

	<p>Swain County Smart Start / Local Interagency Coordinating Council Team Meeting Minutes  Date: 6/10/25  Minutes completed by Jody Miller</p>
<p><b>Welcome and Introductions</b></p>	<p>Toineeta Saunooke-Leonard (BCBS); Artith Parton (FRC); Murat Yazan (RAPC): and Jody Miller (RAPC)</p>
<p><b>Presentations</b></p>	<p>Murat provided attendees with an overview of the Region A Partnership for Children’s strategic plan and review of NC Child Data Card. Smart Start / Local Interagency Coordinating Council team members can help by: referring to programs such as Parents as Teachers and Family Support Network; participate in events such as Roll and Read; advocate to people who need to know; and share what’s going on in your world with your agency.</p> <p>A positive data change is the increase from 47.6% to 51.6% in 3<sup>rd</sup> grade students scoring proficient in reading. High school students graduating on time increased from 86.55 to 87.75 as another positive change.</p> <p>Areas of concern in this community are reflected in children in households that are food insecure increasing from 16.8% to 23.2%. With HOP services stopping on 7/1/25, fear is this will only increase. Another area of concern is the increase of children without health insurance from 21.05 to 22.3%. Medicaid expansion being stopped may have a great impact on this.</p>
<p><b>Upcoming Presentations</b></p>	<p>N/A</p>
<p><b>Smart Start Strategic Plan</b></p>	<p>Last fiscal year, the team’s focus was 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.</p> <p>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.</p>
<p><b>LICC Strategic Plan</b></p>	<p>Last fiscal year, the team focused on promoting Child find event.</p>
<p><b>Activities to Achieve Strategies</b></p>	<p>No decisions made at this time. Will visit more in depth at August team meeting.</p>
<p><b>General Team Goals</b></p>	<p>Desired outputs for 2024 - 2025:  Number of meetings/times review goals: 8 (9); Number of events: 1 (1); Number of team member / community presentations: 8 (10)</p>

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<b>Old / New Business</b>	N/A
<b>Planned Community Events</b>	N/A
<b>What worked, what should we do differently, and when do we meet again</b>	<b>Our next meeting is scheduled for August 12, 2025.</b>

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