



**Swain County Smart Start / Local Interagency Coordinating Council
Team Meeting Agenda
May 13, 2025 @ 10 AM
Swain Family Resource Center * 300 Hughes Branch Rd, Bryson City
Or virtually with Microsoft TEAMS**

Welcome and Introductions:

- Introductions

General Team Goals/Outputs:

- How do we make these meetings more useful to the group?
- What can we do to make you more engaged with each other?
- 2022-2023 Desired outputs: Number of meetings/times review goals: 8 (7); Number of events: 1 (1); Number of team/community member presentations: 8 (7).

PAT Updates:

- Number of families currently serving: 2
- Number of available slots: 16-18
- Number on waitlist:
- Number on waitlist participating in group connections:

Smart Start Strategic Plan:

- The team is focusing on Children in Households that are food insecure: 16.8% in 2021 from 22.0% in 2019. Even though it went down the concern is that true numbers are not reflected yet.
- The second data point the team wants to impact on is children without health insurance 21.0% in 2021 from 23.7% in 2020. This is a slight decrease.

LICC Strategic Plan:

- Child find event

Activities to Achieve Strategies:

- Educate families at events about health insurance, navigators consortium, food resources
- Partner w/Bright Adventures at PreK registration to provide food resources and Medicaid information
- Possibly partner with Catholic Charities for a drive thru food distribution/resource fair in spring of 2025

Old / New Business:

- Swain County Roll and Read event—waiting for follow up from Randi, Sunny and Deanna on proceeding.

Team / Community Presentations:

- Hope4NC

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Upcoming Presentations:

- June—Planning for next fiscal year

Upcoming Events—

- Strengthening Families at Swain Family Resource Center—focus on families with children 6 to 11 years old. There can be older or younger children with childcare provided. Starting date TBA.
- Easter Egg Hunt through Circle of Parents program at Swain Family Resource Center. Date TBA.
- Swain County Back to School Bash—August 9, 2025—10 am to 12 pm or while school supplies last at Swain County Recreation Indoor Facility. Supplies for PreK to 5th grade students, resources, activities, food, and fun.

What worked, what should we do differently and when do we meet again?

- Next meeting – June 10, 2025 at 10 am.

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