



**Clay County Smart Start / Local Interagency Coordinating Council
Team Meeting Agenda
March 6, 2025 @ 1:30 pm
In-person @ Clay School Administration Building-Board Room
154 Yellow Jacket Dr, Hayesville
or virtually with Microsoft TEAMS**

Welcome and Introductions:

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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?
- 2023-2024 Desired outputs:
Number of meetings/times review goals: 8 (5); Number of events: 2 (3); Number of team/community member presentations: 6 (8)

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

Smart Start Strategic Plan:

- The team is focusing on Children in households that are food insecure: 13.4% in 2021. It is showing a decrease from 20.6% in 2019. There was concern that this may not be an accurate number as there were a lot of food resources available during COVID.
- The second data point the team wants to impact on Drug and medicine overdose rate as shown on the 2023 Roadmap of Need County Profile being 71.06%. It was mentioned that this can relate back to the food insecurity.

LICC Strategic Plan:

- Promote child find through events

Activities to Achieve Strategies:

- Educate families at events the team organizes (children's fair and cookies with Santa events) on foodbanks, income guidelines for eligibility, having the HOP coordinator at the events, and list of foodbanks.
- Educate on medicine by providing information on disposal, storage and use at events along with lock boxes and disposal kits.—provided at the Children's Fair
- Partner with Catholic Charities to organize a drive thru food distribution / resource fair (possibly at First Free Will Church) in spring of 2025.

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- Organize children's fair and cookies with Santa.—children's fair completed.

Event Highlights

- What happened this past month or is going to happen this coming month that helped or will help families in the community?

Old / New Business:

- Cherokee/Clay Roll and Read—organizing a planning team. The planning team meeting will occur after the Cherokee County Smart Start / LICC team meeting. 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.

Team / Community Presentations:

- Parents as Teachers
- NC PreK

Upcoming Presentations:

- April—Catholic Charities / Circles of Jackson / NFP
- May—open
- June—Planning for next fiscal year

Upcoming Events

- Cookies with Santa—December 4th 4 pm to 7 pm

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

- Next meeting – April 3, 2025, at 1:30 PM.

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