



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

10/23/24

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 are fully enrolled (Pre K)
 - Preparing for Halloween activities
 - The HOSA High School students are having a "Teddy Bear Clinic" with our Pre K students on Nov. 8th (taking teddy bear donations now through Nov. 6)
 - We now have a brochure display so feel free to share your program's brochures for us to display
 - Melissa reminded everyone that we do developmental screenings (birth to 5)
 - Shelby shared that we are still recruiting families for the FACE Program
- Jessica Huskey shared information from the 4-H program-
 - Food and supplies will be given out to families tomorrow at the Wolfetown Gym from noon until gone. Food and various household supplies will be available. Tsalagi Public Health will be there with an information booth and giving flu shots as well! Please share this information with your families.
 - Working with a girls group (Helping Them Grow) ...for grades 6-12 (will share a flier with more information later)
- Info. from DRC
 - Food pantry is stocked if you have a family in need
 - DRC parent group is raising money for Christmas- selling donuts and cutlery... you can also donate if you like- checks should be made out to Tribal Childcare Parent Group
 - There is a need for SLPs and OTs (for the toddlers)... if you know of anyone, please ask them to contact Christy (DRC) or the CDSA office
 - Planning Halloween and Thanksgiving activities

- Having a pumpkin bowling activity with the fathers
- Still at 50% but will open a 3-4 year old room next month
- Have made 2 trips to Haywood and Buncombe counties (families donated a lot of items)
- Will start planning for WOYC soon... Candy will secure the location for the Children's Fair and the Autism event
- There is a Halloween event at Daniel Tramper's house on 10/31... this is the first year the DRC staff will be participating... it's for children with special needs
- Planning to go to the Wolfetown Community meeting soon... Michael LePage will be presenting on autism
- Tavish shared information/new from Kituwah-
 - They are also fundraising for Christmas/selling donuts
 - Redoing their playgrounds soon
 - In the planning stages for a gym
 - Recently took a meal (their 20th anniversary meal) to Haywood County. Shared approximately 450 meals with workers and those in need
 - Went to the pumpkin patch last week
 - Having their Halloween Carnival on 10/31
 - Those who wish to donate to the parent group can contact Holy Stover (at the front desk) or Kylie Shuler
- WIC- Alyssa Roseman shared that they had a large donation of diapers and wipes... let your families know. If they arrive after 5:00 pm, there is a box outside where they can pick them up
- Pediatric Dept.- Lacey Austin shared that they will be hiring a new doctor and nurse practitioner soon and both have experience with autism... families will be able to schedule with them to get a diagnosis
- Rebecca Ensley, from Job Corps, reminded everyone that they have students who are available to assist with events (setting up, handing out treats, etc.) They are a resource for the community.
- Julie Davis/VAYA health, shared that they help families navigate services and support... the CAP program (past name) is now Innovations (and does have a waitlist)

Coalition Business:

- Treasurer's Report
Balance is \$2585.95

Old / New Business:

- Children's Fair date is set- 4/10/25
- Autism Event- 4/24/25

Team/ Community Presentations:

Jeshawa Glasper from DHHS presented virtually (her office is located in Raleigh)
She talked about the services her office provides/ Children and Youth Special Health Care
Needs Help Line

-they connect families with needed resources, do community outreach...

-some of the ways they assist families: assist and advocate for families with IEPs, assist with
medicaid enrollment, help find local resources such as childcare, special needs camps, local
support groups, etc.

-they will also provide flyers to programs (can mail them to your organization) on topics such as
WIC, Triple P Parenting program, etc.

The Help Line # is 1-800-737-3028

The email is: cyshcn.help@dhhs.nc.gov (monitored daily)

If you have any questions for Jeshawa, you can contact her at (919) 707-5675 or email her at-
jeshawra.glasper@dhhs.nc.gov

Check out their website -

<https://www.ncdhhs.gov/divisions/child-and-family-well-being/whole-child-health-section/best-practices/children-and-youth-special-health-care-needs>

Upcoming Presentations:

VAYA Health will be presenting in January

Next meeting: Wednesday, Jan 22, 2025
at the HOPE Ctr./ lunch @ 11:30 am/ mtg. 12-1:00 pm