

	<p>Cherokee County Smart Start / Local Interagency Coordinating Council Team Meeting Minutes Date: 6/4/25 Minutes completed by Jody Miller</p>
<p>Welcome and Introductions</p>	<p>Cecilia Estremera (Vaya); Tiffany Martinez (CDSA); Lori Baker (LANC); Patti Leach (PAT); Jenni Irwin (Vaya); Sarah Clark (Mtn Projects); Toineeta Saunooke-Leonard (BCBS); Murat Yazan (RAPC); Lorrie Ross (Mtn Projects); Monica Matthews (PAT); Chrystal Mimbs (Catholic Charities); Jamie Bryant (LANC); Sherri McConnell (CDSA); Desiree Durning (AmeriHealth); Laurel Powell (FSN of NC); and Jody Miller (RAPC)</p>
<p>Presentations</p>	<p>Janice and Murat provided attendees with an overview of the Region A Partnership for Children’s strategic plan and review of NC Child Data Card. Smart Start / Local Interagency Coordinating Council team members can help by: referring to programs such as Parents as Teachers and Family Support Network; participate in events such as Roll and Read; advocate to people who need to know; and share what’s going on in your world with your agency.</p> <p>In reviewing the data, attendees indicated some positive areas such as high school students graduating on time going up to 92% from 91.4% and being higher than the state percentage. Also, a positive area is the increase in 3rd grad students scoring proficient in reading increasing from 36.0% to 43.8% relating this back to the initiative a few years ago called the Pathway to Reading.</p> <p>One area of concern is the increase in children in households that are food insecure, 16.1% to 20.3%. Attendees mentioned this is probably going to increase even more as the HOP services end on 7/1/15 as food delivery boxes will stop.</p>
<p>Upcoming Presentations</p>	<p>• N/A</p>
<p>Smart Start Strategic Plan</p>	<p>Last fiscal year, the team’s focus was on Children in households that are food insecure: 16.1% in 2021. A decrease from 22.1% in 2019. The team feels that there was a lot of food available during COVID and this still may not be a true number.</p> <p>The second data point the team wants to impact on is Children without health insurance: 8.3% in 2021. A slight increase from 8.2% in 2020.</p>
<p>LICC Strategic Plan</p>	<p>Last fiscal year, the team focused on promoting child find through events.</p>

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Activities to Achieve Strategies	No decisions made at this time. Will visit more in depth at August team meeting.
General Team Goals	Desired outputs for 2024 - 2025: Number of meetings/times review goals: 8 (10); Number of events: 2 (2); Number of team members / community presentations: 7 (12)
Old / New Business	N/A
Planned Community Events	N/A.
What worked, what should we do differently, and when do we meet again	Our next meeting is scheduled for August 6, 2025.

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