

Early Childhood Coalition Meeting

1.22.2026

Introduction and Welcome to meeting- Rachel

Chamber announcement- Ken Higdon

Agenda Review and acknowledgement of new attendees-Rachel

Ice Breaker breakout sessions for each table. 2025 accomplishments and 2026 goals.

Mission Statement and Group Agreements

- 3 areas of focus reviewed: School Readiness, Safety/Connection, Health

Agency Spotlight: Family Abuse Center: Ambie Heltenberg 254.772.8999

- Serve in Navarro County even though they are not listed as a primary service area.

- Services provided: 24/7 emergency shelter, 24/7 Hotline for intake and general questions, 30-day emergency placement (can be extended for longer periods), residential and nonresidential case management, transitional housing program.

- FAC is taking old phone donations to use as 911 phones, if it turns on it will work.

ECC Self-Assessment Survey

End of Year Report Review (Rachel will send out digitally)

Local Resource and Partner Brainstorming for the following categories:

Local Government, Faith Leaders, Small Business Leaders, Fatherhood Leaders

PAC Update- Burgandy

- Recruiting for new members will begin in March

- PAC Suggested Upcoming Events: Ask the Expert, Child Safety Days, Mommy and Me Groups

Team Updates and Calendar Review

Review of recent 2025 events:

- November Child Care Educator Training -31 attendees (22 teachers)

-Holiday Movie Night- 529 Attendees

Holiday LFL Decorating Contest

Bundle of Joy Update: Ashley

Lantern Update: 732 Navarro County Subscribers

Little Free Library Update: Purdon Groves Library can be moved as no one is there to supervise anymore. Pelican Grill in Eureka as a suggested new site.

Upcoming Events:

-Childcare training in February: Time In vs. Time Out

-Child Safety Day: Body Boundaries

-School Counselors Lunch and Learn