

	<p>Clay County Smart Start / Local Interagency Coordinating Council Team Meeting Minutes Date: 3/6/25 Minutes completed by Jody Miller</p>
<p>Welcome and Introductions</p>	<p>Lorrie Ross (Mtn Projects); Lori Baker (LANC); Desiree Durning (AmeriHealth); Jenni Irwin (Vaya); Terri Hager (Schools); Sarah Clark (Mth Projects); Jamie Bryant (LANC); Cecilia Estremera (Vaya); Randi Braun (RAPC); Barbara Jefferys (NC PreK); Hannah Robinson Michael (NC Child); Sherri McConnell (CDSA); and Jody Miller (RAPC)</p>
<p>Presentations</p>	<p>Randi provided an update on the local Parents as Teachers program. The program is currently serving 19 families / 24 children. Have opening slots for 9 to 10 more families. Shared about group connections for those who are part of the program. Randi provided updates on the program as it relates to the region. Hired a new PAT educator for Swain, Sunny Parks. Maintained their blue-ribbon status.</p>
<p>Upcoming Presentations</p>	<p>April—Catholic Charities/Circles of Jackson/NFP May—Open June—planning for next fiscal year</p>
<p>Smart Start Strategic Plan</p>	<p>The team is focusing on Children in households that are food insecure: 13.4% in 2021. It is showing a decrease from 20.6% in 2019. There was concern that this may not be an accurate number as there were a lot of food resources available during COVID.</p> <p>The second data point the team wants to impact on Drug and medicine overdose rate as shown on the 2023 Roadmap of Need County Profile being 71.06%. It was mentioned that this can relate back to the food insecurity.</p>
<p>LICC Strategic Plan</p>	<p>Promote child find through events</p>
<p>Activities to Achieve Strategies</p>	<p>Educate families at events the team organizes (children’s fair and cookies with Santa events) on foodbanks, income guidelines for eligibility, having the HOP coordinator at the events, and list of foodbanks.</p> <p>Educate on medicine by providing information on disposal, storage and use at events along with lock boxes and disposal kits.</p> <p>Partner with Catholic Charities to organize a drive thru food distribution / resource fair (possibly at First Free Will Church) in spring of 2025.</p>

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General Team Goals	Desired outputs for 2023 - 2024: Number of meetings/times review goals: 8 (6); Number of events: 2 (3); Number of team member / community presentations: 6 (10)
Old / New Business	Cherokee / Clay Roll and Read—5/17 at TCCC. Theme is Bedtime Routines using Brush Book Bed. Book is Pete the Cat and the New Guy. Randi motioned to use LICC funds to purchase t-shirts for volunteers so attendees know who to go to with questions—25 shirts up to \$500. Cecilia seconded. All present in favor.
Planned Community Events	Cherokee/Clay Roll and Read—May 17, 2025 at TCCC from 9:30 to 12:30. Cookies with Santa—December 4, 2024
What worked, what should we do differently, and when do we meet again	Our next meeting is scheduled for April 3, 2025.

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