

Brevard C.A.R.E.S. Staff Bio
Valerie Holmes, MSCP, MSCJ
Executive Director

Valerie has worked in the social services field and in a variety of community based settings since 1994, including those that serve victims of domestic violence, as well as the seriously mentally ill and terminally ill. For the past 10 years she has devoted her services in the field of child welfare.

Valerie received her M.S. degree in Counseling and Psychology from Troy University in 2005 and an M.S. degree in Criminal Justice from the University of Central Florida in 2001. She received a B.A. degree in Psychology from the University of Central Florida in 1993.

Valerie has served as the director of operations for Child and Family Services at Brevard Family Partnership, since the agency's inception in August, 2004. In this position, she provided leadership and oversight of Intake, Placement, Adoption, the Child Welfare Pre-Paid Mental Health Plan, Out of Home Care, Licensing and Child Placing Agencies. Valerie also trained and engaged stakeholders through the start-up and transition to the new system of care, which moved Brevard County's child welfare program from a state-run to a localized, community-based form of management.

In September 2009, Valerie began her role as the executive director of Brevard C.A.R.E.S. She is responsible for the oversight of all administrative, fiscal and programmatic activities of the prevention and diversion programs. Valerie also works in concert with the C.A.R.E.S. national replication team and serves as the principal point-of-contact and project lead on any research and data analysis of Brevard C.A.R.E.S.