



Brevard C.A.R.E.S.

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

April 2020

Key accomplishment(s) this past month

- The prevention team was placed on a Corrective Action Plan by Brevard Family Partnership after a file review in December 2019. I am proud to report that after a subsequent review of the prevention files in March 2020 we are no longer on a Corrective Action Plan. The Prevention team has had a goal of making sure home visits are completed on their families at least 80% of the time. This month the team ended the month with 94% of the home visits completed on time. This goal has been a struggle for the team because of their high caseload.
- During the month of April, we collaborated with CAPTF to raise Child Abuse Prevention awareness throughout Brevard. CAPTF Board Chair, Jessica Miles, received the Child Abuse Prevention Month proclamation from the Brevard County Commissioners office. We had over 40 families in the community participate in pinwheel plantings by planting pinwheels in their yard. Once the pinwheels we planted, CAPTF posted a picture of the planting on the Facebook page. CAPTF ended the month with a virtual community town hall titled “Space and Grace During COVID-19”. The town hall included presentations from No Kid Hungry, Brevard Public Schools and Mindscapes Counseling. This town hall reached over 1,100 people and had over 1500 “engagements”. In Facebook language this is the amount of shares, likes and discussions about the event.
- This month Brevard C.A.R.E.S. Mobile Response Team was featured in a BBN article. This was a great way for the Mobile Response Team to be recognized and the article also highlighted the additional services offered to the community by Brevard C.A.R.E.S.

Key challenges moving forward

- COVID-19 is a key challenge moving forward. We are strategizing how to transition staff back to the office while remaining safe. We are in current need of masks and hand sanitizer and we are assessing our ongoing needs of Personal Protection Equipment.

Upcoming Community Events / Any requests of the Board Members

- May is Foster Parent Appreciation month. Brevard Family Partnership will have events this month to honor foster parents for their dedication throughout the year and especially during these times.

Respectfully Submitted,

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