



**Cherokee County Smart Start / Local Interagency Coordinating Council
Team Meeting Agenda
April 2, 2025 @ 1:00 pm
In-Person @ Region A Partnership for Children
141 Peachtree St, Ste #5, Professional Building, Murphy
Or virtually with Microsoft TEAMS**

Welcome and Introductions:

- Introductions
- What happened this past month or is going to happen this coming month that helped or will help families in the community?

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: 2(2); Number of team/community member presentations: 7 (7)

Smart Start Strategic Plan:

- 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.
- 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.

LICC Strategic Plan:

- Promote child find through events.

Activities to Achieve Strategies

- Collaborate with Legal Aid and the 3rd Annual Resource Fair—Promote Medicaid, healthcare marketplace, food resource list, early intervention and preschool services. COMPLETED
- Plan a drive through food distribution/resource fair in collaboration with Catholic Charities in the spring of 2025.

PAT Updates: (Cherokee/Clay)

- Number of families currently serving: 19
- Number of available slots: 9 - 10
- Number on waitlist: 0
- Number on waitlist participating in group connections: 0

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Old / New Business:

- N/A

Team / Community Presentations:

- April—FNS Benefits—qualifying and applying for / Catholic Charities / Circles of Jackson / NFP

Upcoming Presentations:

- May—open
- June—Planning for next fiscal year

Upcoming Events—Planning for next fiscal year

- Cherokee / Clay Roll and Read—5/17 at TCCC. 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?

Next meeting – May 7, 2025 at 1 pm. Cherokee / Clay Roll and Read planning team meeting will follow this meeting either in person or using the same link to attend virtually.

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