



Brevard Family Partnership

A Community Based Care Agency

Board Report



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I am pleased to report that Brevard Public Schools is continuing to support BFP in foster parent recruitment efforts. Fostering Futures recruitment posters and flyers were distributed to all schools in Brevard County. The recruitment materials will be displayed in a high traffic area such as the Front Office, Student Pick up/Drop Off area, and/or Guidance Department.

I met with Betsy Farmer who is now the Director of Community Relations at Brevard County Housing Authority. Betsy expressed interested in partnering with BFP on a new initiative that could potentially support young adults in Extended Foster Care through the addition of a twenty-five unit apartment complex in Melbourne.

The Foster Parent Appreciation Picnic was a success once again this year! There were over 150 attendees. The event was held at and sponsored by the Sun tree Baptist Church on Wickham in the honor of Foster Parent Appreciation Month.

A young adult in Brevard was named Youth Ambassador of the Year and was honored during Children's Week in Tallahassee. The Brevard Youth Leadership Council has continued to visit all group homes and has drafted some guiding principles to enhance normalcy in group care.

Attestation review results from BFP's annual 2018 Child Placing Agency Audit were received and findings were exemplary. There was a sample size of 39 relicensing files and 25 initial licensing files. Review areas included background screening, physical safety, forms, documentation, home study, and activity during the year. Results yielded a 99.7% compliance in initial licensures and a 99.9% compliance in re-licensures. Kudos to the Licensing Team!

BFP was part of the work group that assisted with the Brevard County Criminal Justice Mental Health Substance Abuse Planning Grant. The grant was awarded to the Managing Entity and the target population is adults who are dually served in the criminal justice, mental health, and/or substance abuse system. Many of these parents may also have involvement in the child welfare system.

BFP and the Family of Agencies are preparing for the annual visit from the Contract Oversight Unit scheduled for June 3-7. The Board interview is scheduled for Tuesday June 4 at 3:30pm in the Board Room. The final debriefing will take place at the close of the week followed by the informal exit interview. Several groups of stakeholders will participate in one on one interviews and focus groups such as Child Protective Investigators, Children's Legal Services, Guardian Ad Litem, Foster Parents and community providers.

The Space Coast Health Foundation plans to address dental for special needs children as part of their new Strategic Plan and may consider adding a mobile dental unit. This was previously provided by the Brevard Health Alliance but has since been discontinued.

Respectfully Submitted,
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