



Clay County Smart Start / Local Interagency Coordinating Council Team Meeting Minutes

Date: 9/06/24

Minutes completed by Jody Miller

**Welcome and Introductions**

Terri Hager (Schools); Lori Baker (LANC); Hannah Miller (Communities for Students); Syvella Symonds (Maximus); Jenni Irwin (Vaya); Jesse Boeckermann (Catholic Charities); Nicky Passarello (SWCDC); Monica Matthews (PAT); Lorrie Ross (Mtn Projects); Katie Tallman (WIC); Cecilia Estremera (Vaya); Cynthia Kelly (Community Member); Shane Mull (Sheriffs Office); and Jody Miller (RAPC)

**Presentations**

Jody discussed what other items one who receives food stamps can purchase with their EBT card. These items included a fishing license, worms, seeds such as to grow vegetables, and vegetable starter plants. It can be used for Walmart+ as well as Amazon Prime orders. It was also mentioned that the income of a child under the age of 18 living in the home is not counted as part of the household income. Nor if one receives travel reimbursement, that is not counted towards household income as long as it is not part of a 1099.

Terri provided information about the McKinney-Vento Act which is a federal law designed to increase the school enrollment, attendance, and success of children and youth who are experiencing homelessness. She provided some stats about children experiencing homelessness. And Terri also provided a handout on potential warning signs of homelessness.

**Upcoming Presentations**

- October—Parents as Teachers
- November—Open
- December—No presentation, finalize Cookies with Santa
- January—No meeting
- February—Open
- March—Parents as Teachers
- April—Open
- May—Open
- June—planning for next fiscal year

**Smart Start Strategic Plan**

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.

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.

**LICC Strategic Plan**

Promote child find through events

<p><b>Activities to Achieve Strategies</b></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> <p>Organize children’s fair and cookies with Santa.</p>
<p><b>General Team Goals</b></p>	<p>Desired outputs for 2023 - 2024:  Number of meetings/times review goals: 8 (1); Number of events: 2; Number of team member / community presentations: 6 (2)</p>
<p><b>Old / New Business</b></p>	<p>Cherokee / Clay Roll and Read—organizing a planning team—more information about event to follow.</p> <p>Children’s Fair has been moved to 11/2 joining with the emergency management group.</p> <p>Lorrie motioned to purchase drawstring bags for the children’s fair using LICC funds. Same color as before to bring the count as close to 200 as needed based on any leftover. Jody will handle checking to see if there are any leftovers as well as the purchase order.</p>
<p><b>Planned Community Events</b></p>	<p>Children’s Fair—October 19, 2024  Cookies with Santa—December 12, 2024</p>
<p><b>What worked, what should we do differently, and when do we meet again</b></p>	<p><b>Our next meeting is scheduled for August 1, 2024.</b></p>