

	<p>Swain County Smart Start / Local Interagency Coordinating Council Team Meeting Minutes Date: 10/08/24 Minutes completed by Jody Miller</p>
<p>Welcome and Introductions</p>	<p>Syvella Symonds (Maximus); Kristie Wike (Schools); Caitlin Quinnett (Mountain Projects); Chrystal Mimbs (Catholic Charities); Mitt Arbelius-Poole (Pisgah Legal); Jamie Bryant (LANC); Lori Baker (LANC); Desiree Durning (AmeriHealth Caritas); and Jody Miller (RAPC)</p>
<p>Presentations</p>	<p>Kristie provided attendees with an overview of Exceptional Children’s Preschool Services. Children need to be between the ages of 3 to 5. Referrals can be made by parents, physician, school or childcare facility or the CDSA. Child needs to live in Swain County. It is determined if there is a need, child is evaluated, and within 90 calendar days determined if eligible for services. There are various areas or conditions that make the child eligible where it affects education. An IEP is created if eligible providing services such as therapies as needed. When the child is ready to start kindergarten in the spring, the IEP team will hold a transition meeting involving the current IEP team members as well as the IEP team members of the student’s upcoming school. This is a great time to share information and to familiarize the student and the family with who will be supporting their child in the near future.</p>
<p>Upcoming Presentations</p>	<p>November—Children’s Hope Alliance Post Adoptive Services December—No meeting January—Vaya Health February—open March—open April—No meeting May—open June—Planning for next fiscal year</p>
<p>Smart Start Strategic Plan</p>	<p>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.</p> <p>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.</p>
<p>LICC Strategic Plan</p>	<p>Child find event</p>
<p>Activities to Achieve Strategies</p>	<p>Educate families at events about health insurance, navigators consortium, food resources</p> <p>Partner w/Bright Adventures at PreK registration to provide food resources and</p>

	<p>Medicaid information</p> <p>Possibly partner with Catholic Charities for a drive thru food distribution/resource fair in spring of 2025</p>
General Team Goals	<p>Desired outputs for 2023 - 2024: Number of meetings/times review goals: 8 (1); Number of events: 1 (1); Number of team member / community presentations: 8 (3)</p>
Old / New Business	<p>Family Resource Center has supplies for families from any county. If they are not able to pick up from FRC facility, it is possible to have things delivered. Call the FRC. is still taking Christmas Cheer applications from 10/7 until 12/3 on Mondays from 10 – 12, Tuesdays from 4 – 6, and Thursdays from 10 – 12. TBD is appointments will be needed and/or walk ins accepted. 10/1 starts the food drive for Thanksgiving dinner—ask for nonperishables as well as snacks for the children. Circle of Parents will be starting soon with the focus on moms of young children ages 0 to 4. Initial meeting will be at the Family Resource Center and then the group will decide. FRC offers Triple P level 3, 4 and Teen.</p> <p>Pisgah Legal is working on scheduling time at the library to help with FEMA application. For more details contact Mitt.</p> <p>Caitlin will be leaving in January for maternity leave.</p> <p>Mountain projects has a truck of supplies for those in need.</p> <p>Open enrollment for the health care market place starts 11/1/24 through 1/15/25.</p>
Planned Community Events	N/A
What worked, what should we do differently, and when do we meet again	Our next meeting is scheduled for November 12, 2024.