

Early Childhood Coalition Meeting Notes

11.13.2025

Welcome-Rachel

Agenda Review – Rachel

Ice Breaker – Rachel

- Networking table questions – Shared about holiday traditions and resources provided for the holidays by each participants organization.

Mission Statement, Group Agreements, and three areas of focus – Chris

September Minutes Review – Rachel

Agency Spotlight – Salvation Army and Compassion Corsicana

- How to support these local food banks: both organizations taking donations. They are looking for things high in protein that are shelf-stable such as beans, peanut butter, and other canned proteins. They suggest people call the specific food bank and ask what is needed.
- Volunteers needed. Compassion needs Tuesday and Thursday for help with truck deliveries. Salvation Army needs volunteers for the holiday Kettle Campaign.
- Salvation Army – Open Mon-Th, 9-12 & 1-3 and Fri, 9-12
 - Holiday Food Boxes for Thanksgiving: Had to register to receive these. Giving them out November 22nd @ 1pm. Have 100 extra boxes if they did not register. Giving out November 24th, first come first serve.
 - Utility & Rental Assistance: Can provide for families. Must apply.
 - Free clothing and furniture. Tuesday & Thursday. Must apply.
- Compassion Corsicana – Open Mon-Fri, 9-4, closed for lunch 12-1
 - Holiday Food Boxes for Christmas: 400 food boxes ordered. First come first serve December 13th, 9am at the Youth Expo Center in the Fannie May Room.
 - Utility & Rental Assistance: Can provide 1 time per year for families. Must apply.
 - Food Bank: Proxy can pick up for individuals and is possible to schedule after hours pickup as needed.

End of Year Evaluation – Rachel

- Members completed the end of year evaluation and rating sheet for previous events and 2026 event ideas. This will inform the ECC Teams as they begin planning for 2026.

PAC Update – Burgandy

- Explanation of the Parent Advisory Council: Supports the ECC by giving input from parents in the community about things that would be beneficial for the community and aid in the planning of events.
- Planning activities for 2026: PAC provided ideas for events they would like to see hosted in the community in 2026 which were on the survey that will be completed by the ECC in meeting. This survey will also be given to the PAC to complete in December.

Ongoing Projects Update – ECC Team Leaders

- Health Team: Bundle of Joy Expansion in Hill County. Connections made at local hospital and boxes will be provided.
- Safety Connection Team: Holiday Movie Night, December 16th. New Autism support option in Lantern.
- School Readiness Team: LFL decorating contest updates, and signups for December holiday decorating. Update on LFL's that need repairs.

Events Recap – Rachel & Katy

- World Teacher Day Celebration – 247 goodie bags delivered to all schools in Navarro County for all SPED professionals.
- LFL Fall Decorating contest – County wide participation.
- School Counselors Lunch and Learn – Presentation from Region 12 on responsible technology use. Discussed looking into a way to offer this to the community and to teachers during their training days.

Website for resources and information: <https://ihadnoideace.com/>

ECC 2025 End of Year Report – Rachel

- Will be presented at the ECC board meeting in December.
- Updates on all measurable activities.

Upcoming Events – Rachel

- December ECC Team Meetings

- Health Team: December 2, 11am-12:30pm
 - Safety Connection Team: December 9, 11am-12:30pm
 - School Readiness Team: December 16, 11am-12:30pm
- November Daycare Training
 - November 17th – Spotting Developmental Delays with Danissa Jones from CISD.
- Holiday Movie Night at The Palace
 - December 16th – Photos with Santa, snacks, and movie.
- Holiday LFL Decorating Contest
 - Decorated by December 15th, contest 15th-19th.