effective service delivery system and will enhance organizational capacity to deliver quality services. This training used standards as a vehicle for understanding how quality improvement is a catalyst for successfully achieving strategic goals and program outcomes.

The Executive Director attended the Brevard County Public Schools START With the End in Mind Transition Conference. This informative event was designed specifically for anyone who supports individuals with disabilities. Vendors from Brevard Agencies supporting individuals with disabilities provided break-out sessions targeting important topics related to parenting, caring for, and planning meaningful, productive futures for all individuals with disabilities will be available. Topics ranged from elementary through adulthood. Sessions Offered: Guardianship, ASD, Dyslexia, Behavior Concerns and Supports, Community Agency Support, Post-Secondary Transition Programs, Early Childhood Education, What happens after the age of 18, Bullying, Self Advocacy, and Information for Educators.

Respectfully Submitted,
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