

	<p>Clay County Smart Start / Local Interagency Coordinating Council Team Meeting Minutes Date: 11/7/24 Minutes completed by Jody Miller</p>
<p>Welcome and Introductions</p>	<p>Hannah Miller (Communities for Students); Monica Matthews (PAT); Lorrie Ross (Mtn Projects); Cecilia Estremera (Vaya); Patti Leach (RAPC / PAT); Chrystal Mimbs (Catholic Charities); Katie Tallman (Health Dept); Michelle Taylor (DSS); Lori Baker (LANC); Desiree Durning (AmeriHealth); Melissa Lacy (Ombudsman); and Jody Miller (RAPC)</p>
<p>Presentations</p>	<p>Michelle provided the attendees with information on qualifying for Food Nutrition Services (FNS) also referred to as SNAP or food stamps. 200% income level determines categorically eligibility. Someone with medical bills, over 60, or disabled may qualify as well. Mostly foods that are stored at room temperature or below qualify for purchase with your food stamps (EBT) card. Because of Helene hot meals are allowed until 12/4/24. You can also purchase seeds, trees, and ice. Because you qualify for FNS, you can get a free fishing license. However she did mention that worms are not purchasable. Michelle also mentioned the energy programs available at DSS. Crisis program is for those with a shut off notice or past due as well as someone who is nearly out of or out of heating fuel. LiHEAP starts December for those over 60 and in January for everyone else that qualifies. This helps by paying towards your heating source whether that is electric, fuel, or wood. She suggested one call at least to see if you might qualify for FNS or other services available—828.389.6301.</p>
<p>Upcoming Presentations</p>	<p>December—open January—No meeting February—Vaya Health March—Parents as Teachers April—Open May—Open June—planning for next fiscal year</p>
<p>Smart Start Strategic Plan</p>	<p>The team is focusing on Children in households that are food insecure: 13.4% in 2021. It is showing a decrease from 20.6% in 2019. There was concern that this may not be an accurate number as there were a lot of food resources available during COVID.</p> <p>The second data point the team wants to impact on Drug and medicine overdose rate as shown on the 2023 Roadmap of Need County Profile being 71.06%. It was</p>

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	mentioned that this can relate back to the food insecurity.
LICC Strategic Plan	Promote child find through events
Activities to Achieve Strategies	<p>Educate families at events the team organizes (children’s fair and cookies with Santa events) on foodbanks, income guidelines for eligibility, having the HOP coordinator at the events, and list of foodbanks.</p> <p>Educate on medicine by providing information on disposal, storage and use at events along with lock boxes and disposal kits.</p> <p>Partner with Catholic Charities to organize a drive thru food distribution / resource fair (possibly at First Free Will Church) in spring of 2025.</p> <p>Organize children’s fair and cookies with Santa.</p>
General Team Goals	<p>Desired outputs for 2023 - 2024:</p> <p>Number of meetings/times review goals: 8 (4); Number of events: 2 (2); Number of team member / community presentations: 6 (7)</p>
Old / New Business	<p>Cherokee/Clay Roll and Read—more details to follow as the planning teams organizing the event. The planning team meets after the Cherokee County SS/LICC Team meeting in person or via the same link.</p> <p>Lorrie Ross motioned to use LICC funds to purchase the milk and juice cartons through Clay County Schools. Cecilia seconded. All present in favor. Jody will reach out for an invoice and handle the PO to pay for the milk and juice cartons.</p> <p>Hannah motioned to use LICC funds to get prints from Cookies with Santa and stamps to mail off prints and letters to the children who attend Cookies with Santa. Cecilia seconded. All present in favor. Jody will handle PO for all.</p>
Planned Community Events	Cookies with Santa—December 12, 2024
What worked, what should we do differently, and when do we meet again	Our next meeting is scheduled for December 5, 2024.

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