



**Cherokee County Smart Start / Local Interagency Coordinating Council
Team Meeting Agenda
March 5, 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 (6); Number of events: 2(2); Number of team/community member presentations: 7 (6)

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: 20
- Number of available slots: 10
- Number on waitlist: 0
- Number on waitlist participating in group connections: 0

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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.



Old / New Business:

- N/A

Team / Community Presentations:

- Parents as Teachers

Upcoming Presentations:

- April—FNS Benefits—qualifying and applying for / Catholic Charities / Circles of Jackson / NFP
- May—open
- June—Planning for next fiscal year

Upcoming Events—Planning for next fiscal year

- Cherokee / Clay Roll and Read—details to follow as planning occurs. Theme is Brush Book Bed. Book is Pete the Cat and the New Guy. Working on location—TCCC and date—first choice is 5/17 and second choice is 5/3.

What worked, what should we do differently and when do we meet again?

Next meeting – April 2, 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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