



Family Connection Camden Collaborative Meeting Minutes

Date: February 13, 2024

Time: 2:00 pm
on Zoom

Attendees:

Lena Brathwaite Bell - Chair, FCC Leadership Team	April Jeans - Executive Director	Beonca Brown - Coastal Health District	Laura Smith-Brese - College of Coastal Georgia	Danielle Sayre - Coastal Health District
Ashe Rucker - Coastal Health District	Ashley Landry - SUBASE Kings Bay	Bianca Booker - Camden County Schools	Bonnie Perkins - Department of Juvenile Justice	Brianna Jones - Safe Harbor
Waldron Hamilton - Georgia Department of Education	Claire Feazel - Camden County Board of Commissioners	Shauna Spann - Camden County Chamber of Commerce	Leah Rose - Salvation Army, Pathway of Hope	Chelsea Owens - Child Care Resource and Referral of Southeast Georgia
Deidra Combs - Coastal Pines Technical College	Jessica Simon - Coastal Health District	Glenn Cook - Georgia Soil and Water Commission	Dori Brink - Friends of Crooked River State Park	Tovah Reuven-Yisrael - Safe Harbor
Guynell Grant - Coastal Pines Technical College	Joe Lodmell - College of Coastal Georgia	Walter R. Spencer - Kin Raising Kids Camden	Laurel A. Sphar - St. Marys Public Library	Laurie Levine - Tribune-Georgian
Keith James - Camden Missions	Marcie Costello - FCC Leadership Team	Mary Gail Lindsey - Camden County Schools	Megan Molix - Camden Connection	Michelle Maddox - Ferst Readers
Sene Coley - Camden Co. Schools	Damon Thomas - Head Start	Temeca Hannan - WorkSource Coastal	Terry Smith - Camden County Fire Rescue	Timothy Bessent Sr. - Making A Difference Mentoring
Troy Hobbs - Camden Co Schools	Yvette Burch - Women United	Loreatha Jenkins - Coastal Area Agency on Aging		

- Lena Brathwaite Bell, FCC Chair, called the meeting to order, welcoming everyone.
 - A motion to approve the minutes of the January 9, 2024, FCC Collaborative meeting was made by Walter Spencer and seconded by Marcie Costello. The motion was approved.
- April Jeans, FCC ED, provided a director.
 - Reiterated the Family Connection Camden website, Camden.gafcp.org, now has the past meeting minutes and FCC newsletters.



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- April Jeans, FCC ED, asked the collaborative to please check the resource page on the website to ensure the information is correct.
- Family Connection is partnering with the health department to hold a Community Baby Shower, which takes place **on March 9, 2024, from 11 to 2** at the Camden County Recreation Department.
- The 3rd FCC Strategy Team meeting and FY25 data and annual plan occurred on January 23, 2024, at 8:30 am at the St. Marys Salvation Army. Claire Feazel presented a review of this meeting. See attachment "A".
- A new FY25 activity is the Camden County Volunteer Opportunities list. April Jeans will share a draft of this document. "See attachment B." Please send edits/additions/suggestions to familyconnectioncamden.ed@gamil.com
- A discussion regarding upcoming planning for Party in the Park 2025.
 - Will be held July 16, 2024, at Crooked River State Park.
 - Need organizations to participate with games and donations.
 - NFCU has committed to a financial education booth.
 - Other items to be considered for donation or participation included bounce houses, food trucks, and other game activities.
 - Parking fees of \$5.00 will apply for the parking at Crooked River State Park, which cannot be waived.
 - Limited parking passes are available at Kings Bay MWR and both libraries.

Marcie Costello has agreed to chair the Party in the Park committee.

Partner Sharing

- Salvation Army Pathway of Hope is hosting the Vintage to Vogue Fashion Show and Gala on February 17, 2023, from 5:00 to 8:00 pm at the Southeast Community Church, 790 May Creek Drive, Kingsland, GA. Sponsorships, models, and volunteers are needed. For more information, contact Leah Rose, Pathway of Hope, The Salvation Army—9125401673 leah.rose@uss.salvationarmy.org. Leah Rose Tickets are on sale. The event is happening this Saturday! Vintage to Vogue Fashion Show info: <https://bit.ly/3TJqbO3>

IPE Innovations Educations' Youth Leadership Program (YELP) still accepts applications for the upcoming semester.

