

	<p>Jackson County Smart Start / Local Interagency Coordinating Council Team Meeting Minutes Date: 2/12/25 Minutes completed by Jody Miller</p>
<p>Welcome and Introductions</p>	<p>Tami Hicks (RAPC); Denise Rinke (Vaya); Syvella Symonds (Maximus); Mary Krekeler (CDSA); Billy Striebe (Center for Domestic Peace); Katie Hutchinson (UNC Community Hub); Desiree Durning (AmeriHealth); Angie Parker (NFP); Syvella Symonds (Maximus); Laura Passmore (Mtn Projects); Tabitha Justice (Mtn Projects); Cassie Rogers (Schools); Sarah Turner ((Jackson Health Dept.); Jamie Bryant (Legal Aid); Barbara Jefferys (NC PreK); Mary Krekeler (CDSA); Charlotte Destino (Hearing Detection); Denise Rinke (Vaya); Rand Braun (RAPC); and Jody Miller (RAPC/FSN)</p>
<p>Presentations</p>	<p>Tami and Randi shared information about the Parents as Teachers program. Randi mentioned there is a new educator for Swain County. Still looking for a provider for Macon County. Meet all requirements to stay a Blue Ribbon affiliate. Working with DSS staff to help families in child protective services in Haywood and Jackson County and possibly Clay County. Tami is currently working with 16 families and 23 children. With multiply children in a family, a home visit will take longer and those in DSS are visited twice a month so it may be possible she is currently full. This will be determined at a later date as to whether she needs to start a waitlist. Referrals should still be made. Numbers are increasing at the monthly family connections. There have been 9 to date. Future connections include camping, fire safety, cooking, tie dye, and a visit from an animal with the Balsam Preserve. Roll and Read is in the planning stages for 2025.</p> <p>Billy provided information about the Center for Domestic Peace. It is an advocacy agency for domestic violence, sexual assault, and human trafficking. There is a 24/7 hotline. The agency will assist individuals to flee. It uses a holistic approach. The agency provides education for middle schools and high schools. Working on a curriculum for elementary schools. Will be opening a shelter in June behind Cookout for about 20 occupancies. Billy provided a brochure.</p>

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Upcoming Presentations	March—NC PreK / NFP April—UNC Community Hub May—open June—Planning for next fiscal year
Smart Start Strategic Plan	The team is focusing on Women who receive early prenatal care—76.7% in 2021 from 80.6% in 2020. Even though there was a slight decrease it is still a concern. The team is focusing on Children in households that are food insecure: 16.0% in 2021 from 19.7% in 2019. Even though it is going down, the team felt this was still a concern and a data point to target. The last data point the team wants to impact on is children 3rd grade students scoring proficient in reading—43.2% in 2020-2021 which increase from 36.3% in 2020-2021.
LICC Strategic Plan	Child find activity to encourage family participation and bring awareness and education to the families.
Activities to Achieve Strategies	•Organizing a Roll and Read event. Next planning meeting is in April following the team meeting.
General Team Goals	Desired outputs for 2023 - 2024: Number of meetings/times review goals: 9 (7); Number of events: 1 (2); Number of team member / community presentations: 9 (9)
Old / New Business	Jackson Roll and Read Planning Team will meet after the team meetings.
Planned Community Events	N/A
What worked, what should we do differently, and when do we meet again	Our next meeting is scheduled for March 12, 2025

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