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Hibiscus Children's Center & Behavior Basics, Inc. **Welcome New Clients in SafeCare Program**

St. Lucie County/Indian River County – Hibiscus Children's Center was pleased to announce a new prevention program serving St. Lucie and Indian River County families earlier this year. SafeCare is a collaborative partnership between Hibiscus Children's Center and Behavior Basics, Inc. The program, which is focused on providing parenting education through home visits, welcomes new clients and the services are free. SafeCare is funded, in part, by Children's Services Council of St. Lucie County and Communities Connected for Kids.

All families are eligible for the program if they have at least one child in the home under the age of six. SafeCare is a home-based parenting education program focusing on parent-child interaction, health, and safety. Services are available for families that are struggling with substance abuse, domestic violence issues, teen parents, parents of special needs children, single parents and low-income families. The program has been successfully implemented in other parts of the country and has been effective for families dealing with these issues. In-home Parent Coaches, Deidra Bass and Jean Snyder, will work with families to increase parental knowledge and skills related to the four essential program components: parent-infant interactions, parent-child interactions, home safety and child health. A parent coach will meet with the family for the initial home visit to establish a relationship with the parent(s) and provide education/information on how the program will be structured.

If you and your family need assistance, please call SafeCare today – we can help! Asking for help is a sign of strength. Please contact Behavior Basics, Inc. at (772) 463-0444 or email: info@behaviorbasicsinc.com or visit the website: behaviorbasicsinc.com.

Some of the feedback the SafeCare Program has received from our participating parents: “Very helpful”, “I love everything about SafeCare”, “Good job Ms. Jean”, “Loved our visits, very beneficial. My child’s progress has been amazing, by continuing our child-parent interaction and using it daily. I had an amazing instructor”, “Very helpful and recommend to other parents”, and “Deidra was very informative, kind, and helpful. We learned so many helpful things”.

Hibiscus Children’s Center is excited to collaborate with Behavior Basics, Inc. Hibiscus Children’s Center has been providing professional life-saving services to children for over 30 years across the Treasure Coast through residential, mental health, prevention and intervention services. The mission of our collaborative partner, Behavior Basics, is to sustainably improve the quality of life for each of our clients and their families through education, training and ongoing services. Together, we are working to prevent child abuse and strengthen our families and community. If you would like more information about Hibiscus Children’s Center, please visit us at HibiscusChildrensCenter.org.