



Macon County Smart Start / Local Interagency Coordinating Council Team Meeting Minutes
 Date: 9/26/24
 Minutes completed by Jody Miller

Welcome and Introductions	Toineeta Saunooke-Leonard (BCBS); Katie Harris: Syvella Symonds (Maximus); Mary Krekeler (CDSA); Cecilia Estremera (Vaya); Lauren Lumsden (Healthy Blue); Chrystal Mimbs (Catholic Charities); Lorrie Ross (Mountain Projects); Melissa Lacy (Medicaid Ombudsman); Sarah Clark (Pisgah Legal); and Jody Miller (RAPC / FSN)
Presentations	Jody discussed what other items one who receives food stamps can purchase with their EBT card. These items included a fishing license, worms, seeds such as to grow vegetables, and vegetable starter plants. It can be used for Walmart+ as well as Amazon Prime orders. It was also mentioned that the income of a child under the age of 18 living in the home is not counted as part of the household income. Nor if one receives travel reimbursement, that is not counted towards household income as long as it is not part of a 1099.
Upcoming Presentations	October—Youth Villages November—No meeting December—No meeting January—Vaya Health
Smart Start Strategic Plan	The team is focusing on children in households that are food insecure—14.8% in 2021 from 20.2% in 2019. Team feels that during COVID more opportunities were available for food that are not available now so this number may not be accurate. The second data point the team wants to impact on is children without health insurance at 11.7% in 2021 which is up from 9.9% in 2020 which increased from 9.2% in 2019.
LICC Strategic Plan	Promote child find through activities
Activities to Achieve Strategies	Educate families at events about health insurance, navigators consortium, food resources Distribute food resource list including the days of distribution at events Organize a drive through resource / food distribution fair twice—once in the fall and once in the Spring Participate and support transition events in collaboration with MPP
General Team Goals	Desired outputs for 2023 - 2024: Number of meetings/times review goals: 7 (2); Number of events: 1 (1); Number of team member / community presentations: 7 (3).

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 October 24, 2024.