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C.A.R.E.S.**

Child

TRENDS



Innovation Models for Evaluation of Family- Strengthening Interventions

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Opening Remarks and Introductions

Brief Introductions of Panel & Audience Members

What Audience Members Seek

Three Key Constructs and Background Information

INNOVATION:

Strength Based

Evidence Based

Wrap Around

**What Is Important
To Understand**

**These Frame Innovation and Our Type of Evaluation
Work**



**Our Evaluation Work – In Partnership with Brevard
C.A.R.E.S. and Evaluation Intentions**

C.A.R.E.S.

Coordination

Advocacy

Resources

Education

Support



C.A.R.E.S. Model History and Background

- Privatization Project**
- Pre-Transition Facts and Statistics**
- Brevard County, Florida, Demographics**



System Transformation

- Blueprint for the New System of Care**
- Model Development – New Level on the Continuum**
- Family Centered Practice**



Core Principles of Practice

- Wraparound Principles of Care**
- Essential Program Ingredients**
- Utilization Management**



Trends

- Recidivism rates**
- Reduction of Children in Care**
- Consumer Satisfaction**
- Cost Effectiveness**

Community Impact of Brevard C.A.R.E.S. Intervention (Model with Family Team Conference)

– The Evaluator’s Story and Voice: Our History with C.A.R.E.S.

- What We Saw and Heard From the Field and Community Context
- Codewords: De-stigmatize Child Welfare Systems
 - “Family Friendly” – It is Okay to Ask For Help
 - Countywide Prevention
 - Diversion – Front end Diversion
 - C.A.R.E.S. Clip – “Don’t Judge Me – Get to Know Me”
- System Silos Acknowledged & Need to Link Child Welfare, Mental Health, Juvenile Justice System, etc.
- Evaluation Reality: Remain Focused on Data Available & Relevant (e.g., Reduction of Child Abuse Recidivism with Verified Report @ 6, 12, and 18 months)

Community Impact of Brevard C.A.R.E.S. Intervention (Model with Family Team Conference)

- What We Accomplished –Using Reduction of Risk Regression Methodology (Movement to Focused Positive Outcome)**
- How? – Natural Data Used – Administrative and Natural Flow of Data**
- What We Learned – What Mattered in the Community and Evaluation Context**
- Result: Continued Interest and Pilot of Random Assignment Study (Moving Into 2012)**



Stakeholders Interest and Involvement in Community Change

- Thought and Actions Began with *Together in Partnership* (TIP) Model Development in 2004-2005
- *Evaluation Practice* Emerged – With the Family Centered Practice Priority

Evaluation Research Work

- Can Link to Community Contextual Profiles – *Looking at and Confirming Trends* – at the Child and Family Levels
- Can Link to Brevard C.A.R.E.S.'s Theory of Change – We saw Reduction of Children in Dependency Care; Reduction of Risk (Movement in the Right Direction)
- Can Always Benefit From Additional Rigor – Application to Brevard C.A.R.E.S. Model and its FTC Core Component

What Happens When Community Change is the Focus?

- Quality of Services Still Matters
- Model is Built for Intentional High Quality of Community Supports
- Model is Improved with Evaluation Research – Confirmation of an Evidence Based Practice and Moving in the Right Direction
- Model Can Then be Examined with Random Assignment Approach – Timing is Everything



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Resources For AEA Audience Members

NATIONAL WRAPAROUND CONFERENCE, FEBRUARY 2011 - **DEMONSTRATING SUCCESS PART 1: TRANSFORMING CHILD WELFARE SYSTEMS**

LINK: http://centervideo.forest.usf.edu/confvids/wrapcon/demsuccess1/demsuccess_1.html

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NATIONAL WRAPAROUND CONFERENCE, FEBRUARY 2011 - **DEMONSTRATING SUCCESS PART 2: BREVARD C.A.R.E.S. DATA VALIDATION AND EVALUATION**

LINK: <http://centervideo.forest.usf.edu/confvids/wrapcon/demsuccess2/demsuccess2.html>

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