



ANNUAL REPORT RT

2018–2019



**Brevard Family
Partnership**



From the CEO

Dear Friends



It is with great pleasure that I share with you on my first year as CEO of Brevard Family Partnership.

As children, growing up in a home with adult family members that cared for and guided us set the foundation for success in nearly every area of our lives. Unfortunately, the 2,500 children and youth in Brevard County's foster care system are not able to take the profound gift of nurturing adults in their lives for granted. They lack the lifeline of a stable home as they navigate a childhood punctuated by trauma and neglect.

Brevard Family Partnership's Family of Agencies provides a full continuum of child abuse prevention programs and services; case management and related services; foster care and support, adoption and independent living programs; and community outreach services to the children and families in our community.

In my first year as CEO of Brevard Family Partnership, it has been an honor to serve alongside a dedicated workforce, a provider network that always goes above and beyond, and a Board of Directors fully committed to the continuous quality improvement of Brevard's local System of Care.

The past year at Brevard Family Partnership demonstrates our commitment to our mission to protect children, strengthen families and change lives through the prevention of child abuse and the operation and management of a comprehensive, integrated, community-based system of care for abused, abandoned and neglected children and their families.

With your support, we create opportunities for children to heal from traumatic experiences; for parents to learn skills that will create a strong family and healthy childhood; for caring adults to become a family for children in crisis; and for us all to impact the community of Brevard County with real, lasting change.

From our hearts to yours, we wish to thank you for your support of our most vulnerable children and families throughout Brevard county. Because of your support, we can continue to hold steadfast and work toward providing opportunities that improve the lives of the children and families we serve every day!

Warm Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Philip J. Scarpelli". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Philip J. Scarpelli
Chief Executive Officer



From the Board Chair

Dear Friends



It is my privilege to share our 2018–19 Annual report with you. The year was highlighted by new leadership and real progress in the Brevard child welfare system of care.

After a 13-month, nation-wide search, the agency welcomed Phil Scarpelli, a 30 year child welfare veteran who came to us from a leadership position in the Department of Children and Families, as Chief Executive Officer (CEO) in November 2018. Phil's first year of leadership was filled with relationship building amongst local and state legislators to further expand the mission of protecting children, strengthening families and changing lives within our system of care. Under Phil's leadership, we accomplished a record-breaking number of children adopted and led the state in children achieving permanency within 12 months. Thanks to the dedication of our CEO, the staff of Brevard Family Partnership's Family of Agencies, and our outstanding providers and System of Care partners, we have seen significant successes this past year.

I also want to recognize the work of our Board of Directors, who give their time and talent in service of the children and families of Brevard County. Brevard Family Partnership is well-positioned to continue its positive impact in our local community. We will continue to build upon our solid foundation and enhance capacity-building efforts to maintain our commitment to the children and families of Brevard.

Finally, I wish to thank the members of our community who continue to contribute to the success of Brevard Family Partnership. Your efforts through adoption, becoming foster parents, raising funds, and volunteering continue to make a significant difference in the lives of those we serve. I look forward to working with you in the months and years to come.

Sincerely,

Barbara Loftus
Board Chair

**Protecting Children
Strengthening Families
Changing Lives**





When I received my call to foster three beautiful young girls, I had been a parent for 14 years, but this was different. My calm house of three became a loud house of six overnight. For 11 months I took care of the girls. They wore me out, but I loved those girls like my own. After 11 months in my care, the girls and their brothers were reunified with their mother. My heart was both happy and broken at the same time as I watched the girls go back home. How could I continue this?

Three days later, I received my answer when their mother called to ask me about personal hygiene and bedtime routines for the kiddos. We were just two moms chatting about their kids! I am thankful for the relationship their mom and I built while the girls were in my care. She comes to me when she needs parenting advice or help.

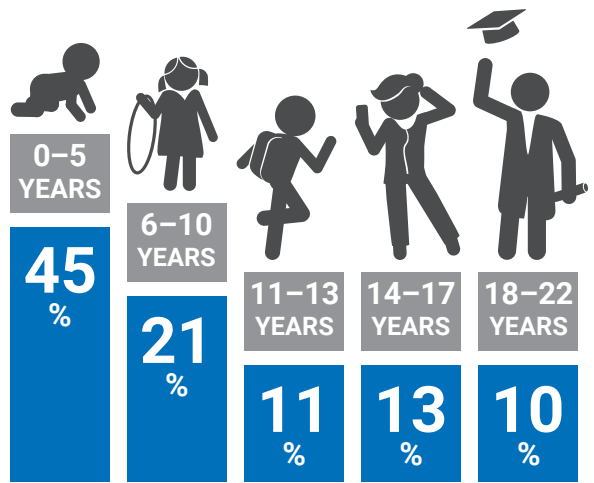
I continue to see the girls on occasion, and their brothers come over as well. The boys come because, well... because any reason to hang out with Ms. Val is a good one. Fostering these children is an experience I would not trade for the world.'

