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2014 REPORT TO THE COMMUNITY



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Dr. Patricia Nellius, CEO, Board Chair

DEAR FRIENDS,

It is with great pride that I have the privilege to report to you, on behalf of the Brevard C.A.R.E.S. board of directors, our many successes.

This has been a year of balancing substantial growth and demand for services with the challenge of diminishing resources. But with an outstanding leader in Valerie Holmes at the helm and the support of a stellar board of directors and staff team who truly embrace a "Whatever It Takes" approach, Brevard's vulnerable youth and families have had a safe haven and place to turn in time of need.

I can attest that our team is exemplary. They are among the best I have ever had the opportunity to work alongside; always ready and willing to go above and beyond to support and strengthen families in need. This is evidenced by the expedited status of COA national accreditation as a Case Management, Intensive Case Management and Care Coordination agency on their first site visit and application process. In addition, we are undergoing a rigorous national evaluation to have the C.A.R.E.S. wraparound program become an evidence-based practice and our Family Care Center a national replication site.

Nine years ago, our community established the priority of implementing an aggressive, front end, prevention and diversion program. Since that time, Brevard C.A.R.E.S. has served 10,768 families, diverting them from entry into the child welfare system while ensuring the safety and well-being of the youth entrusted to their care. By adhering to the values and practice of high fidelity wraparound, Brevard C.A.R.E.S. has become a national model for successful engagement and positive outcomes for families.

I would like to take this opportunity to especially thank the Brevard C.A.R.E.S. board of directors, staff, community partners and generous donors for your dedication and commitment to improving the quality of life of Brevard's vulnerable families. Because of you and your support of time, talent and financial resources, lives have been changed and Brevard's families can remain together, strengthened and able to overcome the challenges they face.

Remember, "To the world you may only be one person but to one person you may be the world!"

Sincerely,
DR. PATRICIA NELLIUS
 CEO, Board Chair

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PROGRAM SERVICES

Community prevention initiative \$2,182,180

TOTAL PROGRAM SERVICES: \$2,182,180

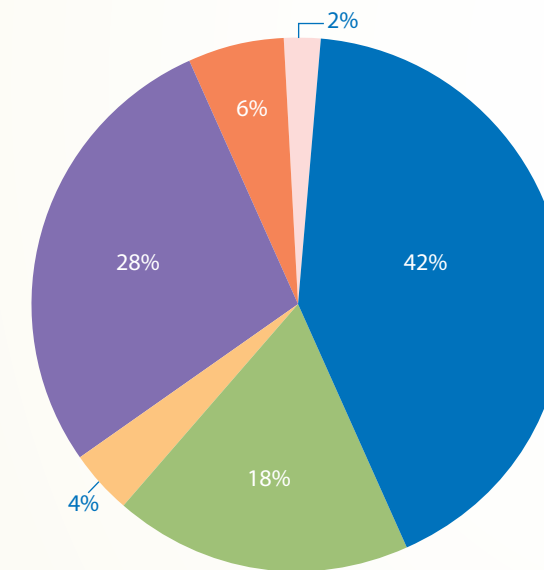
MANAGEMENT AND GENERAL

Indirect Expenses

- Buildings & grounds maintenance
- Communications
- Depreciation
- Dues and subscriptions
- Equipment rental and maintenance
- Expendable furniture, equipment and software
- Insurance
- Licenses and permits
- Occupancy and utilities
- Other expenses (cannot be greater than 5% of total mgmt & gen)
- Postage and shipping
- Printing
- Professional services
- Supplies
- Travel

