



Brevard Family Partnership

A Community Based Care Agency

Board Report



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Narrative Report

The Florida Legislature concluded their 2018 session on March 9, 2018. The National Center had an appropriation for \$150,000 in the Senate budget, and the request was strongly sponsored by each member of our Brevard legislative delegation. On the last business day of the session, there were over 60 appropriation requests that were removed from consideration for funding, and the NCFIE request for additional funding to support the CARES replication site was one of the items removed. Funding from the list of items removed was moved to an appropriation for school security.

Dr. Nellius and I have participated on a phone call with Mark Jones of Community Partnership for Children, and a face to face meeting is scheduled for March 21 to review options for funding the technical assistance to the CARES pilot site.

Governor Scott has signed the state budget for FY 18-19 which includes the following appropriations that support child welfare:

- \$4.5 million for FSFN enhancements that improve eligibility determinations for IV-e
- \$1.59 million to support transition from FSFN to CCWIS
- \$15 million for risk pool in FY 18-19
- \$5.7 million to maximize eligibility and claiming of IV-e
- \$2.25 million in adoption incentive funding
- \$10.4 million converting 2017 non recurring funding to recurring
- \$7.6 million for IL services, and extend MAS payments to 21 for children adopted at age 16 and 17
- \$8.1 million for Safety Management Services
- \$20.1 million “ Back of the bill” funding to make CBC agencies whole over the past 2 fiscal years

The initial IV-e case review indicated that BFP is currently at 65% penetration rate with IV-e. There are 9 cases where the order is incorrect or there is a FSFN issue that can be corrected. BFP revenue maximization staff is meeting with CLS attorneys to ensure the orders are corrected going forward. The biggest driver of children being ineligible is children removed from intact families, and children removed from parents where the household income exceeds the threshold for eligibility.

The BFP family of agencies Leadership Team has scheduled a community fair to take place at the Melbourne Square Mall. BFP will be the host agency for the event that will take place one of the 2 Saturdays before the 2018-19 school year begins.

The National Center has executed an agreement with CCNY for @\$15,000. NCFIE will provide technical assistance to CCNY, with Dr. Nellius and Other NCFIE staff being onsite in May. The NCFIE is also planning a wraparound certification training in May.

Foster Parents will be the focus of this year's gala event. We will highlight some of our excellent foster parenting parents and share a video that is in the process of production at this year's event.

To help celebrate Family Allies 1 year anniversary we have been in contact with Brevard Business News to run a feature article on the agency.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jim Carlson
Interim Chief Executive Officer