

LICC 06.18.2026 Meeting Minutes

Welcome: Lynda Turlington, LICC Co-Chair

Meeting called to order, Nikki Hinnant, LICC Chair

Approval of minutes from April meeting - motion approved and seconded

Child Find Activity Update:

- Seeking approval for Summer of Possibilities, Youth Community Days scheduled for July 11th, approval granted
- Teddy bear clinic planned for September

LICC presenter opportunities open for October and December

Presenter- Mandy Sonnenberg, Assistant Director, Exceptional Children's Assistance Center (ECAC)

- A statewide, non-profit parent organization that supports NC families in navigating the special education system (i.e., 504 plans, IEPs, MDR, Behavior Intervention Plans, Functional Behavior Assessments, etc.)
- Serves children aged preschool through high school
- Provided information and support options available through ECAC to families around Manifestation Determination Reviews (MDR), mandated meetings held under the IDEA whenever a student has a history, at least 10 days, of being removed from school placement as a disciplinary action related to child's behavior.
- Shared organization's website which provides helpful resources, webinars, and workshops on related topics such as understanding IEPs, preparing for MDR meetings, understanding special education laws, information is aimed at supporting families to be confident and knowledgeably advocates for their children.
 - Many webinars are offered in English and Spanish
- Website: [Home - Exceptional Children's Assistance Center \(ECAC\)](#)

Presenter- Sierra Fuller, Early Childhood Education Coordinator, Grow Early Learning (formerly East Coast Migrant)

- Programs provide high-quality childcare to migrant seasonal farm workers, for children aged 6 weeks to school age
- To qualify 51% of family's income must come from agriculture
- Referral options; call center directly, enrollment takes approximately 2 weeks
- 43 centers in 10 states, serve approximately 3,000 children annually
- Program operates April-November and serves Harnett, Johnston, and Wake
- Open hours depend on seasonal crops in that area/state

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- Transportation is provided as this is often a roadblock to children in care
- Classrooms are bilingual, currently seeking Creole speaking staff
- Services for children include:
 - o Creative Curriculum-comprehensive education curriculum
 - o Ages & Stages Questionnaire, developmental assessment
 - o 3 meals daily funded through CACFP
 - o Health services- work with families to ensure each child has medical and dental home and up-to-date wellness visits.
- Family support services include:
 - o Financial literacy
 - o Legal services
 - o ESL classes
 - o Triple P parenting classes (English and Spanish)

Presenter- Connie Knox, WIC Director, Harnett County Health Department

- WIC is a supplemental nutrition program funded by USDA
- With 90 state-wide WIC agencies serving 53% of all infants born in the United States
- Serves pregnant women, postpartum women, breastfeeding women, infants, and children up to age 5 living in NC
- Services provided include healthy food, breastfeeding support, nutritional education, and community referrals
- Income guidelines recently increased, expanding eligibility; Medicaid/TANF/SNAP recipients auto-qualify.
- Proof of residency does not need to include applicant's name, any bill with the address suffices
- Formal contract currently with Similac, specialty formulas available with prescription
- WIC app allow barcode scanning to confirm food eligibility
- Satellite clinic at Dunn United Ministries on Fridays, with mobile pop-up clinic launching in August to reach Western Harnett
- Military families are frequently misinformed about eligibility, Fort Bragg area identified as a priority
- Foster children are eligible; issue often lies with foster parents not enrolling

Meeting ended with all in attendance introducing themselves and the agency they represent and services provided. Additional time allowed for networking.

Meeting adjourned at 1:30pm