



Graham County Smart Start / Local Interagency Coordinating Council Team Meeting Minutes  
 Date: 11/14/24  
 Minutes completed by Jody Miller

**Welcome and Introductions**

Lori Baker (LANC); Desiree Durning (AmeriHealth Caritas); Syvella Symonds (Maximus); Cecilia Estremera (Vaya); Chrystal Mimbs (Catholic Charities); Ron Stier (Children’s Hope Alliance); Latesha Wiggins (Schools); and Jody Miller (RAPC/FSN)

**Presentations**

Ron provided information about the post adoptive services available through Children’s Hope Alliance. It is a contract with the State. It does not matter where the adoption took place, anyone who has adopted can seek services. No cost to the family. Will work with adult children as well. The agency uses Maxwell Leadership assessments when working with families and children. Whether you're navigating challenges, seeking valuable resources, or proactively enhancing your parenting skills with a child who has experienced trauma, we're here to empower and accompany you every step of the way. Your family's well-being is at the heart of our mission, and honored to be part of your post-adoption story. Together, we will embark on building a community united in the unique journey of post-adoption parenting. We offer tailored, evidence-based training and strength-based coaching through teamwork and support, essential respite assistance, valuable community resources, impactful annual conferences, support groups, and virtual teen hangouts.

**Upcoming Presentations**

December—Youth Villages  
 January—Vaya Health  
 February—open  
 March—open  
 April—No meeting  
 May—No meeting  
 June—Planning for next fiscal year

**Smart Start Strategic Plan**

A focus for the team is on children in households that are food insecure: 15.5% in 2021 from 22.2% in 2019. The concern is that the number may have dropped, however is still high.

A second focus area is teen pregnancy at 40.8 according to the Roadmap of Need County Profile.

A third focus area is children without health insurance: 7.9% in 2021 from 6/2% in 2020. A slight increase.

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<b>LICC Strategic Plan</b>	Child find event
<b>Activities to Achieve Strategies</b>	Child Find Event Share food resource list at events
<b>General Team Goals</b>	Desired outputs for 2023 - 2024: Number of meetings/times review goals: 8 (4); Number of events: 1 (1); Number of team member / community presentations: 7 (5).
<b>Old / New Business</b>	N/A
<b>Planned Community Events</b>	N/A
<b>What worked, what should we do differently, and when do we meet again</b>	<b>Our next meeting is scheduled for December 12, 2024</b>

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