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# Brevard Family Partnership

*A Community Based Care Agency*

## Board Report



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Phil Scarpelli, Chief Executive Officer

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- Monday, July 12<sup>th</sup> through Wednesday, July 14<sup>th</sup> I attended the FCC Leadership Summit in-person at the Renaissance Orlando at SeaWorld. This year's conference had a spotlight on the integration of our youth throughout our system of care. Our NCFIE cosponsored the conference and had a wonderful display and staff available to share its accomplishments and services.
- We have begun meeting with our PR team and Rock Paper Simple simultaneously and separately to remain aware of all happenings and upcoming events as well as action plans. We have made significant progress in the advancements of our family of agencies' websites.
- Adoptions have returned to in-person events, but a virtual option is still offered. I have had the pleasure of attending several adoptions in person over the last several weeks. This week we have scheduled 7 adoptions in a single day!
- I have become a member of the Early Learning Coalition Board in support of their mission. Their resources in early learning and voluntary PreK are an integral resource to many of the families we serve.
- We are delighted to explore a more in-depth partnership with Chrysalis Health and Glass House to enable us to provide more timely services to our families. These partnerships are in the development stages both of which provide substance abuse and mental health services to at risk families.
- Our circuit will be hosting our very own break-out session at the upcoming DCF Summit conference. We are in the planning stages for this and look forward to presenting to our colleagues and child welfare leaders. A major focus will be on the integration of our model Youth Thrive Council which is being recognized as a statewide leader.
- We have been consistently communicating with several churches to begin implementing the Open Table Model with several support groups in the future. We have surpassed our year's target of 5 "tables."
- Our BFP FOA Back2School Supply event was a wonderful success! Chilly Spoons Frozen Yogurt also donated over 90 children's books after the drive!
- We have scheduled with Rock Paper Simple to plan and record some marketing videos with some of our youth leaders in early November and are looking forward to seeing this content come together.
- Our Peer Mentor Academy participants are set to graduate from this new program next month and we are delighted by the overall success of their journey thus far. They are our organization's leaders of tomorrow!
- Our new office locations are coming along nicely as things are being installed and set up. We are still awaiting furniture to arrive in late September, but many departments are working out of this office on temporary workstations. Our address for the administrative office has officially changed.
- We are reviewing first round drafts of our ITN response with our consultant and look forward to producing the second round of drafts soon.
- Our administrative office hours will be returning to 8a-5p now, from 8a-4p reduced hours during the COVID-19 pandemic. We are still encouraging the vaccine and mask-wearing when social distancing is not possible. Our Foster Parent Information Sessions remain virtual at this time.
- I have been attending dependency court hearings virtually at the request of our judge to monitor our caseworker's performance and to remain up-to-date with current procedures and expectations.
- I am traveling to Tallahassee to attend an FCC-DCF leadership meeting on Wednesday, August 25<sup>th</sup>.

#### Upcoming Community Events

- Our Golf Tournament fundraiser is fast-approaching on September 25<sup>th</sup> – next month! Our annual United Way fundraiser and holiday gift drive will be here before we know it.

Respectfully Submitted,

Phil Scarpelli, CEO