Valeria Jones, Foster Parent
4 years, 24 children

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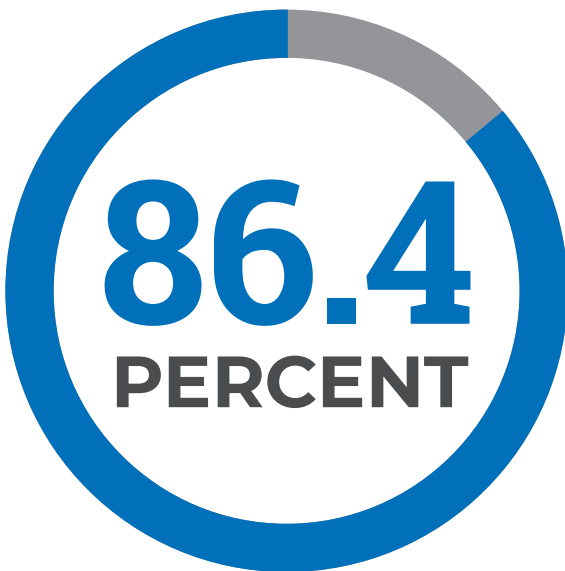
CHILDREN
SERVED BY THE
FAMILY OF
AGENCIES



54.83

43.60

% placed in permanent homes
BFP vs FEDERAL TARGET



OF YOUTH 18+ WITH
**HS DEGREE
OR DIPLOMA**

We Need You

You can make
a difference.

**There are many ways you
can help children, adults
and families in crisis.**

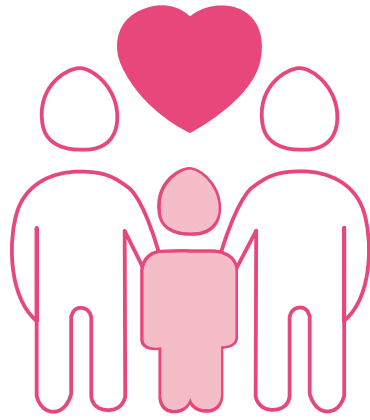
Brevard Family Partnership's programs span the needs of children, youth, young people leaving foster care, and their families, with the goal of providing each child with a loving and stable home and breaking the cycle of child abuse and trauma.

Your donations make unconditional love possible for children with nowhere to turn. Together, we are transforming lives.

For more information and to learn how you can transform the life of a child today, please visit:

BrevardFP.org

 **160**
**LICENSED
FOSTER HOMES**


137 **ADOPTIONS**

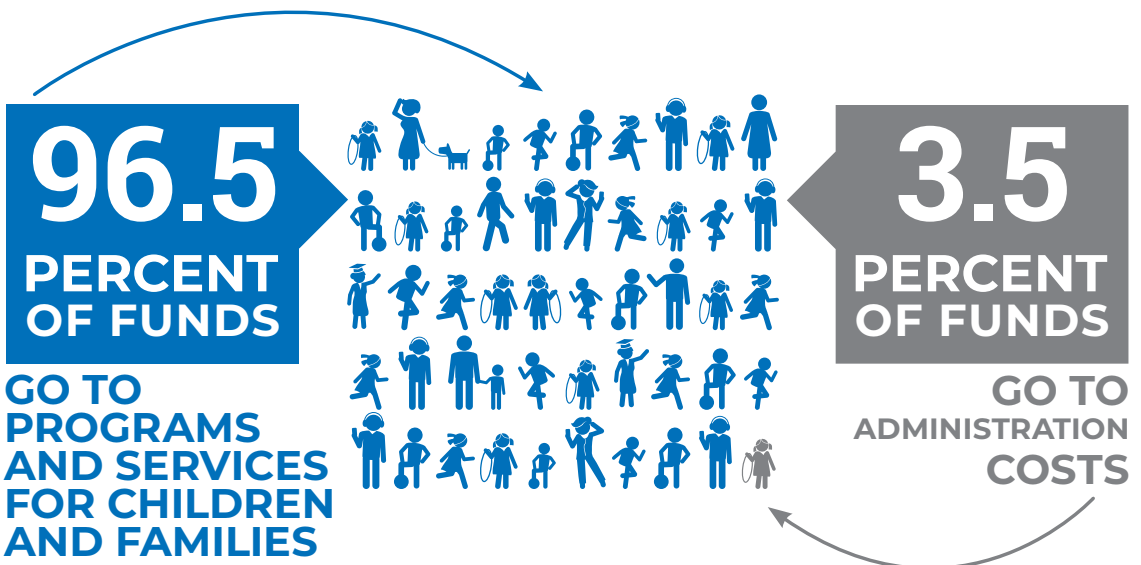
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**LICENSED
FOSTER HOMES**

474
**CHILDREN ACHIEVED
PERMANENCY
FOREVER
HOMES**




197
**CHILDREN IN
FOSTER
HOMES**















Protecting Children Strengthening Families Changing Lives

The heart of our work is devoted to helping children and families. It drives us as individuals, and as an agency. As partners, donors, volunteers and supporters, YOU too are helping care for children and families in need. It's as simple as that.

There are many ways you can help children, adults and families in crisis.

-  Foster or adopt a child
-  Sponsor a fundraising event
-  Become an Everyday Hero via monthly giving
-  Donate holiday gifts, school supplies or basic needs
-  Follow BFP on social media and share our posts
-  Educate others and advocate for children and families
-  Volunteer
-  Mentor

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Chief Executive
Officer

Brevard Family Partnership's Family of Agencies



Ensuring every child in Brevard has a safe, stable and loving home.



Family Allies™

Achieving a permanent, nurturing family for every child in the dependency system.



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

Strengthening families and keeping them safely together in their homes.



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Partnership**

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