

STRENGTHENING FAMILIES...
WHATEVER IT TAKES!

“Brevard C.A.R.E.S. helped me in so many ways...they helped me with a lot of “little” things, but to me, it wasn't little. They really care about me and my kids. They helped me feel better about myself.”

— S.J. C.A.R.E.S. Parent

“Our family is so grateful for the hope, love, and help we have received from Brevard C.A.R.E.S.... Brevard Family C.A.R.E.S. has made a difference in the life of our family.”

— Mr. Martinez, C.A.R.E.S. Parent



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BRING C.A.R.E.S. TO YOUR COMMUNITY!

Brevard Family Partnership's family-centered, strength-based program is now available to agencies and organizations throughout the U.S. that want to reduce the number of children in their formal child welfare systems, through an aggressive, front-end child abuse prevention model.

With the help of our team of experienced professionals, the C.A.R.E.S. model can be customized to the unique needs of the children and families in your community. Implementing C.A.R.E.S. can help to:

- Reduce the number of children in a community's formal child welfare system;
- Keep children safe and in their homes;
- Engage the community in providing the support families need when stressors could lead to child abuse; and,
- Significantly reduce the costs of providing services (in-home vs. out-of-home care).

Interested parties may contact us to obtain more information about how we can customize our array of available services to support you and your community in protecting children, strengthening families, and changing lives.

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When it comes
to family,
**Brevard
C.A.R.E.S.**



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WHAT IS BREVARD C.A.R.E.S.?

WHAT IS "WRAPAROUND?"

MILESTONES

C.A.R.E.S. CHILDREN'S GIVING CAMPAIGN



Brevard C.A.R.E.S. (Coordination, Advocacy, Resources, Education and Support) is a family-centered, strength-based, and community-driven model for child abuse prevention and family preservation. The program's unique "Wraparound" approach and Family Team Conferencing offers services and support to families experiencing stressors that could lead to abuse, neglect or abandonment.

WHAT IS PREVENTION?

A majority of the families referred to the Brevard C.A.R.E.S. program are experiencing some type of family stress and/or isolation. Some have been referred to the program by Child Protective Investigators after an investigation of reported abuse or neglect, while others are referred by family, friends, clergy, teachers or others concerned about the family's safety. Because these families chose to enter Brevard C.A.R.E.S. their children remain safe and healthy, and can stay in their homes, schools and communities. They find the support they need, and now these families have been diverted from a path that may lead to neglect and abuse.



In the spirit of the popular belief, "It takes a village to raise a child," Wraparound is a model that supports and encourages families toward their goals of safety and stability with the assistance of the people who are involved in their lives. It consists of formal and informal supports that assist the family in reaching their goals.

FAMILY TEAM CONFERENCING

A key component of our Brevard C.A.R.E.S. program is the concept of Family Team Conferencing, providing families with natural supports that help them to develop and implement plans to ensure their stability and the health and welfare of their children.

Employing Wraparound and Family Team Conferencing models, this family-centered, strength-based program gives families voice and choice in determining their goals, the makeup of their support team, and the best courses of action to help them through their individual situation.

Families receive the same services available to those in the formal dependency system without having to enter it, saving untold millions of dollars that are then reinvested into our system of care to provide additional services and capacity. The average monthly cost of court-ordered out-of-home care for one child in Brevard is approximately \$2,500; serving a child in Brevard CARES costs only about \$250 per month!

SUCCESS IN KEEPING CHILDREN SAFE AND FAMILIES TOGETHER

The first referral to the Brevard C.A.R.E.S. program was on July 27, 2005. We served two children that month and demand has steadily increased.

Since then, Brevard CARES has helped to keep over 12,000 children and their families from entering the formal dependency system. And, as a result of removing the stigma once attached to seeking assistance an increasing number of families are "self-referring" in that they are seeking assistance themselves before a situation at home becomes a crisis.

"THE RESULTS"

Thousands of children and families are remaining safely in their homes, free from abuse and neglect and working to improve their daily lives; and the data proves it. 100% of families who successfully completed the Brevard C.A.R.E.S. program do not have a verified report of maltreatment at the six and twelve-month follow up.

That's the reason other counties in Florida and child care agencies across the nation are eager to replicate what we've achieved.

HOW A FINANCIAL GIFT HELPS

- **COMMUNITY HERO..... \$1,000**
Your gift may provide 15 families and their newborn infants a crib supporting the community goal that every child deserves a safe sleeping environment.
- **CHILDREN'S CHAMPION..... \$750**
Your gift may provide eight weeks of day care for a single working mother who is on the waiting list for subsidized child care.
- **SHINING STAR..... \$500**
Your gift may provide one month of rent for a family that has experienced an unexpected job loss who otherwise would be facing eviction.
- **CHILDREN'S SUPPORTER..... \$250**
Your gift may provide a healthy lunch for 50 school-aged children.
- **CHILDREN'S HELPER..... \$100**
Your gift may provide an at-risk youth with a summer camp experience they will remember for a lifetime.
- **OTHER: \$ _____**
- **Please contact me with more information about Brevard C.A.R.E.S. programs or services.**

If you prefer to make an online donation with a credit card, visit the "Donate" page at www.BrevardCARES.org and give through our secure, online donation page.

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Return this form to Brevard C.A.R.E.S.:
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Know that your commitment will make a differences in a child's life.

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