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2016

REPORT TO
THE COMMUNITY



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. I am impressed beyond words by the outstanding leadership that has been provided by our Executive Director, Phebe Powell, the extraordinary efforts of the Brevard C.A.R.E.S. team and our dedicated Board of Directors.

Thanks to the dedication of the Brevard C.A.R.E.S. team, stakeholders, and residents of Brevard County, we have seen significant successes this past year. We serve approximately 1,000 children at any given time, and our goal is to keep families together.

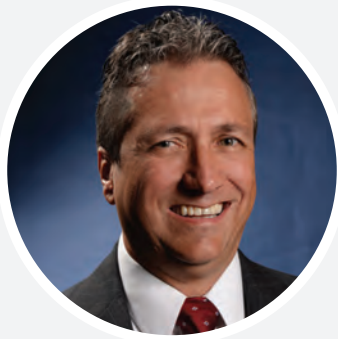
The study, “Reducing Risk: Families in Wraparound Intervention,” observed children linked to families that completed the Brevard C.A.R.E.S. Wraparound Intervention Program. These families had reduced incidents of maltreatment six months after the program ended. Specifically, 93 percent of families who participated in the intervention had no verified maltreatment, compared to 30 percent of families who did not participate. By diverting families from entry into the child welfare system, an annual cost savings of \$2.3 million per 100 children is achieved, and with limited resources, this permits increasing the quantity and quality of services provided throughout the child welfare system.

In FY 2016, Brevard C.A.R.E.S. provided prevention and diversion services for 2,986 children and provided Wraparound Services for 64 families to prevent homelessness of 145 children. In addition, 44 homeless families (109 children) also received these services. The Safety Management Services Team also prevented the removal of 81 children.

Through the Cribs for Kids® Program, Brevard C.A.R.E.S. conducted community outreach to raise awareness and educate adults about the dangers of unsafe sleeping practices for children, and in 2016 we provided no-cost safe sleep training, including Pack ‘N Play® Portable Cribs, to 369 families.

We are very proud of these achievements and I would like to personally thank the Brevard C.A.R.E.S. Board of Directors, our Executive Director and her team and the community partners, as well as the generous donors for your enduring and heart driven commitment to Brevard’s vulnerable families.

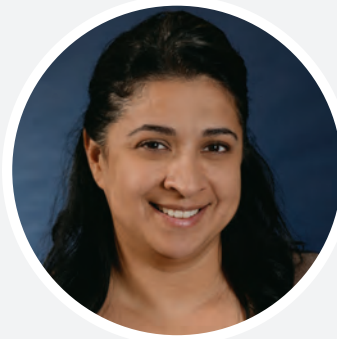
Sincerely,
Dr. Greg Howes
Board Chair



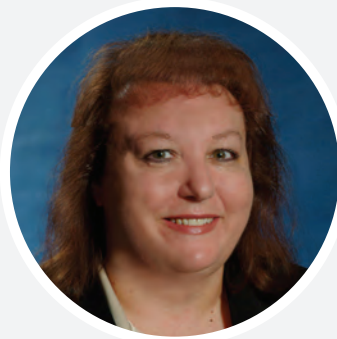
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Our board of directors IS COMMITTED to the success and prosperity of Brevard C.A.R.E.S. and work to ensure that the organization remains a driving force in keeping children safe and families together.

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



It is with gratitude to our wonderful community, staff, Board and supporters that I share the positive impact the Brevard C.A.R.E.S. program has made in the lives of over 2986 children and their families in 2016. C.A.R.E.S. grew out of the community's vision and charge for Brevard Family Partnership (BFP) to design and operate an aggressive front end prevention and diversion program that would reach Brevard's children and families before the stressors they experience result in abuse, abandonment, or neglect. Since that time, C.A.R.E.S. has grown to operate a full front end continuum of care available to all at-risk families in our community.

From our early beginning of operating one program, we have expanded capacity to serve at-risk juvenile justice youth and their families, those impacted by homelessness, children served by Early Head Start, those in need of crisis support through our 24/7 Mobile Response team, NJIS, Safety Management Services and families in need of support and resources such as Cribs for Kids.

