COLLABORATIVE MEETING MINUTES

WHITE COUNTY family connection™

Date: 10/16/26

Location: White County Board of Education

Attendees: 25

White County Family Connection
White County School System
DPH District 2
White Co Head Start
Wellroot Family Services
Family Promise of White and Habersham
Matthew 25 Alliance
Amped Kids Foundation
Bridging Hope
Family Resource Center of NEGA
White Co DFCS
White Co Parks & Rec
Circle of Hope
Hearts for Families
White Co WIC
North Georgia Tech

Announcements

- White County Family Connection:
  - Oct. 20-31: White Christmas family sign-ups
  - Oct. 20: Free Spaghetti Supper To-Go
  - Nov. 7: Empty Bowls Fundraiser at Sautee Nacoochee Center. $30 minimum donation.
  - Nov. 18: Free Food Distribution
- Amped Kids: Holding a songwriter's showcase fundraiser on Nov. 7. Dinner tickets are $40.
- Family Resource Center of Northeast Georgia: Nurturing Parenting Classes start Oct. 27. Helpful for families who have lost custody of children.
- Circle of Hope: Dueling Pianos fundraiser Oct. 24 at 5 p.m. at Piedmont University
- Family Promise: Annual Duck Race Oct. 24 at 4 p.m. in Helen
- Matthew 25 Alliance: Resource sessions are held the first and third Tuesdays of each month at 10 a.m. at First Presbyterian Church of Cleveland
- WCSS, Jane Grillo: Alumni Group starting Nov. 12, 5-7 p.m.
- South Enotah Child Advocacy Center: Christmas Gala is Dec. 4 at Willow Creek Farms

Presenter: Patrick Aaron-Brown, Amerigroup, Georgia Families 360°

- Georgia Families 360° is a specialized Medicaid managed care program serving children and youth in foster care, youth receiving adoption assistance, and eligible youth involved with the Department of Juvenile Justice (DJJ). The program for low-income families is very similar as well.
- The program uses a comprehensive approach to supporting the physical, behavioral, and emotional health needs of these vulnerable populations.
- Key highlights included:
  - Care Coordination: Eligible members are assigned a care coordinator who helps identify health needs, coordinate services, review treatment effectiveness, connect families with resources, and advocate for appropriate care.
  - Youth Transitions: The program assists youth transitioning out of foster care, including eligible former foster youth, with continued healthcare coverage and support.
  - Behavioral Health Services: Members have access to behavioral health resources, including services addressing mental health and substance use needs.
  - Value-Added Benefits: Amerigroup offers additional benefits beyond traditional Medicaid coverage, including resources related to clothing, food, educational support, and entertainment, depending on eligibility.
  - Training and Education: Georgia Families 360° offers free community partner training on topics such as trauma-informed care, webinars and in-person trainings, youth mental health first aid, connecting to community resources, and mandated reporting.
  - Provider Support: The program works to connect members with appropriate providers and improve access to healthcare services.
- Visit myamerigroup.com to learn more.

Next Meeting: Nov. 20, 11 a.m.

Speaker: Patricia Tinsley with EmberRise House, ansober living home that provides a safe, supportive environment for women committed to recovery from addiction. It focuses on accountability, community, and helping residents rebuild healthy, independent lives.