

Brevard Family Partnership - Community Café - April 13, 2012

What do you believe are the greatest strengths or accomplishments of the current, community-based system of care?	If you could do one thing to improve the system of care even more, what would it be?	If you could do one more thing for the children, youth, and families in our care, what would it be?
Improve communication	IL youth who move into apartments need furniture/utensils, help with buying groceries - need to create awareness/coordinator	Informal supports when services end
Coordination between agencies	Efforts to engage fathers	Permanent connection/mentor
Co-location with agency (including CLS)	Establish informal supports for youth in foster care so they have a "constant" in his/her life - create more positive, lifetime linkages for youth	Help every youth/family identify their support system - who do they feel safe/comfortable with
Efficient case work collaboration	Support groups for a) CARES alum, b) Adoptive parents (pre/post)	Make transitions smoother for children
Normalcy for teens	Everyone have a FTC	Getting community clubs, associations and other non-profits more engaged with our children and families
Brevards kids staying in Brevard	Support for all kids in school (guidance counselor for younger children)	Normalcy for children
Prevention/Diversion that is working and a priority	Get more connected with jobs/employers in our community	Listen to them
Community Awareness about diversion/prevention that abuse/neglect does not have to happen to access services	Safe place to land after 18	Be honest and consistent
Matching appropriate services up front	No child at 18 should have to go out on their own	Communicate client relations (know there is a resource)
Single point of contact to access services - not failing up the system	Look at needs of 18 and 19 yr olds	Increase time and focus for family concerns
Adoptions	Continued and increased opportunities to partner with schools to ensure students are on track to grad	Expand focus on foster families mentoring bio families - empower families, experience, hope, resources)
Shorter stay in care	Communication - hearing consumer voice	Better matching and placing for adoptive families
Family-centered approach	Identifying/projecting realistic resources	Have a least one person in a child's life that is their cheerleader, permanent connection
Established by the community	Strong as weakest link/support our partners/reach out	Education for parents and children
Efficiency of system of care	Educating partners	Career coaching for youth
Diversity in bringing in funding	Continued relationship building with partner network	More mentoring (PAL, JA, Big Bro/Sis)
Anti-bias	Continue adding additional services as needed	Open access to all databases (DOR, MyFL)
Working well together in Brevard	Solicit and embrace feedback from youth involved in the system (ie: mentoring)	IEP's follow the child and implemented wherever the child goes
Shared mission for kids	Peripheral assistance (ie: transportation)	Increase funding for IL youth
Improved education standards for kids (GED, Guidance counselor)	Funding	Affordable housing for young adults
Legacy children finding permanency - increased adoptions	Scheduling - meetings, FTCs, direct service	Long-term obligation to IL youth
QPI	Recognition that children coming in w/ increase complexity	Innovative transportation services
Embracing foster families	Substance abuse/DV resources	Having a family resources plan as cases close or youth age out
Encouraging creativity, creative solutions, out of the box thinking	Increase advocacy in Tallahassee to support our issues and causes	Trauma informed community
Continuity of care	Access to additional programs ie: DOR, DJJ, MyFlorida	More connections between parents, youth, alumni, peer to peer
Law enforcement partnership	More awareness to the increase in prescription drugs - educating personnel	More flex funding to help children and youth have positive extra-circular opportunities
Stability	More funding (green \$)	Keep children in home, school and community
Maintaining families	Continued public knowledge about CARES	Engage parents and natural supports better
Lower case load/reduced turnover	Share more success stories	
Agency support of case workers	Better engage school system	
Coordinating individualized services		
Ability to take care of our own community needs	Infusion of funds for specific treatment programs to meet Brevard needs (SA, MH)	

Quality staff, commitment and dedication, leadership, governance (talent) - leadership philosophy (Patricia & Jim specifically)	Increased training for group care staff/foster parents	
Metrics, EBP, research	Evidence based programs and services	
Careful selection of board members (quality, experienced)	Alumni mentoring for dependency side	
SAMH	Expanded MRT - schools, shorter response times	
Flexibility - ease of transition	Increase capacity to work w/ challenging kids	
Quickness of response	Increase # of FTCs	
Increased accountability	Ensure every family has a SD	
Created by the community	Eliminate the us vs. them mentality	
Network of providers	Do more outreach w/ families, meet them where they are	
Decreased census	Advocate for every child as if it is your own	
Addition of family partners	Continue to decrease caseloads (count kids, not cases)	
FTCs	Integrate new technology	
Court liaison - can get involved faster	Focus on reducing compassion fatigue	
Increase capacity of foster homes		
Constant community collaboration		
TIP		
Providing the same services without DCF		
BFP supports providers		
Culture shift/buy in		
Support available for families to break the cycle		