

COLLABORATIVE MEETING MINUTES



Date: 3/20/26

Location: White County Board of Education

Attendees: 19

WCFC
White County Head Start
District 2 WIC
White County DFCS
DJJ
Family Promise
Christ Kids Ranch
Bridging Hope
Enotah Juvenile Family
Therapy
North Georgia Tech
Department of Public Health
Family Resource Center of
NEGA
Bridging Hope
Quality Care for Children

Announcements

WCFC:

- Cooking Class pilot is halfway through spring course
- Next Food Distribution is March 25 at 11 a.m.
- Grand Connections kinship group successfully launched March 12. April 9th meeting is a playdate at Rec Center playground during spring break
- Back to School Bash scheduled for Aug. 1
- Warrior Connection Open Hours is now staffed

Head Start:

- Preschool registration open for 2026-2027 school year

Family Resource Center of NEGA:

- March 24 is Music Bingo benefit night at NoFo Brewery
- Sip & Give at NoFo Brewery all of March. Round up purchases.

Family Promise of White and Habersham:

- April 30 is Stars, Stripes and Second Chances fundraiser at Meadows at Mossy Creek

Presenter: Alyssa Hurt, Georgia Dept. of Public Health, District 2 WIC

- WIC (women, infants, children) is a short-term intervention program designed to influence lifetime nutrition and health behaviors within a targeted, high-risk population.
- The mission of Georgia WIC is to improve health outcomes and quality of life for eligible women, infants, and children by providing: nutritious food, nutrition education and breastfeeding support
- Program Outcomes: Participation in WIC shows the following results: Healthier infants, higher academic achievement for students, more nutritious diets, reduced food insecurity
- WIC Eligibility:
 - Infants (birth to 12 months), child (ages 1 to 5 years old), pregnant, breastfeeding (up to 1 year) or postpartum (up to 6 months)
 - Live in Georgia
 - Have a family income at or below 185% of the federal poverty level
 - Are determined income-eligible based on participation in Medicaid, SNAP, or TANF
- How to Apply: d2wich.org (fastest, most recommended), call center 678-696-2261, local health department
- Moms can get WIC while pregnant, not only after baby is born.

Next Meeting:
April 17, 11 a.m.

Staff from DFCS, CASA, South Enotah Child Advocacy Center and White County Family Connection will share insights and resources for Child Abuse Prevention Month.