TOTAL INDIRECT MANAGEMENT & GENERAL: \$240,013

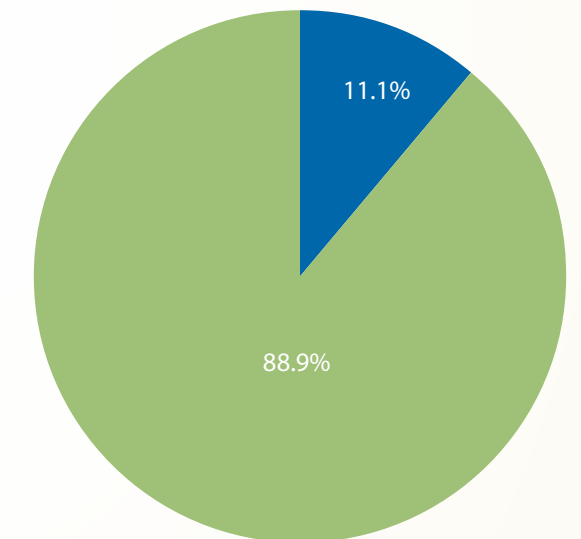
DISTRIBUTION OF FUNDING FOR COMMUNITY PREVENTION INITIATIVE (CPI)



Salary & Benefits	\$923,435
Staff Support	\$390,933
Post Adoption Services	\$92,818
Purchased Services	\$610,179
Care Coordinator Flex Funds	\$135,734
PI Emergency Funds	\$29,081

CPI TOTAL: \$2,182,180

TOTAL DISTRIBUTION OF FUNDING



Direct Program Expenses: \$2,182,180
Indirect Lead Agency - Management & General Expenses: \$240,013

TOTAL EXPENSES: \$2,422,193

BREVARD C.A.R.E.S. BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Our board of directors is committed to the success and prosperity of Brevard C.A.R.E.S. and work to ensure that the organization remains a driving force in keeping children safe and families together.



Dr. Patricia Nellius
Board Chair



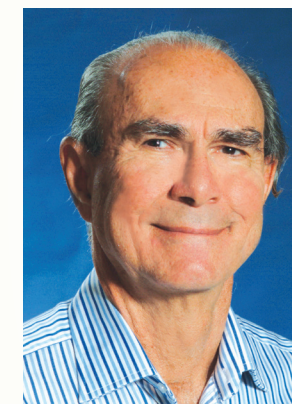
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SUCCESS STORY

This past year I have had the opportunity to take advantage of the Emergency Services (ES) Grant we received for Prevention and Rapid Rehousing through DCF. I have met many families that this grant has been able to help make a new start in their lives.

One family I worked with - and this one impacted me the most - lost their father who was suffering from depression and led him to commit suicide. The family decided to move to Florida to start a new life. Prior to moving to Florida, they searched for a rental home on Craig's List. They found a home on the website, spoke to the landlord and came to an agreement. The family sent the landlord their security deposit and two month's rent. The time finally came and the family moved to Florida, anticipating a better life in their new home. Unfortunately, soon after arriving, the family realized the ad was a fake and

they were victims of fraud. They had no extra money, nowhere to live and were in a new area where they didn't know anyone. They were left to live in a local park that they made their home for several weeks. Feeling desperate, with little food and not living in a safe place, the family searched for help. They met someone who gave them the Brevard C.A.R.E.S. number. With help from the ES grant, I was able to place this family in a hotel for a week, buy them food and helped pay the security deposit for a house that they found. I'm happy to report that the family is now stable, the mother is volunteering at the hospital and has been able to find a job, and the children are safe, healthy, in school and feeling secure.

Families like these are all over Brevard County and with the ES grant we will be able to help many more in our community move into a better future!

- Brevard C.A.R.E.S. Care Coordinator

“ I appreciated having someone who understood how a successful family is supposed to function, that everyone has to do their own part. ”



A MESSAGE FROM OUR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



COMMUNITY SUPPORTS FAMILIES IN NEED

Through generous financial and in-kind donations from many of our local businesses, organizations and individuals, we have been able to provide myriad supports to families. From household goods to groceries, and appliance to car repairs, because of you these families were able to get through crisis and look toward a brighter future!



