



**Cherokee Children's Coalition Meeting Minutes
(Qualla Boundary Smart Start/ LICC Team)
1/22/25**

Lunch served at 11:30 am

Meeting from 12:00- 1:00 pm

In-person meeting at the HOPE Center

Welcome and Introductions:

- Michele gave an update on the HOPE Ctr. Program-
 - We have a child find activity coming up in February- 2/27/25 1:00-6:00 pm (dental, hearing, vision, and developmental) Someone may be here for behavior. Flyer is attached... please post this at your agency for us. Thanks!
 - We will be accepting Pre K applications in March
 - We are still recruiting families for the FACE Program (birth-3 yrs)
 - Michele will work on getting letters out to request the money for the Children's Fair (the tribe gives us \$5000 each year and the Casino may donate as well)
- Info. from DRC
 - Working with families on attendance issues/enforcing policies and dropping children from enrollment, if necessary
 - Librarian is presenting at a parent event next month
 - Laura Owle is working on planning the transition meeting coming up in February, 2/27/25 at noon
 - Talking about graduation
 - Recruiting also
 - Upcoming training on Autism on Jan. 31st (flyer attached)
 - Dates for upcoming Autism Support Group meetings: February 11, March 11, April 8, May 13, and June 10. Meetings are at 5:00 at DRC... light refreshments and drinks provided... open to everyone/all ages
- Rebecca Ensley, from Job Corps, reminded everyone that they have students who are available to assist with activities/events. They are a resource for the community.

Coalition Business:

- Treasurer's Report
Balance is \$2585.95
Jody discovered that we were being charged \$3 a month for paper statements so she changed the account to E statements

Team/ Community Presentations:

Julie Davis and Paige Epley-Williams presented on VAYA Health (PowerPoint presentation is attached)

Thank you ladies!

Upcoming Events:

WOYC Children's Fair- April 10, 2025

Autism Awareness Celebration- April 24, 2025

Upcoming Presentations:

Youth Villages will be presenting in February

Next meeting: Wednesday, Feb 26, 2025
at the HOPE Ctr./ lunch @ 11:30 am/ mtg. 12-1:00 pm