



**Cherokee Children's Coalition Meeting Minutes
(Qualla Boundary Smart Start/ LICC Team)
3/26/25**

Lunch served at 11:30 am

Meeting from 12:00- 1:00 pm

In-person meeting at the HOPE Center

Welcome and Introductions:

- Michele gave an update on the HOPE Ctr. Program-
 - We are working on Pre registration
 - Easter/Spring Parent Event coming up on April 3, 2025
 - Busy planning/ordering supplies for upcoming community events
- Info. from DRC
 - Amanda talked about the upcoming Bingo event this Saturday
 - Laura Owl is setting up bus trips to the school (children transitioning to Kindergarten... 29 DRC students are graduating this year
- Alyssa/WIC shared that there's a community baby shower coming up on May 7th, 11:00-5:00 at the Birdtown Gym... more info will be shared as the date approaches
- Rebecca Ensley, from Job Corps, shared that they will be helping with the upcoming events (WOYC and Autism Event)
- Pediatric Dept- couldn't attend today but sent a flyer about Kindergarten Kick Off (April 2nd)... Parents must call and make an appointment... flyer attached

Coalition Business:

- Treasurer's Report
Balance is \$6989.56
(Jody will deposit a \$500 check on the way home today... from Tribal Gaming)

Team/ Community Presentations:

Jesse Boeckermann from Catholic Charities presented information today... PowerPoint is attached

Programs, invite Catholic Charities to events... they will hand out supplies (such as diapers)... Crystal (from the Murphy office) shared that she will travel from Murphy to deliver supplies to us if we have a family in need

Upcoming Events:

WOYC Children's Fair- April 10, 2025

Autism Awareness Celebration- April 24, 2025 (location is Unity Field this year)

If your program has not signed up to be a vendor, please contact Jody right away to sign up for WOYC

Contact Jody Miller or Amanda Bradley to sign up for the Autism Event

Upcoming Presentations:

April- Hope4NC

May- Open

June- Probably will not meet... will resume meetings in August

Next meeting: Wednesday, Apr 23, 2025

at the HOPE Ctr./ lunch @ 11:30 am/ mtg. 12-1:00 pm