



# **Brevard C.A.R.E.S.**

**Executive Director Report  
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**Strengthening Families...Whatever It Takes!**

## **June-July 2020**

### **Key accomplishment(s) this past month**

- The Mobile Response Team engaged in training with Brevard County School Resource Officers (SRO's) to share information about MRT services. There were also advertisements run through Florida Today.
- Syrian McConnico, Brevard CARES Parenting With Love and Limits (PLL) Care Coordinator received the Stable Parenting With Love and Limits Model Implementation Award. This award is typically not given to a clinician until they have been providing the model for at least 2 years. Syrain just completed her first full year this year which makes this a significant achievement.
- The Staff were trained on how to administer Narcan. Narcan is a medication used to counteract the life-threatening effects of an opioid overdose. We have a supply on hand and readily available if needed and can be given out to personal contacts as well as clients.
- Our Mobile Response Team grant with Central Florida Cares Health System has been renewed for \$252,614 for FY 2021. We have asked for an additional \$100,00, at the request of the Managing Entity, to be able to add additional full-time staff to the team. This is currently on hold awaiting a finalized budget from DCF.
- Our Head Start grant with Brevard County School has been renewed for \$64,8000 for FY 2021.

### **Key challenges moving forward**

- COVID-19 is a key challenge moving forward. We are in current need of masks and hand sanitizer.
- The Department of Children and Families is concerned about a need for a reduction in funding. The Family of Agencies is engaged with the Managing Entity and well as DCF to submit two plans that show a reduction from the current funding. One plan will show a 3% reduction and one plan will show a 6% reduction.

### **Upcoming Community Events / Any requests of the Board Members**

- We will have our Intake Call with The Council on Accreditation (COA) on August 13. Our current accreditation expires on November 30, 2021.

Respectfully Submitted,

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