DEAR FRIENDS,

As I reflect on this past year, I am beaming with pride as I consider the amazing accomplishments Brevard C.A.R.E.S. has achieved. At a time of marked growth and expansion, both our personnel and programs departments surpassed every expectation we set. Hats

off to our management and leadership teams for guiding and supporting our professional staff; together, we work to achieve the mission of Brevard C.A.R.E.S.

I'd like to share some of the things we were able to do this year, of which we are very proud:

- Received an Emergency Solutions Grant through DCF to assist nearly 500 families at risk of homelessness move from transitional to permanent housing;
- Entered its second contractual year with Brevard Public Schools to provide support to families being served through Head Start;
- Achieved accreditation as a Case Management, Intensive Case Management and Care Coordination agency through COA with an expedited approval;

- Hosted a Holiday Gift Drive and Winter Wonderland event for families and received a tremendous amount of community support in the form of gifts for children in our care;
- Awarded a grant from the Community Foundation for Brevard for Cribs for Kids initiative, through the Geraldine L. Cabic Charitable Fund;
- Approved as a Medicaid Targeted Case Management provider and assisted in state efforts in advocating for the approval of Medicaid Substitution Codes for Wraparound; and
- Received the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Wraparound and System of Care Training Contract to train innovation sites in Wraparound.

I would like to especially thank the Brevard C.A.R.E.S. board of directors, community partners and generous donors. Your gifts of time, talent and resources have helped struggling families remain together in the community and your continued support is critical to our mission of Strengthening Families... Whatever it takes!

Sincerely,
VALERIE HOLMES
Executive Director



Left: Leaders from across the globe meet in Cocoa Beach for the 2014 Wraparound Conference.

Below: Merle Allsop and Michael Shabalala (left) of the National Association of Child Care Workers in South Africa received the Global Innovations Award in Wraparound at the National Wraparound Conference.



NATIONAL WRAPAROUND CONFERENCE

In March, over 250 social service practitioners from the U.S., Canada and South Africa gathered in Cocoa Beach to learn about the latest innovations and best practices in Wraparound and Family Team Conferencing. The three-day event included keynote addresses from nationally recognized leaders in the field, a thought leader café and several topic-specific seminars, as well as the inaugural National and Global Innovation Awards in Wraparound.



Businesses and organizations throughout Brevard sponsored holiday gifts for over 1,000 children served by Brevard C.A.R.E.S.

WINTER WONDERLAND

A notable family event is the Brevard C.A.R.E.S. annual Winter Wonderland, a holiday gathering where children in the program receive gifts donated by generous community members, meet Santa, enjoy holiday food and desserts and participate in crafts and games with their families.



BREVARD C.A.R.E.S. ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS

THANKS TO OUR DONORS AND COMMUNITY PARTNERS



Senator Thad Altman welcomes and meets with Brevard C.A.R.E.S. and Brevard Family Partnership families, board members and staff during Children's Week in Tallahassee.

CHILDREN'S WEEK IN TALLAHASSEE

Brevard C.A.R.E.S. families and staff traveled to Tallahassee for Children's Week during the 2014 Legislative Session. Team members met with several legislators and committee leaders to advocate for adequate funding for community-based services, as well as legislation that would help prevent child abuse. During their visit, they met with all of Brevard's delegates, including Senator Thad Altman, a member of the Senate Committee on Children, Families and Elder Affairs.

Families "Dine Out" to support Child Abuse Prevention Month at Squid Lips in Melbourne.



CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH

Each April, Brevard C.A.R.E.S. joins the Child Abuse Prevention Task Force of Brevard to raise awareness about child abuse prevention efforts and programs on the Space Coast. The month-long campaign, held in conjunction with Child Abuse Prevention Month in the U.S., kicks off with a community gathering and Dine Out at Squid Lips Waterfront Grill in Melbourne. Activities include pinwheel planting at several local businesses and government offices, community outreach to underserved neighborhoods, and the annual Child Abuse Prevention Awards which recognizes individuals, organizations and businesses that make a difference in the lives of children and families.