Together, alongside our community partners, staff, and volunteers doing "whatever it takes," C.A.R.E.S. has served over 12,144 children and their families since our humble beginning in 2005. The hallmark of our success is the result of using high fidelity Wraparound, a process that embodies an unconditional commitment to team development, family empowerment and outcome based interventions. Wraparound is a process in which families are supported and encouraged toward their goals through the joint efforts of the people who are professionally and socially involved in their lives. The Wraparound model is based on individualized, strength-based, needs-driven planning and services. I am proud to report that client satisfaction surveys report that 100% of families served are satisfied with the services received from C.A.R.E.S. 94% of families remain together and intact at the 6 month follow up, 92% at 12 months, 94% at 18 months, and 92% at the 24 month mark. C.A.R.E.S. is keeping children safe, at home and in the community.

In closing, I would like to commend the C.A.R.E.S. Executive Director and her team for their dedication and commitment to the children and families entrusted to our care. I would like to thank our stellar Board of Directors for their leadership, guidance, and service, and extend my deep gratitude to our volunteers, donors and community partners. Because of you, many lives have been changed!

With sincere thanks,
Dr. Patricia Nellius, CEO

WE'RE MAKING A DIFFERENCE



I am excited to report that 2016 has been another amazing year for Brevard C.A.R.E.S.! Thanks to the dedication of our staff, Board of Directors and community we have continued to grow and expand the availability of Wraparound Services and supports for families in need in Brevard County. I am pleased to share a few of the team's accomplishments:

- In an effort to keep children safe and in their homes, we launched the Safety Management Services Team and were able to prevent the removal of 81 children from their homes.
- Brevard C.A.R.E.S. provided Wraparound Services to 64 families to prevent homelessness of 145 children and assisted 44 homeless families (109 children) with rapid re-housing services.
- 369 families received safe sleep education and a free Pack 'N Play® through our Cribs for Kids program.

Brevard C.A.R.E.S. increased grant and foundations awards thanks to community partnerships: Emergency Solution Grant award of \$103, 155 to provide homelessness prevention and rapid rehousing for families; Parrish Medical Foundation grant award of \$4,958 for support of the Cribs for Kids program, Space Coast Health Foundation grant award of \$20,000 for Behavioral Health Services for at-risk children.

Thanks for your continued support!

Phebe Powell, Executive Director

MESSAGE FROM OUR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

SUCCESS STORY



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 in 2009, it became a wholly-owned, nonprofit subsidiary organization of BFP with its own administrative office and services center in Rockledge.

Today, 32 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 this year added Safety Management Services and Mobile Response to ensure that higher risk children are able to remain in their homes safely. In all, over 81 children and their families in Brevard have been served keeping many from entering the formal dependency system and instead remaining safely together in their home.

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



The Brevard County Board of County Commissioners issued a proclamation declaring April 2016 as Child Abuse Prevention Month in Brevard County.

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 business that make a difference in the lives of children and Families.

Thank you for giving us the opportunity to participate in a worthy cause! What a wonderful and exciting event we had! Was so glad to see so many people that provide our children the safety net that they deserve! Thank you all!



Kickoff event at Squid Lips

CHILDREN'S WEEK IN TALLAHASSEE



Senator Thad Altman and representatives from BFP and Brevard C.A.R.E.S. during Children's Week at the State Capitol.

Brevard C.A.R.E.S. families and staff traveled to Tallahassee for Children's Week during the 2016 Legislative Session. Team members met with several legislators and committee leaders to advocate for adequate funding for community-based services as well as legislation to help prevent child abuse. During their visit, they met with Brevard delegates, including Senator Thad Altman.

SAFETY MANAGEMENT SERVICES

Safety Management Team

Brevard C.A.R.E.S. created the Safety Management Services Team to prevent removal of children by providing a rapid response to families in need of intensive support when present danger has been identified by the Child Protective Investigator. Each team is comprised of two Master's Level Therapists (Licensed or Licensed eligible) and a paraprofessional support staff position that works hand-in-hand with the Child Protective Investigator to ensure the child remains safely in the home and in the community. The team provides quality home visits, and ongoing monitoring of child safety and well-being including evenings and weekend visits.



Families served frequently present as having complex mental health needs, are at significant risk of substance abuse and/or domestic violence, and often include large sibling groups. The Safety Management Service Team blends traditional safety management services with an immediate therapeutic response to assess family needs and strengths, provide family centered therapeutic intervention, parent education, stress management, conflict resolution and engagement of other services providers throughout the provider network based on the needs of the family during the investigative process.

Safety Management Services prevented the removal of 81 children from their home.

