



Brevard Family Partnership

A Community Based Care Agency

Board Report



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Narrative Report

November is National Adoption Month. As such, our Annual Mass Adoption event will be held on November 18th. This is a great opportunity to invite those in your circle of influence to attend to become better acquainted with the mission and vision of BFP. In recognition of National Adoption month, we will also have our partners from IMPOWER and an adoptive family John and Jenny Foster and their children David, Jonathan and Tyler present at the Board meeting to share their experience of adopting. IMPOWER has held the Adoption contract with BFP since 2006 and have always met and or exceed their goals. The staff serving Brevard's adoptive children and families are dedicated and a great asset to our local System of Care. Thank you, Dana Whitson, Tina Reina, Bill Marallo and Steve Glywaski.

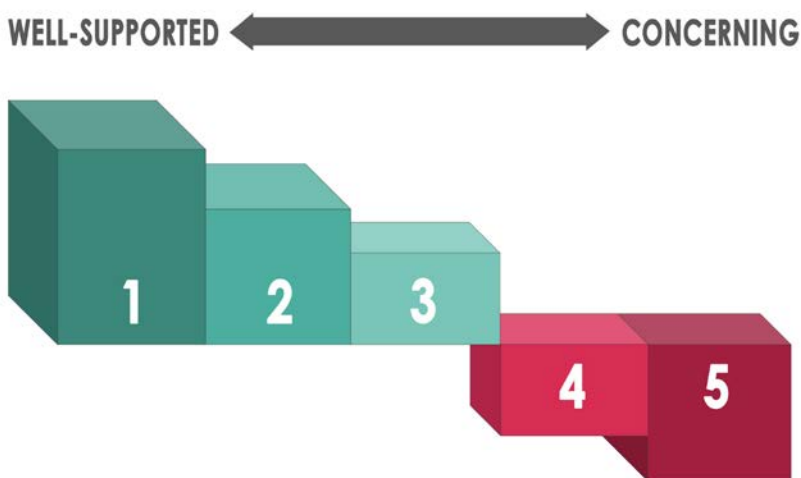
I would also like to take this time to recognize Andrea Betting for her commitment to adoption and for the work she does through her agency Florida Adoption Center to ensure all children have a family to love and nurture them.

I would like welcome Mr. Bill D'Aiuto, Central Regional Managing Director for the Department of Children and Families. He will be speaking on DCF's strategic priorities, legislative priorities and his perspective on the state wide increase in out of home care over the past few years.

The month began with deployment of the BFP Disaster Preparedness Plan in preparation for Hurricane Matthew. Our staff, partners and providers did an exemplary job executing the plan and ensuring the safety and well-being of our children, youth and families. All children were accounted for, evacuation plans for group homes and foster families received and IL youth located and supported. DCF Central Regional Managing Director Bill D'Aiuto provided leadership and support pre and post hurricane. Thankfully BFP experienced minimal impact and our staff and providers homes and families were safe.

I am pleased to report that BFP received an \$80,000 bonus payment from the Child Welfare Integrated Health Services Partnership for successfully managing the utilization of behavioral and medical health services under the program.

We also received good news from the California Evidence Based Clearing House indicating the C.A.R.E.S. program application submission met criteria as a Level 3 program to be listed on the clearinghouse portal.



Specific criteria for each classification system category are presented below:

1. Well-Supported by Research Evidence

2. Supported by Research Evidence

3. Promising Research Evidence (C.A.R.E.S.)

- a. At least one study utilizing some form of control (e.g., untreated group, placebo group, matched wait list study) has established the practice's benefit over the control, or found it to be comparable to a practice rated a 1, 2, or 3 on this rating scale or superior to an appropriate comparison practice. The study has been reported in published, peer-reviewed literature.
- b. Outcome measures must be reliable and valid, and administered consistently and accurately across all subjects.
- c. If multiple outcome studies have been conducted, the overall weight of evidence supports the benefit of the practice.
- d. There is no case data suggesting a risk of harm that: a) was probably caused by the treatment and b) the harm was severe or frequent.
- e. There is no legal or empirical basis suggesting that, compared to its likely benefits, the practice constitutes a risk of harm to those receiving it.
- f. The practice has a book, manual, and/or other available writings that specify the components of the practice protocol and describe how to administer it.

4. Evidence Fails to Demonstrate Effect

5. Concerning Practice

Our staff and partners have worked diligently over the first quarter of the new fiscal year to implement initiatives to enhance the System of Care and monitor and control spending while ensuring the safety and wellbeing of those served and continuity of services. Thus far the measures implemented have resulted in maintaining a balanced budget.

On October 10th the Auditors arrived to begin the Annual Audit. Thus far, everything appears favorable.

The Annual Board Retreat is scheduled to occur on January 26, 2017 at the Crowne Plaza from 8:30 am to 12:00 pm with the Annual Business meeting from 1:00 – 3:30. Leigh Holt will be joining the Board to facilitate the Strategic Planning session.

Finally, the 2nd Annual BFP Decades in Revue Lip Sync Battle will take place on Saturday October 29th. To date we have 13 sponsors and have sold 12 tables. We have 6 acts committed to include: Melissa Romero from Modus Operandi, Steven Audino From Harris Corporation, Teachers from Roy Allen Elementary, Brevard Community Foundation Executive Director and Board Chair, Madison Conrads and Cathy Bell from Logo By Geiger, and Eric Smith, his wife Amy, and Laurie Anna. The Judges for the evening include: Malak Hamad, Brooke Deratany Goldfarb, Rob Rains, and Nancy Peltonen.

What an amazing and fun event it is going to be. I am so grateful for all of the support members have offered to ensure the event is a successful and memorable occasion. We are fortunate to have such an outstanding and dedicated Steering Committee consisting of staff led by Jim Carlson and Melissa Breckenridge who have done a stellar job; along with the community volunteers who have gone above and beyond to make this event one of Brevard's most memorable and fun. I would like to conclude by expressing my gratitude to those of you who have already given of your time, talent and treasure to ensure Brevard's vulnerable children and families can receive the services and care they need to heal and be successful in life. Thank you, Ruth Long for serving on the committee, covering the cost of the Cast Party, and for soliciting a \$500 donation from Bob Steele Chevrolet and Wuesthoff Foundation. Thank you, Barbara Loftus for purchasing a table, Catherine Wright for purchasing 2

tickets, Andrea Betting and Stockton Whitten for purchasing a ticket, and Dr. Howes for donating \$500.00. Thank you, Eric Smith for committing \$2,500 to sponsor the event, purchasing two tables and for committing to be an act. I look forward to seeing you there.

Respectfully Submitted,

Patricia Nellius
Chief Executive Officer