Brevard County Commissioner Trudie Infantini reads a proclamation declaring April as Child Abuse Prevention Month in Brevard.

Brevard C.A.R.E.S. would like to thank those who have supported our organization, either through financial or in-kind donations, as well as our Community Partners that provide the invaluable programs and services that help our children and families remain safe, healthy, intact and in our communities.

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COMMUNITY PARTNERS

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Adult & Child Counseling & Psychiatric Center	Florida Department of Health
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Behavior Services of Brevard	Florida Psychological Specialists
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Brevard County Board of County Commissioners	Guardian Ad Litem Program
Brevard County Foster Parent Association	Hacienda Girls Ranch
Brevard County School Board	Head Start
Brevard County Sheriff's Office	Healthy Families
Brevard Family Partnership Board of Directors	Healthy Start
Brevard Interfaith Coalition	Hidden Potentials
Brevard Health Alliance	IMPOWER
Bridges BTC, Inc.	Jennings Applied Behavior & Cognitive Center
CareerSource Brevard	Junior League of South Brevard
Caribbean Community Connection of Orlando	Kinder Consulting & Parents Too, Inc.
Catholic Charities of Central Florida	LEAD Brevard
Central Florida Treatment Centers	Leadership Roundtable Alliance
CHANGES	Leigh Holt
Child Abuse Prevention Taskforce of Brevard	Life Paths of Florida
Children's Home Society of Florida	Links of Hope
Children's Services Council	Michael Lake, LMHC
Circles of Care	Office of State Attorney
Circuit Court 18th Judicial Circuit	Office of the Public Defender
Coastal Behavioral Therapy	Promise in Brevard
Country Acres	Psychological Affiliates, Inc.
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Dr. Barbara Paulillo	Space Coast Foster and Adoptive Families Alliance
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Early Learning Coalition of Brevard County	Trilogy Resources
Eckerd	United Way of Brevard
Economic Development Commission of Florida's Space Coast	Western Judicial
Education Solutions International	Yellow Umbrella
Family Advocates of Florida	



GROWING BREVARD C.A.R.E.S.

AS COMMUNITY NEEDS GROW, SO DOES BREVARD C.A.R.E.S.

When Brevard C.A.R.E.S. began as a program of Brevard Family Partnership in 2005, there were five staff providing Wraparound care to families at risk for abuse or neglect. From these humble beginnings, the Brevard C.A.R.E.S. model became a program and then, in 2009, a wholly-owned nonprofit subsidiary organization of BFP with its own administrative office and services center in Rockledge.

Today, 22 dedicated professionals are providing Wraparound to thousands of children and families every year and Brevard C.A.R.E.S. has expanded its services to families of children in the Juvenile Justice System, children and parents in the Head Start program, and recently became a Medicaid Targeted Case Management provider. In all, over 13,000 children and their families in Brevard have been served, keeping many from entering the formal dependency system and instead remaining safely together in their homes.

“ I look forward to continued efforts with Brevard C.A.R.E.S. to improve my family’s situation. ”



PROGRAMS AND PARTNERSHIPS

EXPANDED SERVICES HELP HOMELESS, YOUNG PARENTS, INFANTS

Through several grants, Brevard C.A.R.E.S. has been able to expand its service offerings to more children and families.

STATEWIDE WRAPAROUND TRAINING

Through a grant from the Florida Department of Families (DCF), Brevard C.A.R.E.S. has taken its unique and successful Wraparound and Family Team Conferencing to seven System of Care innovation sites throughout the state. This grant was recently extended, allowing for more communities to take advantage of the training provided.

EMERGENCY SERVICES GRANT FOR THE HOMELESS

A grant from DCF means families at risk of homelessness or who are currently homeless have a safe place to call home. Funds from this grant have allowed Brevard C.A.R.E.S. to secure housing for families by providing rent and utility deposits and short-term payments for the same. To date, approximately 500 families placed in housing and provided Wraparound services to ensure they remain safe and have their basic living needs supported.



