



**Brevard C.A.R.E.S.
Report June/July 2019**

Strengthening Families...Whatever It Takes!

August 2019

Brevard CARES has been honored to receive two separate small grants to support families in crisis from Wal-Mart of \$2000 and \$500 as well as earned just under \$200 from a Dine and Donate event at Beef o' Brady's and we should be getting \$250 from Facebook. Dan also collected \$500 from the VFW. We needed to raise approximately \$400/month to reach our fundraising goal for the year; we are ahead of schedule, but I would still like to keep this as an ongoing goal.

We have moved into the final review phase for a \$10,000 grant with the Space Coast Health Foundation. This funding will be used to maximize marketing exposure for the Mobile Response Team. In July the leadership team was able to meet with a commander from Melbourne Police Department. The commander connected us with Chief David Butler who runs the Chiefs meeting for the county. We have been scheduled to present on October 16, 2019 to all the chiefs for the county. The Mobile Response Team also participated in two events for the county in conjunction with churches that had back to school events. In the south part of the county, the Mobile Response Team was able to provide information to over 900 families. In the north part of the county information was provide to over 500 families. In addition to all of this great work, the Mobile Response Team provided training to all of the School Resource Officer's for the county and the team is expecting to be able to execute a memorandum of understanding with Brevard County Public Schools.

In continuation with our efforts to strengthen our fidelity to the wrap around model, I am proud to report that four of our staff have achieved recertification as a competency-based practitioner through the National Center for Individual Excellence. They are Marina Lozano, Kristin Pirozzi, Bridgett LeBeouf and Kathryn Parker. There are also three staff members ready to present their oral defense and take their exam for initial certification.

We have spent the past month finalizing our new organizational chart and filling open positions; see attached organizational chart. We are looking specifically on function of each position, equitable workload, necessary coaching and supervision. We are excited to see how these changes will strengthen us and continue to build and expand CARES.

The Parenting with Love and Limits organization will be here the week of August 12 to train our new PLL team. We are doubling our teams that present PLL in order to expand the impact as well as reduce risk for a higher return on our investment in this evidence-based practice program.

Performance-wise, in 2018, collectively there were 121 conversions from a CARES program into care. Our goal for 2019 was to reduce that number to 106. I am very proud to say that we only had 73 conversions this fiscal year. We are still running reports and analyzing data of some of our other programs and when the final year end report is completed, I will share it with the FOA's boards.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Executive Director