Mobile Response Team

Brevard C.A.R.E.S. recently expanded services to include Mobile Response Team (MRT) services. MRT provides on-site crisis counseling services to children and families in Brevard County 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Services are provided to children and families who have been identified as being at risk for placement disruptions, being removed as a result of a protective investigation and/or as the result of a call from a parent/child in need from the community.

Brevard C.A.R.E.S. offered crisis counseling services to 379 children in 2016.

Post Adoption Supports

Brevard C.A.R.E.S. offers a full array of support services and Wraparound Family Team Conferencing for families that have adopted a child/children. We also offer a monthly support group to all families who have adopted a child/children. These support groups are a beneficial way to learn from other families that have shared experiences.



Emergency Solutions Grant & Challenge Grant for the Homeless

With grants from Department of Children and Families and Brevard Homeless Coalition means families at risk of homelessness or who are currently homeless have a safe place to call home. Funds from these grants have allowed Brevard C.A.R.E.S. to secure housing for families through Wraparound Services, provide rent and utility deposits, and short-term payments for the same.

In 2016, 108 families (204 children) were provided Wraparound Services and housing supports to ensure they remained safe and have their basic living needs supported.

Head Start

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. These programs include health, nutrition, social and other services deemed necessary by the family needs assessment. 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 contract with Brevard County Public Schools, 42 families (101 children) received Wraparound Services.

Cribs for Kids

Brevard C.A.R.E.S. received a grant from the Parrish Medical Foundation 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 Parrish Medical Foundation provided approximately \$5,000 which helped to 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 are expecting or who 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 at no charge.

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.



EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION

EMPLOYEES OF THE QUARTER:

1st Quarter - Shenelle Robertson

2nd Quarter - Jose Hernandez

3rd Quarter - Amanda Richards

4th Quarter - Amanda Davis

EMPLOYEE OF THE YEAR: Bridget Leboeuf



Heather Howlett

Recognized as the 2016 Social Services
Child Abuse Prevention Leader Award Recipient



Sheralyn Jenkins is a Diversion Care Coordinator for Brevard C.A.R.E.S. Sheralyn said that the most inspiring part about her job is being able to see families transition from being in need of services to becoming self sufficient. She enjoys engaging families and having them contribute to their own Care Plan from a strength based posture. Thank you Sheralyn for your commitment to Brevard's children and families.



Staci Faenza-Seward is a Family Engagement Coordinator for Brevard C.A.R.E.S. Staci said that she has always been passionate about helping children and families. She said that what inspires her about her job is watching families in distress turn their life around by helping them realize their strengths, becoming self-reliant, stronger and ready to attack the world. Thank you for your hard work and dedication Staci!

FINANCIAL REPORT

MANAGEMENT AND GENERAL

Advertising	\$	2,304
Community & Special Events		19,188
IT Expenses		10,538
Leased Equipment & Maintenance		12,340
Employee Training & Activities		16,486
Depreciation		3,661
File Management		4,311
In-Kind & Donations		10,713
Bank & Management Fees		905
Dues & Subscriptions		5,457
Insurance		15,394
Occupancy & Related Expenses		66,282
Office Costs, Supplies & Postage		48,307
Professional Fees & Licenses		35,316
Program Services		246,847
Care Coordination and Services		1,450,583
Administrative Salaries and Benefits		279,269
Telecommunications		9,719
Travel		81,194
TOTAL EXPENSES		\$ 2,318,813

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“**THANK YOU** to Brevard C.A.R.E.S.
for all of your **HELP AND SUPPORT.**”

THANK YOU.

To Our Donors Community Partners

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.

Donors

Brevard C.A.R.E.S. is thankful for the thoughtful members of our community like Christa Bailey and the entire Bailey family who generously donated Easter baskets for children and families that we serve. Thank you Bailey family, we greatly appreciate you!

- Artemis
- Bagel World Cafe
- Bonnie Letts
- Brevard County Schools
- Carol Macrander
- Community Foundation For Brevard
- Dan and Michelle Jacobs
- Disabled American Veterans Auxiliary Unit 109
- Herbert and Patricia Stratton
- Jess Parrish Medical Foundation
- Maggie and Patrick Dickinson
- Phillip and Rebecca Ainsworth
- Riviera United Church of Christ
- Patricia Nellius
- Laurie Anna Blackburn
- Marina Lozano
- Space Coast Health Foundation



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