CRIBS FOR KIDS

In June 2014, Brevard C.A.R.E.S. received a grant from the Community Foundation for Brevard that will allow the organization to strengthen its Cribs for Kids initiative that has helped to reduce child deaths due to unsafe sleeping practices. The Community Foundation for Brevard provided approximately \$5,000 which will help purchase over 60 Grayco Pack n' Play portable cribs that also serve as a safe play area for infants and toddlers.

Parents and caregivers of children who are Brevard residents and expecting or have a child under one year old can attend a free Safe Sleeping seminar at Brevard C.A.R.E.S. Family Resource Center in Rockledge and receive a Pack n' Play at no charge.

Brevard C.A.R.E.S. is part of the Safe Sleeping Coalition of Brevard County, a group formed in 2009 when the area experienced a dramatic increase in the number of fatalities related to infants in unsafe sleeping environments. In 2010 it became the first Cribs for Kids chapter in Brevard and since has provided 700 Pack n' Play units to local families and reduced infant deaths by almost 30%.



HEAD START

In 2013, Brevard C.A.R.E.S. received a grant through the Administration for Children and Families. Head Start is a federal program that promotes the school readiness of children ages birth to five years from low-income families by enhancing their cognitive, social and emotional development.

Head Start programs provide comprehensive services to enrolled children and their families, which include health, nutrition, social and other services determined to be necessary by family needs assessments. In addition to education and cognitive development services, Head Start services are designed to be responsive to each child and family's ethnic, cultural and linguistic heritage.

Through the Head Start grant, approximately 300 families are receiving services that will help position them for a bright future!



Brevard C.A.R.E.S. executive director Valerie Holmes (center) receives commendation for COA Accreditation.



CRECIBILITY • INTEGRITY • ACHIEVEMENT
A COA Accredited Agency

ACCREDITATION PROVES EXCELLENCE

In November 2013, Brevard C.A.R.E.S. received Child Abuse Prevention Provider accreditation from the Council on Accreditation (COA), identifying the organization as one that has set high performance standards for itself and has made a commitment to their constituents to deliver the highest quality services. The accreditation is in Case Management, Intensive Case Management and Care Coordination.

COA's accreditation process involves a detailed review and analysis of both an organization's administrative operations and its service delivery practices. "It is an incredible honor to receive COA accreditation and a testament to the high level of commitment our staff has to excellence in both operations and service delivery to our clients," said Brevard C.A.R.E.S. executive director Valerie Holmes. "We met or exceeded all qualifying standards and therefore received notice of our accomplishment in less than half the time than it normally takes for the accreditation process to be completed."

The process to achieve accreditation took nearly two years of strategic effort and commitment and included Brevard C.A.R.E.S. self-assessing and reporting on its operations, programs and services, and policies and procedures. It also included site visits by COA personnel who reviewed and validated all of Brevard C.A.R.E.S.' data and interviewed several staff members.

BREVARD C.A.R.E.S. BECOMES MEDICAID TARGETED CASE MANAGEMENT PROVIDER

In May 2014, Brevard C.A.R.E.S. became eligible to provide services through Medicaid. Targeted Case Management will assist eligible Medicaid recipients, served through Brevard C.A.R.E.S., in gaining access to medical, social, educational and other support services. Part of the agency's expansion and diversification plan is to add Targeted Case Managers to its service delivery system. The Targeted Case Manager will serve on the Family Team and coordinate and monitor the delivery of services as specified in the plan and participate in the development of the individualized treatment plan. When the statewide implementation of Wraparound billable substitution codes are added, it will allow additional eligible families to be assisted under this umbrella, as all families served at Brevard C.A.R.E.S. receive Wraparound and Family Team Conferencing.

