

	<p>Cherokee County Smart Start / Local Interagency Coordinating Council Team Meeting Minutes Date: 3/5/25 Minutes completed by Jody Miller</p>
<p>Welcome and Introductions</p>	<p>Monica Matthews (PAT); Lorrie Ross (Mountain Projects); Cecilia Estremera (Vaya); Syvella Symonds (Maximus); Desiree Durning (AmeriHealth); Tiffany Martinez (CDSA); Lori Baker (LANC); Randi Braun (RAPC); Patti Leach (PAT); Jenni Irwin (Vaya); Angie Adams (Four Square); Kendra Vignola (Triple P); Jamie Bryant (LANC); and Jody Miller (RAPC)</p>
<p>Presentations</p>	<p>Monica and Patti provided an update on the local Parents as Teachers program. The program is currently serving 19 families / 24 children. Have opening slots for 9 to 10 more families. Shared about the upcoming group connections for those who are part of the program. Randi provided updates on the program as it relates to the region. Hired a new PAT educator for Swain, Sunny Parks. Maintained their blue-ribbon status. Working on MOUs with agencies to fulfill the only missing areas.</p>
<p>Upcoming Presentations</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • April— FNS Benefits-qualifying and applying for • May—open • June—Planning for next fiscal year
<p>Smart Start Strategic Plan</p>	<p>The team is focusing 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>Promote child find through events.</p>
<p>Activities to Achieve Strategies</p>	<p>Collaborate with Legal Aid and the 3rd Annual Resource Fair—Promote Medicaid, healthcare marketplace, food resource list, early intervention and preschool services.</p> <p>Plan a drive through food distribution/resource fair in collaboration with Catholic Charities in the spring of 2025.</p>

Vision: Efficient collaboration of all community groups impacting children and families.

Mission: Collaborating to extend awareness and access of services impacting children and families and to address needs identified for children and families in Cherokee County.

General Team Goals	Desired outputs for 2023 - 2024: Number of meetings/times review goals: 8 (7); Number of events: 2 (2); Number of team members / community presentations: 7 (7)
Old / New Business	Monica motioned to use \$1,000 Cherokee LICC funds to purchase needed materials and snacks for the Roll and Read event. These materials are above what was shared by Jackson Roll and Read. The amount is to include any taxes and shipping. Cecilia seconded. All present in favor.
Planned Community Events	Cherokee/Clay Roll and Read—5/17 at TCCC 9:30 to 12:30. Theme is Bedtime Routines using Brush Book Bed. Book is Pete the Cat and the New Guy.
What worked, what should we do differently, and when do we meet again	Our next meeting is scheduled for April 2, 2025.

Vision: Efficient collaboration of all community groups impacting children and families.

Mission: Collaborating to extend awareness and access of services impacting children and families and to address needs identified for children and families in Cherokee County.