- Classes started February 6, 2024, for middle and high school students, but students can still enroll. YELP offers a scholarship. The program takes place through May. For more information, contact Lena at jpe2@tds.net
- Pastor Walter R. Spencer shared that "Kin Raising Kids Camden" meetings are held on the third Thursday of each month at noon at New Hope Missionary Baptist Church, [220 Old National Hwy, Woodbine, GA](https://www.google.com/maps/place/220+Old+National+Hwy,+Woodbine,+GA). For more information, contact Walter Spencer at waltspen54@gmail.com
- 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.



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- Laurel A. Sphar, Director of St. Marys Public Library, UGA Extension's free Food Talk Classes occur every Thursday. For more details and a list of all the February events, visit <https://www.facebook.com/second.oldest.city.in.the.south>.
- Deidra Combs, Coastal Pines Technical College Adult Education, offers a free forklift certification course **on March 15**. Must be enrolled **before March 5**. For more information, call 912.522.4531
- Claire Feazel, Camden County Board of Commissioners shared The Camden County Board of Elections & Registration's Advance (Early) Voting opportunities for March 12, 2024, Presidential Preference Primary and Special Election information may be found at <https://camdencountyga.gov/CivicAlerts.aspx?AID=1811>.
 - Camden County Animal Control No Cost Pet Adoption Event at Pet Sense St. Marys on Saturday, February 17, from 10:00 am until 5:00 pm www.facebook.com/events/769256965091759?active_tab=about
- Yvette Burch, Women United International 912-674-4422 womenunitedintl@gmail.com and ydrb2007@gmail.com womenunitedintl@gmail.com Shannon Nettles, Supervisor of Elections, will be at Kinlaw Rosenwald School 1197 Kinlaw Road **at 11:00 am Sat February 17**, regarding information on precinct changes and voting for this year.
- Dori Brink, Friends of Crooked River State Park, friendsofcrookedriver@gmail.com, is honoring Arbor Day by giving away native tree seedlings at the Park Nature Center **on Saturday, February 17**. 11:00-1:00!
- Damon Thomas, Coastal GA Area Community Action Authority Camden Head Start Family Fun Resource Fair/ Hiring event on February 17, 10 am – 2 pm. At the Camden County Head Start, 1501 Georgia Ave, **Woodbine, GA**, dthomas@coastalgacaa.org
- Timothy Bessent Sr., Making A Difference Mentoring Boys ages 7-17 We need more male mentors; if any organizations or groups want to collaborate, we welcome them. Mad youth2018@gmail.com or 912-227-7411
- Guynell Grant, Thank you for the continued support, positive feedback, and encouragement to the adult education program's faculty, staff, and students. Please subscribe to our monthly newsletter <https://coastalpines.us5.list-manage.com/subscribe?u=3ffca6a9fc878f553a934787&id=ee7d00cd6e>
- Megan Molix, Camden Connection Stand Together project is extended for nine months. Submit your nomination for the Stand Together Mental Wellness Trailblazer Award at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/CBHSOC> Megan@camdenconnection.org.
- Camden Department of Family and Children Services needs foster families. If you are interested in becoming a foster family, contact laurie.kaler@dhs.ga.gov or 470-446-3394. Contact Laurie to help promote foster families.
- Loreatha Jenkins, Coastal Area Agency on Aging Upcoming online Living Well workshop on February 22 to March
- Shauna Spann Camden, County Chamber of Commerce event information call 912 729 5840 or 912-674-3726 events@camdenchamber.com or membership@camdenchamber.com



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- Temeca Hannan WorkSource Coastal offers youth services for 17-24-year-olds out of school. If you know of any youth out of school seeking employment opportunities, please have them call 912-554-7947. For more information, email thannan@eckerd.org
- Marcie Costello, Camden Rotary Club partnered with the Tribune-Georgian and St. Mary Salvation Army for the Fill the Bag Food Drive. The St. Marys Salvation Army needs volunteers to sort and disperse the food donations.
- Laurie Levine, Tribune-Georgian, is now accepting orders for display ads and listings for the Medical Directory until the end of the month. Contact Llevine@tribune-georgian.com
- Closing - Next meeting "Let's Talk Capacity Mapping": March 12, 2024, at 2:00 pm, in-person meeting at the Salvation Army
- There being no further business, a motion to adjourn the FCC February Collaborative meeting was made by Shauna Spann and seconded by Laural Sphar at 2:55 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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