“ I feel this program is very good for our family. ”



PROGRAM UPDATES



Child welfare leaders from across the U.S. completed the Georgetown University Public Policy Institutes Juvenile Justice and Child Welfare Multi System Integration Certificate program.

CEO/ED PART OF GEORGETOWN UNIVERSITY CAPSTONE PROJECT

Brevard C.A.R.E.S. CEO, Dr. Patricia Nellius and executive director Valerie Holmes were members of Georgetown University's Capstone Project. Each received a certification from the Georgetown Public Policy Institute in the Juvenile Justice and Child Welfare Multi System Integration. This practice model outlines practices that need to be in place in order for a local community and System of Care to successfully reduce the number of youth who crossover between the child welfare and juvenile justice systems, to reduce the number of youth entering and reentering foster care, and to reduce the length of stay in out of home care. The framework for the Georgetown Capstone Project encompasses the following strategies to serve cross-over youth:

- A)** Create a single point of entry where families receive one well-coordinated plan of care that integrates cross-system efforts and streamlines duplicated and fragmented services by pooling resources across systems.
- B)** Utilize Wraparound and Family Team Conferencing for every youth and family served to ensure that a strength-based, culturally-competent and needs-driven approach is delivered to meet the family needs.
- C)** Identify and increase the number of informal and natural supports and community linkages available to the youth and their families in the time of need.
- D)** Blend and braid funding streams to support the youth and family.
- E)** Promote and establish cross-system collaboration between the Juvenile Court Delinquency and Dependency Circuit Judges.
- F)** Conduct an analysis of needed capacity to ensure available services match the needs of at-risk youth and families, and devise a plan to address any gaps identified.
- G)** Increase family peer-to-peer support.

“Having support and as a resource for ideas to help the situation was most helpful.”



CREDENTIALING BREVARD C.A.R.E.S. AS AN EVIDENCE BASED PRACTICE

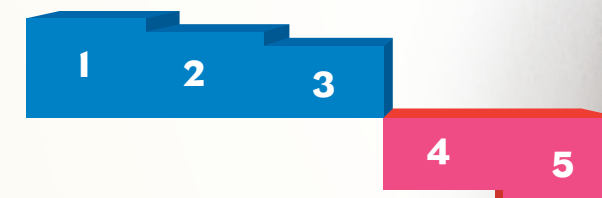
Brevard C.A.R.E.S. has completed two data validation studies and has entered into a third study to achieve credentialing as an Evidence Based Practice in the area of child abuse prevention. Studies have indicated that Brevard C.A.R.E.S. positively and significantly increases the probability that children who complete the program will not be abused, as compared to children who are referred, but do not participate in Brevard C.A.R.E.S. While not definitive, these initial findings indicate that the Brevard C.A.R.E.S. model is very successful, especially as an early intervention program.

The criteria are set forth by the California Evidence Based Clearinghouse Scientific Rating Scale. The purpose of the scale is to evaluate each practice based on the available research evidence. The topic area expert assists with identifying practices that meet the following criteria:

- Programs that have strong empirical support.
- Programs that are in common use in California.
- Programs that are being marketed in California.

A lower score indicates a greater level of research support. The graphic representation of the scale is shown below:

WELL-SUPPORTED ← → CONCERNING



Specific criteria for each classification system category are as follows:

- 1.** Well-Supported by Research Evidence
- 2.** Supported by Research Evidence
- 3.** Promising Research Evidence
- 4.** Evidence Fails to Demonstrate Effect
- 5.** Concerning Practice
- NR.** Not able to be Rated

Adjustments to a program's rating are made on an on-going basis as new research is published, if applicable. The CEBC conducts periodic re-reviews to look for new published, peer-reviewed research on already rated programs. Program representatives are also welcome to submit new published, peer-reviewed studies to initiate the re-review process at any time.

CUMULATIVE NUMBER OF CHILDREN REFERRED TO BREVARD C.A.R.E.S. THROUGH JUNE 30, 2014

