



Family Connection Camden Collaborative Meeting Minutes

Date: April 9, 2024

Time: 2:00 pm

Zoom

Attendees:

Lena Brathwaite Bell - Chair, FCC Leadership Team	April Jeans - Executive Director	Tovah Reuven-Yisrael – Safe Harbor	Laura Smith-Brese - College of Coastal Georgia	Kiona Harp – WorkSource Coastal
Katie Phillips - Coastal Community Health	Kimberly Smith - City of St. Marys	Debra Vasquez – Coastal Community Action Authority	Leah Rose - Salvation Army, Pathway of Hope	Brianna Jones - Safe Harbor
Marcie Costello - Coastal Management Solutions	Claire Feazel - Camden County Board of Commissioners	Shauna Spann - Camden County Chamber of Commerce	Kemso Moore - Coastal Coalition For Children, Grandparent	Vernal J. Morrison - Brunswick Alumnae Chapter Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.
Sene Coley - Camden County Schools	Nikies Johnson - Velanni Behavior Services	Dori Brink - Friends of Crooked River	James Ham – The Kingdom Village	Mary Gail Lindsey - Camden County Schools
Laurie Levine - Tribune-Georgian	Walter R. Spencer - Kin Raising Kids Camden	Temeca Hannan - WorkSource Coastal	Bianca Booker - Camden County Schools	Jennifer Rounds -Girl Scouts
Megan Molix - Camden Connection	Yvette Burch - Women United International	Candace Pullum – City of St. Marys	Kimberly Smith - City of St. Marys	

- Lena Brathwaite Bell, FCC Chair, called the meeting to order, welcoming everyone.
- FCC FY24 Activity Updates– April Jeans, FCC ED
 - Family Connection Camden hosted the first Community Baby Shower, with Camden County Health Department as the lead partner. Attendees had access to information from 37 partner agencies. We received approximately \$3,000 in-kind donations for raffle prizes, giveaways, and decorations and \$5,000 in-kind contributions for volunteer time.
 - The FY25 annual plan is submitted. Will share upon approval.





- The FY24 Quarter 3 report has been submitted. See attachment A.
- The fourth FY24 FCC Strategy Team meeting is on April 23rd, 9 am at St. Marys Salvation Army.
- Marcie Costello, Coastal Management Solutions, LLC - FY25 Party in the Park Overview. See attachment B. See attachment C. for booth ideas. Reach out to Marcie for guidance and booth ideas.

Partner Sharing

- Claire Feazel, Camden County Board of Commissioners—The deadline to register to vote in the May 21, 2024, General Primary/Nonpartisan General Election is April 22, 2024. You can check your registration status or register to vote by visiting the Georgia My Voter Page (MVP) at <https://mvp.sos.ga.gov>.
- Citizens' Academy classes begin next week. This is your LAST CHANCE to sign up and participate! Residents are invited to apply for the next Citizens' Academy class, which starts on April 18, 2024. Read more at <https://bit.ly/4ajS5oS>. Apply online at <http://bit.ly/2CXpJ6C>. Classes are held on Thursdays from 6:00 pm - 8:30 pm.
- Lena Brathwaite Bell - Join the [Camden Suicide Prevention Coalition](#) and [Youth Engaged In Leadership \(YELP\)](#) for the next Camden Teen Summit on Tuesday, April 16, 2024, from 5:30 pm – 6:45 pm at College of Coastal Georgia, Camden Center. The topic is: "**The Unfiltered Life :The Impact of Social Media on Your Life** " with Coach Welton Coffey as the Keynote speaker. This Event is for middle and high school students. Parents, guardians, and educators are welcome to attend.
- Laurie Levine, Tribune-Georgian – Be on the lookout for the upcoming Graduation Tabloid, Cancer Awareness Campaign, and Hurricane Tracking Guide. The Guide to Camden will be out this Summer. To subscribe and support community journalism, visit tribune-georgian.com or call 912-882-4927
- Brianna Jones, Safe Harbor Children's Advocacy Center, Doreen Myers 5K fundraiser is April 27, before the Crawfish Festival, in Woodbine, Ga. We're also looking for sponsors and groups to participate in the walk/run. Contact bjones@safeharborcenterinc.org or 912-580-8851 for more information.
- Kimberly Smith, City of St. Marys - Watch for the Fire Department Open House press release. The Event took place two weeks ago. 200+ people attended. Free Event, live fire demonstration. Community education. Watch for Breakfast with Santa at Christmas. The Concerts in the Park will begin soon.
- Nikies Johnson, Velanni Behavior Services is a local ABA clinic providing autism services for early learners. For more information, contact me at 912-439-2009 or Nikies @Velannibehaviorservices.com.





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- Shauna Spann, Camden County Chamber of Commerce. Business After Hours April 18th Porch and Patio 5 pm to 7 pm. Taste of Camden April 21, 2 pm to 5 pm, Orange Hall. To register for the St. Marys Taste of Camden, contact Candace.Pullum@stmarysga.gov.
- Yvette Burch, Women United International Candidate Forum hosted by WUI April 20 @11 am at Kinlaw Rosenwald School 1197 Kinlaw Road Woodbine, GA
- Debra Vasquez, Family Advocate, Coastal Georgia Community Action Authority. Utility assistance will be available for the public beginning in May. To schedule an appointment, call 866-423-8081.
- Temeca Hannan Adult Opportunity Coach- WorkSource Coastal Kings Bay. If you know anyone seeking employment services/tuition assistance, please send them our way at 912-439-3720.
- Walter Spencer, Kin Raising Kids Camden will be on April 18 @ noon at New Hope Missionary Baptist Church, 220 Old National Hwy Woodbine.
- Closing – The next FCC Collaborative meeting is via Zoom **on May 14 at 2 pm**.
- *If you want to spotlight your agency as the featured speaker at an FCC Collaborative meeting, email familyconnectioncamden.ed@gmail.com



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