

Swain County Smart Start / Local Interagency Coordinating Council Team Meeting

Minutes

Date: 11/13/24

Minutes completed by Jody Miller

welcome and introductions	Krekeler (CDSA); and Jody Miller (RAPC)
Presentations	Ron provided information about the post adoptive services available through Children's Hope Alliance. It is a contract with the State. It does not matter where the adoption took place, anyone who has adopted can seek services. No cost to the family. Will work with adult children as well. The agency uses Maxwell Leadership assessments when working with families and children. Whether you're navigating challenges, seeking valuable resources, or proactively enhancing your parenting skills with a child who has experienced trauma, we're here to empower and accompany you every step of the way. Your family's well-being is at the heart of our mission, and honored to be part of your post-adoption story. Together, we will embark on building a community united in the unique journey of post-adoption parenting. We offer tailored, evidence-based training and strength-based coaching through teamwork and support, essential respite assistance, valuable community resources, impactful annual conferences, support groups, and virtual teen hangouts.
Upcoming Presentations	December—No meeting January—Vaya Health February—open March-open April—No meeting May—open June—Planning for next fiscal year
Smart Start Strategic Plan	The team is focusing 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. 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.
LICC Strategic Plan	Child find event
Activities to Achieve	Educate families at events about health insurance, navigators consortium, food

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What worked, what should we do differently, and when do we meet again	Our next meeting is scheduled for January 14, 2025.
Planned Community Events	N/A
Old / New Business	N/A
General Team Goals	Desired outputs for 2023 - 2024: Number of meetings/times review goals: 8 (4); Number of events: 1 (1); Number of team member / community presentations: 8 (4)
	Partner w/Bright Adventures at PreK registration to provide food resources and Medicaid information Possibly partner with Catholic Charities for a drive thru food distribution/resource fair in spring of 2025

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